

# Corporate Governance Report

**Abliva AB (publ) (Abliva or the Company) is a Swedish public limited company with corporate identity number 556595-6538. Abliva's registered office is in the Municipality of Lund and the Company is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm. This Corporate Governance Report has been prepared by Abliva's Board of Directors in compliance with the Annual Accounts Act and the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance (the Code). The Corporate Governance Report is part of the Statutory Administration Report and the Company's Auditors have conducted their statutory review of the Report**

## ABLIVA GOVERNANCE

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is the chief decision-making body. The Annual General Meeting is planned and held to enable shareholders to exercise their influence over the Company optimally. Resolutions reached at the Annual General Meeting shall adhere to the Swedish Companies Act's regulations on majority requirement

### Entitlement to participate at the Annual General Meeting

All shareholders listed in the share register maintained by Euroclear Sweden AB on the record date prior to the Annual General Meeting, and who have informed Abliva of their intention to attend by no later than the date indicated in the invitation to the Annual General Meeting, are entitled to participate in the Annual General Meeting and to vote according to the number of shares held

### Initiatives from shareholders

Shareholders wishing to raise a matter at the Annual General Meeting must submit a written request to the Board of Directors by no later than seven weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

### Nomination Committee

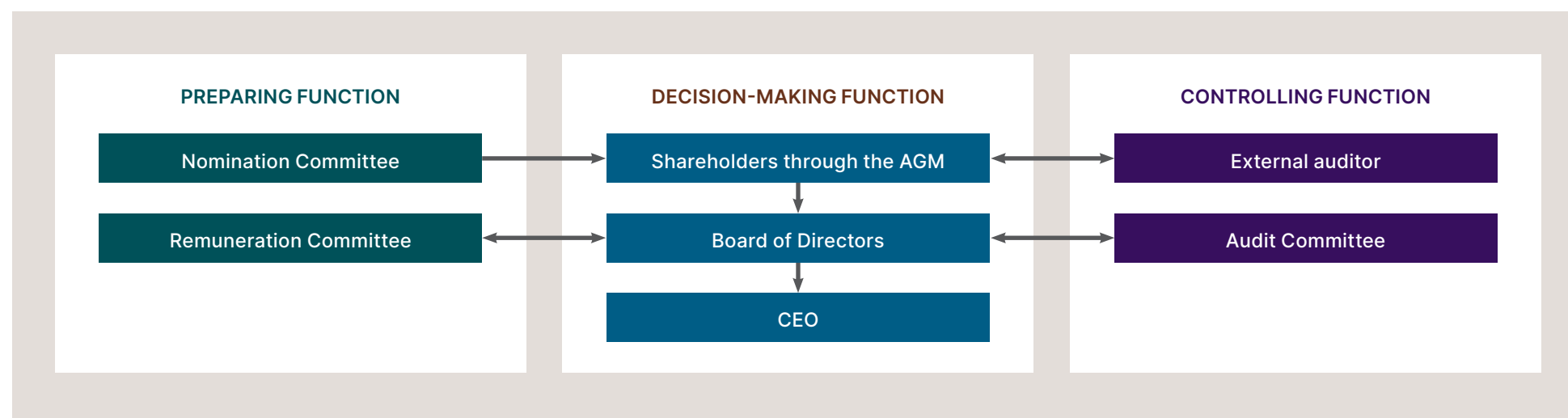
The Company shall have a Nomination Committee comprising one member of each the three largest shareholders in terms of voting rights based on ownership statistics maintained by Euroclear Sweden AB.

### The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have a minimum of three and a maximum of eight members. Board members are appointed annually by the Annual General Meeting and are elected for a period until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

### Chair of the Board

The Annual General Meeting appoints the Chair. The Chair leads the Board's work, monitors the work and assumes responsibility for the Board completing its duties according to applicable legislation, the Articles of Association, the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance and the Board of Director's rules of procedure. The Chair shall monitor the Company's progress through contact with the CEO, consult with the CEO on strategic matters and ensure that strategic considerations are recorded and addressed by the Board of Directors



### *The Board of Directors' duties and responsibilities*

The Board of Directors is the highest administrative body at the Annual General Meeting. The Board of Directors' primary duty is to manage overall and long-term issues and matters of major significance to the Company. The Board of Directors assumes overall responsibility for the Company's operations and management and for ensuring that the accounting and fund management are controlled satisfactorily. The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that the Company follows applicable legislation, stipulations and the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance and that the Company is subject to satisfactory internal control procedures and formalized routines that safeguard adherence to set principles for financial reporting and internal control.

### *Remuneration Committee*

To assist the Board in salaries and remuneration issues, the Board has established a Remuneration Committee which shall consist of at least three Board members. The Remuneration Committee shall assist the Board in matters of salary and remuneration on issues relating to salary and remuneration. The Remuneration Committee's duties include:

- consulting on the Board of Director's decisions on matters relating to remuneration principles, remuneration and other terms of employment of management,
- monitoring and evaluating ongoing and concluded (during the year) programs for variable remuneration for the corporate management, and
- monitoring and evaluating the application of guidelines for remuneration to senior executives that the Annual General Meeting is legally obliged to resolve on, and applicable remuneration structures and remuneration levels in the Company.

### *Audit Committee*

The members of the Audit Committee are appointed by the Company's Board of Directors at the Board meeting following election and shall consist of a minimum of three Board members. The Audit Committee shall contribute to sound financial reporting that maintains market confidence in the Company by specifically monitoring and controlling the Company's accounting principles, financial administration, risk management and the structure of internal

control, resources, ongoing work and annual reporting. The Audit Committee also reviews the Auditor's non-affiliation to the Company.

### *CEO*

The CEO is appointed by the Board of Directors. The CEO's work follows the written instructions adopted annually by the Board of Directors at the Board meeting following election.

The instructions for the CEO regulates customary areas such as the CEO's undertaking in relation to the Company and the Board of Directors, including responsibility for presenting expedient reports to the Board of Directors relevant to the Board's completion of its evaluation of the Company.

The CEO shall ensure that ongoing planning, including business plans and budgets, is completed and presented to the Board of Directors for resolution.

When departure from these plans and special events of a significant nature are feared, the CEO must inform the Board of Directors through the Chair immediately.

## **APPLICATION OF AND DEPARTURE FROM THE SWEDISH CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Code applies to all Swedish companies whose shares are listed on a regulated marketplace in Sweden and shall be applied fully at the first Annual General Meeting held following initial public offering. The Company is not obliged to adhere to all the regulations of the Code, and is free to adopt alternative solutions deemed more suitable to its circumstances, provided that potential departures are reported, the alternative solution described and the reasons explained (Comply or Explain principle) in the Corporate Governance Report

Abliva has applied the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance since 8 June 2012, and this Corporate Governance Report has been prepared in accordance with the Code.

## **ORGANIZATION OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Abliva's internal controls and corporate governance are based on applicable legislation/regulations and on sector-specific param-

eters considered significant to the Company. The control system encompasses all applicable regulatory frameworks as well as the specific demands Abliva places on its operations.

The internal control and corporate governance tool provides overall control of all critical stages relating to the Company. This provides Abliva's Board of Directors and management with the conditions required to control and govern operations in order to satisfy the stringent demands of the Company, the market, the stock market, the shareholders and the authorities.

The following legislation/regulations as well as the Company's own constitutional documents form the basis of Abliva's corporate governance:

### *External Regulations*

- The Swedish Companies Act,
- Applicable accounting legislation,
- IFRS,
- The Swedish Code of Corporate Governance,
- Nasdaq Stockholm's regulatory framework for issuers.

### *Internal constitutional documents*

- The Articles of Association,
- Instructions and rules of procedure for the Board of Directors, Committees and CEO,
- Guidelines for remuneration to senior executives,
- Information and communication policy,
- Ethical guidelines,
- Financial administration guidelines.

## **OWNER STRUCTURE**

Abliva had some 13,231 registered shareholders as of 30 December 2022. According to EuroClear Sweden AB, Hadean Capital I AS was the largest owner with a holding of 163,105,724 shares, corresponding to some 15.44 percent of the shares and votes. Oslo Pensjonsforsikring AS was the second largest shareholder with 157,142,857 shares, corresponding to some 14.88 percent of the shares and votes. The third largest shareholder according to EuroClear register was BNP Paribas SA Paris, W8IMY (GCS) holding 85,714,988 shares, corresponding some 8.11 percent of the shares and votes.

Hadean Ventures, which manages Hadean Capital I AS and Hventures Capital I AB, are the largest individual shareholders in Abliva with a total holding of 22.44 percent. Oslo Pensjonsforsikring AS is Abliva's second largest individual owner with a total holding of 14.88 percent. IP Group Ipc is the third largest individual owner with a total holding of 8.10 percent. Hadean Ventures holds more than one-fifth of the total number of shares and votes in the Company at year-end.

## SHARE CAPITAL AND VOTING RIGHTS

Abliva's share capital totaled SEK 52,814,958.25 divided between 1,056,299,165 shares as of 30 December 2022. There is only a single share class. All shares have a quotient value of SEK 0.05 and one vote, and confer equal entitlement to the Company's assets and profits. Abliva's Articles of Association have no limitations regarding the number of votes each shareholder may cast at the Annual General Meeting.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting is the chief decision-making body in a limited company and the shareholders exercise their decision-making rights at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting is planned and held to enable shareholders to exercise their influence over the Company optimally. The invitation to the Annual General Meeting and other information provided is designed to allow shareholders to reach well-founded decisions on the issues addressed at the Annual General Meeting. Resolutions reached at the Annual General Meeting shall adhere to the Swedish Companies Act's regulations on majority requirement. In accordance with the Articles of Association, the invitation to the Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meetings are published in Post- och Inrikes Tidningar and on the Company's website. An announcement that a Meeting has been convened is published in Swedish daily newspaper Svenska Dagbladet.

### *Entitlement to participate at the Annual General Meeting*

All shareholders listed in the share register maintained by Euroclear Sweden AB on the record date prior to the Annual General Meeting, and who have informed Abliva of their intention to attend by no later than the date indicated in the invitation to the Annual General Meeting, are entitled to participate in the Annual General Meeting and to vote according to the number of shares held.

### *Initiatives from shareholders*

Shareholders wishing to raise a matter at the Annual General Meeting must submit a written request to the Board of Directors by no later than seven weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. Given the Company's ownership structure and financial circumstances, Abliva does not consider simultaneous interpretation into other languages and translation of all of or part of the documentation relating to the Annual General Meeting as justified. Abliva's website contains information on the Company's previous Annual General Meetings as well as information on shareholders' rights to raise matters at the Annual General Meeting and the cut-off date for Abliva receiving such requests.

## SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS

### *Extraordinary General Meeting*

The EGM was held on 14 January 2022, 5 shareholders attended the Extra General Meeting, in person or through representatives. These shareholders represented 15.18 percent of the shares and votes of Abliva.

The EGM 2022 adopted the following resolutions:

- Resolution to issue of convertibles with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights.

### *Annual General Meeting 2022*

The Annual General Meeting was held on 20 May 2022, 10 shareholders attended the Annual General Meeting, in person or through representatives. These shareholders represented 15.4 percent of the shares and votes of Abliva.

The Annual General Meeting 2022 adopted the following resolutions:

- Adopted the Balance Sheet and Income Statement and Consolidated Balance Sheet and Income Statement,
- Resolution regarding discharging the Board of Directors and CEO from liability,
- Resolution regarding remuneration to the Board of Directors, Auditors and Committee members,
- Elected the Board of Directors and Auditor,
- Adopted guidelines for the Nomination Committee,

- Resolution on amendment of the Articles of Association to amend the limits of the share capital and the number of shares,
- Adopted a resolution to sanction the Board of Directors to authorize further new issues, warrants and/or convertibles,

Documentation relating to the Annual General Meeting, such as invitations to meetings, minutes and the basis of decisions, is at Abliva's website, [www.abliva.com](http://www.abliva.com)

### *Annual General Meeting 2023*

Abliva's Annual General Meeting 2023 will be held on 5 May 2023, at 10 am at Medicon Village, Scheeleorget 1, in Lund, Sweden. Shareholders wishing to attend the Annual General Meeting must notify the Company in advance. Information on how to apply and how to raise a matter at the Annual General Meeting is on the Company's website. Information about the date and place of the Annual General Meeting was uploaded to the company's website 24 October, 2022.

### *Nomination Committee*

The Company shall have a Nomination Committee comprising one member of each of the three largest shareholders in terms of voting rights based on ownership statistics maintained by Euroclear Sweden AB. If a shareholder does not exercise its right to appoint a member, entitlement to appoint a member of the Nomination Committee shall transfer to that member who is the second largest shareholder in terms of voting rights. The Chair of the Board convenes the meetings and can be co-opted to the Nomination Committee when required. Neither the CEO nor any other member of management is permitted to be members of the Nomination Committee, nor shall Board members be a majority of the Nomination Committee members. A majority of the Nomination Committee's members shall be non-affiliated to the Company and management, if more than one Board member is included in the Nomination Committee, a maximum of one can be affiliated to the Company's major shareholders. A minimum of one of the Nomination Committee's members shall be non-affiliated to the Company's largest shareholder or group of shareholders collaborating on the Company's administration. No remuneration is payable to any of the members of the Nomination Committee.

The Nomination Committee initiates the appraisal of the incumbent Board of Directors once it has been completed. The Committee's

work shall feature openness and discussion, in order to ensure a well-balanced Board of Directors. The Nomination Committee then nominates members to Abliva's Board of Directors for the coming period of office, who are subsequently proposed to the Annual General Meeting. The Nomination Committee's duty is to propose the Chair of the Annual General Meeting, the Chair of the Board and Board members, the number of Board members, remuneration to Board members and Committee members as well as the election of, and remuneration to, the Auditors. The Nomination Committee also has the duty of proposing guidelines for appointing members of the Nomination Committee and the assignments of the Nomination Committee.

The composition of the Nomination Committee for the Annual General Meeting 2023 was announced at the company's website 17 October, 2022. The Nomination Committee for the Annual General Meeting 2023 consists of the following members, Ingrid Teigland Akay (Chair) appointed by Hadean Ventures, Sam Williams, appointed by IP Group Plc and Ryan El Hussein, appointed by Oslo Pensjonsforsikring.

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### *Composition of the Board of Directors*

Abliva's Annual General Meeting on 20 May 2022 re-elected board members David Laskow-Pooley, David Bejker, Roger Franklin, Denise Goode and Jan Törnell. David Laskow-Pooley was re-elected Chair of the Board. None of the Board members are members of the Company's management. The Board members' non-affiliation to the Company, the Company's management and the Company's major shareholders are indicated in the table on page 25.

### *Chair*

The Annual General Meeting appoints the Chair. The Chair represents the Board of Directors externally and internally. The Chair leads the Board's work, monitors the work and assumes responsibility for the Board completing its duties according to applicable legislation, the Articles of Association, the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance and the Board of Director's rules of procedure.

The Chair shall monitor the Company's progress through contact with the CEO, consult with the CEO on strategic matters and ensure that strategic considerations are recorded and addressed by the

Board of Directors. The Chair shall also ensure that the Board of Directors, through the CEO's agency, receives information on the Company on an ongoing basis in order to enable analysis of the Company's position.

### *The Board of Directors' duties and responsibilities*

The Board of Directors is the highest administrative body under the Annual General Meeting. The work of Abliva's Board of Directors is regulated by applicable legislation and recommendations, and by the Board of Directors' rules of procedure, which are adopted annually. The rules of procedure contain stipulations regulating the division of responsibilities between the Board of Directors and the CEO, financial reporting and audit matters. At the Board meeting following election, the Board of Directors adopts other requisite rules of procedure, policies and guidelines that form the basis for the Company's internal regulatory framework.

The Board of Directors' primary duty is to manage overall and long-term issues and matters of major significance to the Company. The Board of Directors assumes overall responsibility for the Company's operations and management and for ensuring that the accounting and fund management are controlled satisfactorily. The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that the Company follows applicable legislation, stipulations and the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance and that the Company is subject to satisfactory internal control procedures and formalized routines that safeguard adherence to set principles for financial reporting and internal control, and that the Company's financial reporting is prepared in accordance with statutory requirements, applicable accounting standards and other demands placed on listed companies.

According to the Board of Directors' rules of procedure, the Board of Directors normally meets on seven occasions annually, including the Board meeting following election. The Board of Directors held 18 meetings during the year. Regular Board meetings covered matters such as reviewing and adopting financial reports, the business plan, budget and funding as well as strategic issues. The Board of Directors also monitors the progress of the Company's current pharmaceutical projects and financial situation continuously. The final ordinary Board meeting of the year included an appraisal of the Board of Directors and the work of the Board. Additional meet-



### BOARD WORK 2022

**January.** Extra General Meeting.

**February.** Funding. Year-End Report, Audit matters, determining salary and remunerations matters including variable remuneration, the Board of Directors discussion with the company's Auditor without the CEO or other members of Management being present.

**March.** Funding.

**April.** Audit matters, Annual Report, Corporate Governance Report, evaluation of variable remuneration.

**May.** Annual General Meeting, Corporate Governance Policy, Rules of Procedure for the Board of Directors, Rules of Procedure for the Audit and Remuneration Committees and instructions for the CEO, Appointing members of Board Committees, Determining other policies and guidelines. Review and authorization of Q1 Interim Report. Resolution on directed rights issue, and resolution on a Preferential rights issue.

**June.** Resolution on subscription price and allotment of shares in rights issue. Prospectus. Resolution on allotment of shares in Preferential rights Issue.

**August.** Review and authorization of Q2 Interim Report.

**October.** Review of Corporate Governance, follow up business objectives and strategies, funding.

**November.** Review and authorization of Q3 Interim Report, matters relating to Year-end Report, budget, audit matters, evaluating the Board of Directors' and senior executives' work in the year.

ings during the year dealt with matters such as decision on new share issues, financing strategy and allocation of shares under the new issues.

The Board members' non-affiliation and attendance are indicated in the table above. For a presentation of Board members, see page 29.

#### *Evaluation of the Board of Directors' work.*

Board members have completed an evaluation document produced specifically to perform a structured evaluation of the Board's work in accordance with the guidelines in the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance. The evaluation has been presented by the Chairman to the Board of Directors at a regular Board meeting.

#### *Evaluation of the CEO*

The Board of Directors went jointly through the evaluation document produced specifically to perform a structured evaluation in with accordance with the guidelines in the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance regarding evaluating the CEO's work. The evaluation has been presented by the Chairman to the Board of Directors at a regular Board meeting.

### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors has established a Remuneration Committee to assist the Board on issues relating to salary and remuneration. The Remuneration Committee's duties include:

- Consulting on the Board of Director's decisions on matters relating to remuneration principles, remuneration and other terms of employment of management,
- monitoring and evaluating ongoing and concluded (during the year) programs for variable remuneration for the corporate management, and
- monitoring and evaluating the application of guidelines for remuneration to senior executives that the Annual General Meeting is legally obliged to resolve on, and applicable remuneration structures and remuneration levels in the Company.

After consultation within the Remuneration Committee, the Board of Directors takes decisions on remuneration. As a sub-committee of the Board of Directors, the Remuneration Committee has lim-

Board member	Elected in	Board of Directors (attendance)	Audit committee (attendance)	Remunerations-committee (attendance)	Non affiliated <sup>1</sup>
David Laskow-Pooley, Chair	2016	18/18		Member (3/3)	Yes
David Bejker	2017	18/18	Chair (5/5)		Yes
Roger Franklin	2020	15/18			No
Denise Goode	2018	18/18	Member (5/5)	Chair (3/3)	Yes
Jan Törnell	2017	17/18	Member (5/5)	Member (3/3)	Yes

<sup>1</sup> According to the definition in the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance

ited decision-making powers. The Committee's Rules of Procedure are determined annually by the Board of Directors at the statutory Board meeting, and indicate the tasks and decision-making powers delegated by the Board to the Committee, and the methods for reporting back to the Board of Directors.

The Remuneration Committee presents ongoing reports on its work to the Board of Directors at regular Board meetings, and presents an annual report on the members' attendance at Committee meetings to the Board of Directors.

Abliva's Remuneration Committee is appointed by the Company's Board of Directors at the Board meeting following election and comprises Denise Goode (Chairman), David Laskow-Pooley and Jan Törnell.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The members of the Audit Committee are appointed by the Company's Board of Directors at the Board meeting following election and shall consist of a minimum of three Board members. The Board of Directors appoints the Chair of the Audit Committee, who may not be the Chair of the Board. A majority of the Committee's members shall be non-affiliated to the Company and management. At least one member who is non-affiliated to the Company and man-

agement shall also be non-affiliated to the Company's major shareholders.

The Audit Committee has been established to facilitate the Board of Directors' supervisory responsibility. As a subcommittee of the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee has limited decision-making powers. The Committee's rules of procedure are adopted annually at the Board meeting following election and indicate the decision-making powers the Board of Directors has delegated to the Committee and the manner in which the Committee shall report to the Board of Directors. The Audit Committee reports its work to the Board of Directors on an ongoing basis at regular meetings and also reports its work and members' attendance at Audit Committee meetings to the Board of Directors once annually.

The Audit Committee shall contribute to sound financial reporting that maintains market confidence in the Company by specifically monitoring and controlling the Company's accounting principles, financial administration, risk management and the structure of internal control, resources, ongoing work and annual reporting. The Audit Committee also reviews the Auditor's non-affiliation to the Company.

The Committee shall consult on matters relating to the choice of Auditor and remuneration to external Auditors, and maintain close

contact with the Nomination Committee for its proposals to the Annual General Meeting relating to election of Auditors and determining the Audit fee. The Audit Committee's contact with the Nomination Committee is handled and maintained by the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Abliva's Audit Committee is appointed at the Board meeting following election and comprises David Bejker (Chair), Denise Goode and Jan Törnell for the current period.

### CEO AND OTHER SENIOR EXECUTIVES

The CEO is appointed by the Board of Directors. The CEO's work follows the written instructions adopted annually by the Board of Directors at the Board meeting following election.

The instructions for the CEO regulates customary areas such as the CEO's undertaking in relation to the Company and the Board of Directors, including responsibility for presenting expedient reports to the Board of Directors relevant to the Board's completion of its evaluation of the Company. The CEO shall ensure that ongoing planning, including business plans and budgets, is completed and presented to the Board of Directors for resolution. The CEO shall exercise good leadership in the management of operations to ensure that the Company progresses according to plan and follows the strategies and policies adopted. When departure from these plans and special events of a significant nature are feared, the CEO must inform the Board of Directors through the Chair immediately. The CEO shall ensure that the Company's operations, including its administration, are organized so that they satisfy market requirements, and shall ensure efficient and secure organizational control of operations.

Within the framework of the directives provided by the Board of Directors for the Company's operations, management deals with consultation regarding, and monitoring of, strategies and budgets, the distribution of resources, the monitoring of operations and preparation for Board meetings.

In the period January to December 2022, the members of management were CEO Ellen Donnelly, Catharina Johansson, Eskil Elmer and Magnus Hansson. Management meets every two weeks and minutes are taken at all meetings.

### REMUNERATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES

#### *Remuneration to Board members*

The Annual General Meeting 2022 resolved that fees of SEK 400,000 should be paid to the Chair and SEK 250,000 to each of the remaining Board members.

The Annual General Meeting 2022 resolved on remuneration of SEK 100,000 to the Chair of the Audit Committee and SEK 50,000 to each of the remaining members of the Audit Committee. Furthermore, a resolution was made regarding remuneration of SEK 40,000 to the Chair of the Remuneration Committee and SEK 20,000 to each of the remaining members of the Remuneration Committee.

#### *Remuneration to senior executives*

Following a proposal from the Board of Directors, the Annual General Meeting 2020 reached a resolution regarding guidelines for remuneration to senior executives. The guidelines adopted in 2020 apply until further notice.

The guidelines for remuneration and other terms of employment applying to management mainly imply that the Company shall offer its senior executives remuneration on market terms, that this remuneration shall be determined by a dedicated Remuneration Committee governed by the Board of Directors, and that the criteria for remuneration shall be based on the responsibilities, role, competence and position of the relevant senior executive. Remuneration to senior executives is decided by the Board of Directors, excluding any Board members affiliated to the Company and management. The guidelines shall apply to new agreements, or revisions to existing agreements reached with senior executives after the guidelines were determined, and until new or revised guidelines have become effective

Senior executives shall be offered fixed compensation on market terms and based on the managers' responsibilities, role, competencies and position. Fixed compensation shall be reviewed annually.

From time to time, senior executives and other key individuals may be offered variable remuneration. Such variable remuneration shall

be on market terms and shall be based on the outcome of pre-determined financial and operational targets. Variable remuneration shall be based on the fulfilment of Abliva's targets for project results and value growth divided in personal targets for the financial year. The terms and conditions and basis of computation of variable remuneration shall be determined for each financial year. The targets promotes the Company's business strategy, long-term interests and sustainability by linking the remuneration to senior executives to the Company's project- and growth development.

The measurement period for variable remuneration is generally based on performance over a period of approximately 12 months. To which extent the criteria for awarding variable cash remuneration has been satisfied shall be evaluated/determined when the measurement period has ended. At the annual review, the Remuneration Committee, or when applicable, the Board of Directors, may adjust the targets and/or the remuneration with regards to both positive and negative extraordinary events, reorganisations and structural changes.

The basic principle is that the annual variable portion of pay may be a maximum of 30 percent of basic annual salary to the CEO, maximum 20 percent of the basic annual salary to the management team and maximum 10 percent of the basic annual salary to key personnel. Variable compensation may either be paid as salary or as a lump-sum pension premium. Payment as a lump-sum pension premium is subject to indexation so the total cost for Abliva is neutral.

In order to incentivize senior executives and other key individuals on a longer term and to encourage investment in Abliva shares, a cash bonus share savings opportunity has been implemented (the "LTI Bonus"). The LTI Bonus is a cash program in which the participants commit to use the cash paid out by the Company to acquire shares in the Company. The shares are acquired by the participants on the stock market. The LTI applies in addition to the STI Bonus.

The decision regarding the annual amount available as LTI Bonus is built into the yearly bonus appraisal process to link yearly achievements to long term goals, to build employee shareholding in Abliva, which creates incentives to promote the Company's business strategy, long-term interests and sustainability, and to

retain employees. The amount of possible LTI Bonus will depend on the employee's position and the ability to influence the performance of Abliva.

The participants are required to use the full amount of the LTI Bonus, net after income tax to acquire Abliva shares on the stock market. The company will pay the social security costs.

The shares acquired for the LTI Bonus will be locked in for a period of 3 years after the acquisition. An employee who resigns, is terminated or otherwise leaves the Company will be obliged to hold the shares acquired within the LTI Bonus for the full period of 3 years after acquisition notwithstanding the termination of their employment. In the event an employee or former employee breaches the terms of the LTI Bonus program, such as for example by failing to provide information on the status of their shareholding or prematurely disposing of their shareholding they will be subject to contractual sanctions including a penalty equal to the full amount of the LTI Bonus (including income tax, but excluding social security contributions thereon).

The board shall decide on the amount of LTI Bonus. The maximum amount in the LTI Bonus is capped at an amount corresponding to 15 percent of the fixed annual compensation for the current year for the CEO, 10 percent to the management team and 5 percent to other key personnel:

When determining variable remuneration to management payable in cash, the Board of Directors shall consider introducing restrictions that,

- disqualification from future LTI Bonus in relation to an individual who sells his/her shares during the three year qualification period,
- making payment of a predetermined portion of such remuneration conditional so the performance on which vesting is based is demonstrably sustainable over time, and
- offers the Company the opportunity to reclaim such remuneration paid on the basis of information that subsequently proves manifestly erroneous.

Senior executives are entitled to pension solutions on market terms

in accordance with collective agreements and/or with Abliva. All pension commitments shall be premium-based. Salary differentials can be utilized to increase pension provisions through lump-sum pension premiums, provided that the total cost to Abliva remains neutral.

From Abliva's side, the maximum notice period shall be six months for the CEO and a maximum of six months for other senior executives. The notice period from the CEO's side shall be a minimum of six months, and from other senior executives' side, shall be a minimum of three months. In addition to this notice period, severance pay subject to a maximum of six months' salary plus benefits may be payable to the CEO.

The Board of Directors may temporarily resolve to derogate from the above Guidelines, in whole or in part, if in a specific case there is special cause motivating the derogation and a derogation is necessary to serve the Company's long-term interests, including its sustainability, or to ensure the Company's financial viability. As set out above, the Remuneration Committee's tasks include preparing the Board of Directors' resolutions in remuneration-related matters. This includes any resolutions to derogate from the Guidelines.

#### SHARE-BASED INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Annual General Meeting 2021, decided on a four-year incentive stock option program 2021/2025 for the Company's CEO. The incentive stock option program entitles the holder to a new ordinary share in Abliva AB up to a maximum of 4,600,000 ordinary shares. The redemption price amounts to 0.725 öre. The program is vested at 25% per year on June 1, 2022, June 1, 2023, June 1, 2024 and June 1, 2025. Latest redemption date is December 31, 2025.

#### AUDITORS

The Auditors shall examine the Company's annual accounts and accounting records, and the Board of Directors' and CEO's administration. The Auditors shall present an Audit Report and a Consolidated Audit Report to the Annual General Meeting at the end of each financial year. The Company's Auditors shall be appointed for a at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting 2022 elected Ernst & Young AB as the Company's Auditors until the 2023 Annual General Meeting. Oskar Wall is Auditor in Charge. In order to ensure that the standards applying to the Board of Direc-

tors relating to information and control are satisfied, the Auditors regularly report to the Audit Committee on accounting matters and potential misstatements or suspected improprieties. In addition, the Auditors attend most of the Audit Committee's meetings and Board meetings as required. At least once a year, the Auditors present a report to the Board of Directors without the CEO or other members of the Company's operational management attending.

#### Remuneration to the Auditors

The Annual General Meeting 2022 resolved on remuneration to the Auditors on the basis of approved account and customary debiting practice. Audit assignments are defined as reviewing the annual accounts and accounting records, as well as the Board of Directors' and CEO's administration, any other duties incumbent on the Company's Auditor and consultancy or other assistance arising from observations made in connection with such review or performance of other such duties. During control activities in the year, the Audit Committee concluded that the Auditors are non-affiliated to the Company. Information on Audit fees is in Note 9 on page 50. The Interim Report for the period January-September 2022 has been subject to a summary review by the Auditor.

#### PERSONS DISCHARGING MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Persons discharging managerial responsibilities are defined as members of the Board of Directors and management. All these persons has regular access to inside information and the authority to make managerial decisions affecting the future development and business prospects. Such individuals are obliged to notify any changes in their holdings of financial instruments in Abliva in accordance with The Act concerning Reporting Obligations for certain Holdings of Financial Instruments.

Listed companies are required to keep electronic insider list, logbook. The obligation comprises of keeping a logbook of all events where people have access to insider information (eventdriven logbook). This can include persons discharging managerial responsibilities, but also other individuals with access to insider information without being a person discharging managerial responsibilities. Abliva keeps a logbook for each event where the information could affect the share price.

## INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The overall aim of internal controls is to ensure, to a reasonable extent, that the Company's operational strategies and targets are monitored and that the owners' investments are protected. Internal controls should also secure reasonable assurance that external financial reporting is accurate and has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice, that applicable legislation and stipulations are followed and that requirements made on listed companies are satisfied. The internal control environment mainly comprises the following five components: control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communication and follow-up.

### *Control environment*

Abliva's control environment includes its organizational structure, decision-paths, responsibilities and authorizations, which are clearly defined in a number of constitutional documents. The constitutional documents have been adopted by the Board of Directors to ensure an effective control environment.

The Company's control environment consists of collaborative initiatives between the Board of Directors, the Audit Committees, the CEO, the CFO, internally appointed staff and the Company's Auditor. Control is also exercised through the reporting procedures adopted in the Company's finance manual, including financial reporting to the Board of Directors, and a yearly report to the Board of Directors on completed internal control procedures.

The Audit Committee has overall responsibility for ensuring that the internal control regarding financial reporting and reporting to the Board of Directors is effective. The Audit Committee performs quarterly reconciliation with the company's CEO and Auditor. In addition, the documentation produced for Management's evaluation of the company's internal control is reviewed and evaluated annually.

### *Risk assessment*

Risks assessment includes identifying risks that may arise if the fundamental standards of financial reporting in the group are not satisfied. A review takes place to ensure that the Company has an infrastructure that enables effective and expedient control, and an assessment of the Company's financial position and significant

financial, legal and operational risks. The company identifies and evaluates the risks on a regularly basis, that may arise, in a risk assessment model

Pharmaceuticals development is associated with risks and is a capital-intensive process. The risk factors judged to be of particular significance to Abliva's future progress are the outcome of clinical studies, measures taken by regulatory authorities, competition and pricing, collaboration partners, liability risk, patents, key staff and future capital requirement.

### *Control environment*

Control activities limit identified risks and ensure accurate and reliable financial reporting. The Audit Committee and the Board of Directors are responsible for the internal control and monitoring of management. This is achieved through internal and external control activities and by reviewing the Company's constitutional documents governing risk management. The results of internal controls are compiled and a report presented to the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee annually.

### *Information and communication*

The Company has information and communication paths intended to promote the accuracy of financial reporting and ensure reporting and feedback from operations to the Board of Directors and management, through means including constitutional documents such as internal policies, guidelines and instructions relating to financial reporting being made available and presented to the relevant staff.

### *Monitoring*

Abliva monitors the observance of the Company's constitutional documents and routines relating to internal controls. Management reports to the Audit Committee on internal controls at each meeting. The Board of Directors is regularly updated on the Company's financial position and profit/loss against budget as well as on development projects in relation to the relevant project budgets. The CEO presents a written report at each regular Board meeting, or when the need arises, directly to the Board of Directors on the monitoring and status of the Company's ongoing projects and drug candidates.

### *Special evaluation of the requirement for internal audit*

Abliva does not conduct an internal audit. The Board of Directors evaluates the need for this function annually and judges that, given the Company's size with relatively few employees and limited transactions, there is no need to institute a formal internal audit function.

### *Compliance with Swedish stock market regulations and accepted stock market practice*

Abliva has not been subject to any ruling by Nasdaq Stockholm's disciplinary commission or statements by the Swedish Securities Council relating to breaches of Nasdaq's regulatory framework for issuers or good accounting practice on the stock market in the financial year 2022.