

A Perspective on Executive Compensation After Dodd-Frank

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Executive Compensation Agenda

- **Market trends**
- Emerging balanced long-term incentive portfolio
- Dodd-Frank, Governance, Proxy Advisory Perspective

Regulatory environment continues on

Reasonableness

**Dodd
Frank**

409A

FASB/ IASB



**SEC Proxy
Disclosure**

Sarbanes-Oxley

**Stock Option
Backdating**

Executive Compensation Trends

Median National Executive Total Salary Increases by Year

Actual 2009	Actual 2010	Projected 2011	Actual 2011	Projected 2012
2.0%	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%

2011/2012 Compensation Philosophy for Officers/Executives

To Pay Below the Market	To Pay At the Market	To Pay Above the Market	No Formal Compensation Philosophy
2%	77%	14%	7%

World@Work 2011/2012 Salary Budget Survey

Key Equity Trends

Over the past 5 years, we have seen a continued migration from use of stock options to use of restricted stock as well as a burgeoning increase in performance equity vehicles

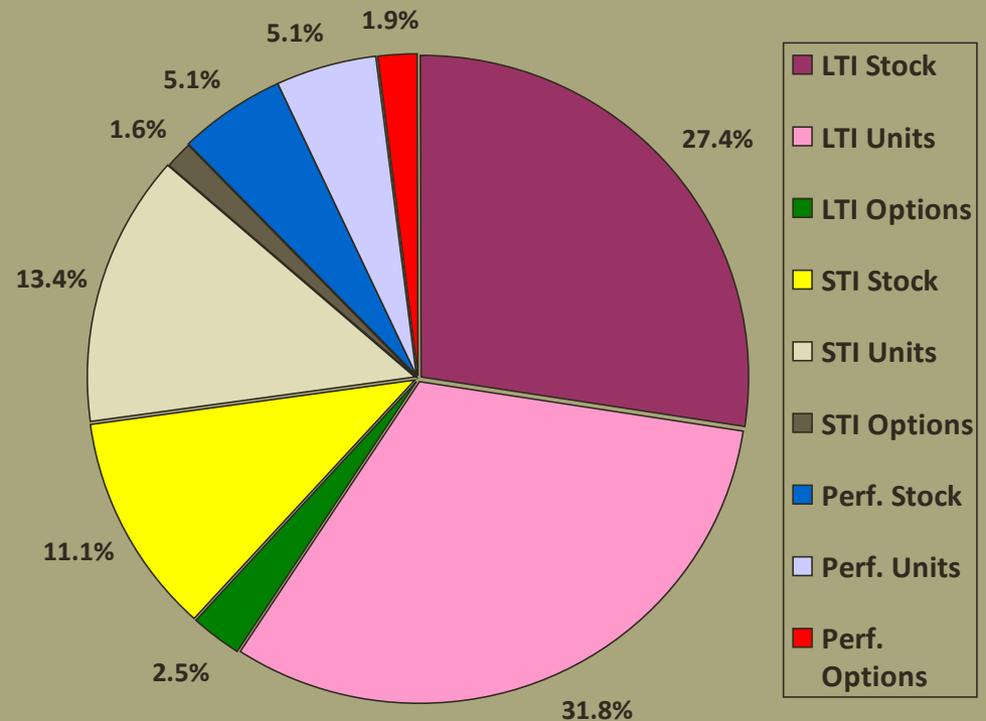
Component	Trend	Comment
Stock Options		5 year trend: 11% <i>decrease</i>
Restricted Stock		5 year trend: 20% <i>increase</i>
Performance Shares		3 year trend: 12% <i>increase</i>
Additional Share Requests		5 year trend: 37% <i>increase</i>
Equity Grant Ratio for NEO's		5 year trend: 26% increase (From 14% to 18%)
Total Overhang Rates		5 year trend: 8% decrease(From 12% to 11%)
Burn Rate		5 year trend: 14% increase (From 1.32% to 1.5%)

Equilar 2011 Equity Trends

Hot Topic

Performance-Based Equity

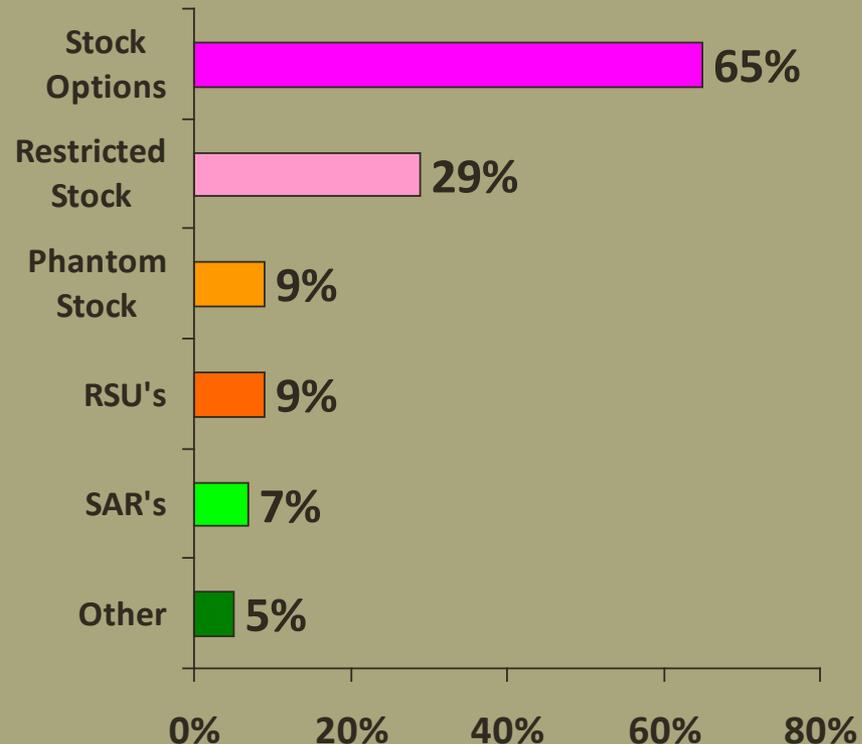
- Performance-based equity awards to executives are becoming more popular
- Most awards (over 60%) are granted with a long-term performance period
- Nearly 50% of surveyed companies awarded performance shares in 2010
- The chart provides the prevalence of various performance-based equity vehicles awarded



Equilar 2011 Equity Trends

Equity for Executives in Private Companies

- Stock Options are the most prevalent form of equity granted to the C Suite in privately held companies, followed by restricted stock
- Most private companies do not require officers to purchase company stock
- Performance conditions are not typically required for vesting equity awards



NCEO Equity Granting Practices in Closely Held Companies

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"Compensation programs are a management system that need constant attention to drive strategy."

“Perfect storm” for appropriate pay and design

- Accounting changes breed flexibility
- Good governance means
 - Diligent process
 - Pay for strategy
 - Transparency
- Recession . . . Rebound . . . Motivation . . . Retention
 - Where are we going? What are we paying for?

Old incentive practices Pre-ASC 718 and Recession

- Annual bonuses for Profit and Revenue
- Appreciation-Only Long-Term Incentives
- Supplemental Executive Retirement

Everything is fair game – long-term performance drives design

- Diverse range of alternatives – **accounting changes breed flexibility**
- Design driven by where company is and wants to go
 - **Business stage**: Start-up, growth, maturing, declining
 - **Long-term strategic goals**: Sell in mid-term? Create company “built to last?” Turnaround?
 - **Purpose for LTIP**: Recruitment/retention? Mid-term performance? Culture of ownership? Integration? Line of sight?
 - **Affordability**: Cash flow, dilution, **and** unwanted turnover

Everything is fair game – long-term performance drives design

- **Find the right balance**

- Stock Options/SARs: appreciation only
- Restricted Stock/RSUs/Phantom Stock: full-value
- Performance Shares/Awards: outcome-based awards
 - Pay for longer-term outcomes, either in shares or cash

Emerging Pay for Performance Model

Performance Shares/Awards



Annual Incentive	Stock Options / Stock Appreciation Rights	Restricted Stock / Restricted Stock Units/ Phantom Stock
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Short-Term Focus

Long-Term Focus

Performance share/award plans

- Performance goal either absolute or relative
 - Absolute = performance improvement
 - Relative = performance against peers
- Performance measured at participant “line of sight”
 - Corporate performance
 - Divisional performance

***No absolute rules of game, simply what we are “reinforcing and rewarding.”**

Sample performance share plan

Units Granted: 2000
 Threshold Value: \$0.00
 Maximum Value: \$300,000.00
 If Stock at \$20 at End: 15,000 Shares

		Performance Unit Value			
Avg EBITDA Growth 2009-2012	7.2% or >	\$0.00	\$112.50	\$125.00	\$150.00
	7.0%	\$0.00	\$87.50	\$100.00	\$125.00
	6.8%	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$75.00	\$100.00
	< 6.8%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		< 6%	6.0%	7.0%	8.0% or >
Avg Revenue Growth 2009 - 2012					

It's all relative – TSR Plans are the Pay for Performance Trend

- The number of companies considering or adopting performance shares continue to increase.
- The majority of plans measure financial performance over a three-year period.
- However, difficulty in setting long-term goals and indirect link to shareholder value creation have prompted companies to explore alternative ways to measure performance.
- One of the measures receiving significant attention is relative total shareholder return.

Is TSR right for you?

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market “sets” goal.• Maintains motivation in both good and poor performing years.• Compensation expense accrual is predictable and stable.• Pay and performance outcomes are transparent.• Unlike financial metrics, total shareholder return does not require adjustments for special or unusual items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compensation expense accrual is not reversed.• Requires special valuation model to determine grant date fair value.• Payouts can occur if the company performs better than many poor performers (“best of the worst”).• Outcomes may be inconsistent with investor expectations.

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Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

- Enacted July 21, 2010
- Significant public company executive compensation reform and governance reforms
- Say-on-Pay, Say When on Pay and Say on Parachutes
- Compensation Disclosures
- Compensation Committee and Adviser Standards
- Clawbacks

Say-on-Pay, Say When on Pay, Say on Parachutes

- Shareholder advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation
- Advisory vote on frequency of Say-on-Pay vote
- Advisory vote on compensation in mergers and related transactions
- Requirements were first effective for 2011 annual meetings (2009 for TARP recipients)
- Smaller reporting companies were exempted for first two years
 - \$75 million public float
 - **Advisory votes required for annual meetings starting January 23, 2013**
 - No CD&A requirement for such companies

Say-on-Pay Results

- **2011:** Overwhelming support (ISS 2011 U.S. Postseason Report)
 - Average shareholder support of 92%
 - Negative votes at only 38 Russell 3000 companies (1.6% of total)
 - Pay-for-performance cited most often as reason for negative votes
- **2012:** Very similar to 2011 (Semler Brossy Report 6/27/12)
 - 72% of companies with over 90% support
 - Negative votes at 51 companies so far
 - Citigroup: 93% support in 2011; 45% support in 2012
- **Sue-on-Pay:** shareholder lawsuits against 11 companies that have lost Say-on-Pay votes

Say-on-Pay Results

- No major shock waves
- Proxy advisory firms, ISS and Glass Lewis, have significant influence
 - Conference Board Report (March 2012) – study showed ISS influence of 17-21%
 - Trend – companies file supplemental proxy materials if there is a negative recommendation
- Jury is out on whether vote impacts level of compensation
- Communication is key, including proxy disclosure and engagement with shareholders

Proxy Disclosure Trends

- Focus on describing pay for performance (P4P)
- Companies will rethink adopting new compensation plans that are difficult or awkward to communicate
- CD&A executive summaries and proxy statement summaries
- New ways to communicate
 - Coca-Cola – color, graphics and plain language
 - Exxon Mobil – glossy mailing and video
 - More like political campaign pieces

Frequency Vote (Say When on Pay) Results

- Shareholders can vote among one, two and three year frequency
 - Company must state whether it will abide by shareholder preference
- Shareholders at nearly 80% of Russell 3000 companies supported annual frequency (ISS 2011 U.S. Postseason Report)
- At companies where the board recommended triennial frequency, the shareholders followed that recommendation 40% of the time but selected annual frequency 50% of the time

Compensation Disclosures

- New disclosure requirements not yet proposed by SEC
- Disclosure of pay vs. financial performance
 - Likely use of total shareholder return (TSR) as performance measure
- Pay equity disclosure – comparison of median annual compensation of employees vs. CEO
- Rule will create reporting burdens

Compensation Committee and Adviser Standards

- New SEC rules adopted June 20, 2012 – exchange listed companies
 - Proposed exchange rules by 9/25/12; final exchange rules by 6/27/13
- New independence standards for CC members
 - Similar to audit committee standards, Rule 10A-1
- CC will need to **consider** consultant and adviser independence
 - No requirement to **engage** independent advisors
 - Six factor test
 - Legal counsel (other than in-house) providing advice to CC
- Modest change to proxy disclosures – consultant conflicts

Clawback Policy

- SEC to direct exchanges – require clawback policy for listed companies
 - SEC rules not yet proposed; then exchanges must adopt standards
- Recovery of **incentive compensation** (including options) from **current and former officers** during the **three years** before a restatement, to extent compensation based on **erroneous financial data**
- Broader than SOX clawback
 - Issuer-enforced; applies to all officers/former officers (not just the CEO and CFO); no-fault
- Legal questions – employment and tax
- Policy questions – who else should be covered?

Questions?