## Corporate Governance

## **Compensation Committee Report**



Compensation designed to maximize Co-Presidents' motivation to propel their pursuit of MSV

The Compensation Committee is committed to attracting and retaining outstanding talent through appropriate compensation schemes and succession planning. Ultimately, we seek to maximize shareholder value.

Specifically, designing the most appropriate compensation schemes for the Co-Presidents, who are crucial to executing our company's growth strategy, is extremely important. We view maximizing the Co-Presidents' motivation to attain MSV as fundamentally linked to value sharing with shareholders. To achieve this, it is essential to provide compensation that encourages the Co-Presidents to drive our Asset Assembler model forward and take appropriate risks without missing opportunities. Based on extensive deliberation, we have decided to simplify the Co-Presidents' compensation as much as possible and make it entirely in cash.

We have been working in collaboration with the Nominating Committee and maintained continuous communication with the Co-Presidents while evaluating their performance from multiple perspectives. We have confirmed that they view this as an appropriate

assessment and demonstrate stronger leadership towards achieving MSV. Indeed, our Group has achieved strong growth compared to competing companies since their appointment\*. Considering the bold decision-making and successful implementation of initiatives that contribute to the improvement of medium- to long-term EPS and PER, we have determined that the current Co-Presidents' compensation is conducive to the pursuit of MSV.

At the same time, we strive to ensure the appropriateness of compensation schemes for Non-Executive Directors. We focus on determining compensation that stimulates their maximum contributions to both the executive and oversight roles while constantly seeking ways to enable value sharing with our shareholders.

The Compensation Committee will continue to engage in sincere deliberations, taking into account the analysis based on compensation benchmarking and other metrics, and strive to make optimal compensation decisions that ultimately contribute to the achievement of MSV.

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## Overview and main activities

Chairperson

Lim Hwee Hua (Independent Director)

Number of meetings

FY2023

(late March 2023 to mid-March 2024) 7

FY2024

(late March 2024 to end of June 2024) 2

Committee members



Non-Executive

DirectorIndependent Director

Main activities

The Compensation Committee approved resolutions concerning compensation for individuals in accordance with the policy for determining the compensation of individual Directors and Executive Officers (Compensation Philosophy, Design Policies for the Compensation of the Representative Executive Officers & Co-Presidents).

Roles of the Committee

Establishment of policies for determining the compensation of individual Directors and Executive Officers and decisions about compensation for individuals and other matters

# Main activities

Resolutions concerning compensation for the Representative Executive Officers & Co-Presidents

Resolutions concerning compensation for individual Directors

Report by the Co-Presidents about - evaluations and compensation for key management personnel of Nippon Paint Group

Deliberations on evaluations and compensation concerning the Representative Executive Officers & Co-Presidents

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Committee meetings called by the Co-Presidents 2 3 4 5

Reporting on compensation for individual Director

Reporting on compensation for the Representative Executive Officers and Co-Presidents

## Key reports to the Board of Directors

Reporting on compensation for individual Director

Reporting on compensation for → the Representative Executive Officers and Co-Presidents

Resolutions concerning FY2023

Executive Officer compensation
Resolutions concerning compensation

& Co-Presidents

Paint Group

for individual Directors

Executive Officer evaluations and FY2024

for the Representative Executive Officers

Resolutions concerning compensation

Report by the Co-Presidents about

evaluations and compensation for key management personnel of Nippon

Reporting on FY2023 Executive
Officer evaluations and FY2024
Executive Officer compensation

Corporate Governance

Attract and retain

outstanding talent

Contribution to MSV

Determination of compensation based on rigorous evaluations

centered on activities and contributions for achieving MSV

Constant analysis and research based on the benchmarking of

compensation of executives in Japan and other countries

Discussions based on the policy for determining compensation

by the Compensation Committee, which consists mainly of

Independent Directors

(information is disclosed properly to ensure the objectivity and fairness of decisions)

Policy for determining

compensation for Executives

Independent Directors are the majority of the Compensation

Committee, and the committee is chaired by an Independent

Directors. This composition ensures independence from

Director. In addition, all committee members are non-executive

Maintain and

increase motivation

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Asset Assembler Model

The Compensation Committee makes decisions about the level and composition of compensation for Directors and Executive Officers. This committee also monitors decisions about the compensation of key management personnel of partner companies by receiving reports from Co-Presidents. To determine levels and composition of compensation, the committee collects and analyzes objective data such as social trends, compensation of executives at other companies,

In accordance with the Compensation Philosophy and Design Policies for the Compensation of the Representative Executive Officers & Co-Presidents, committee members use this information to hold fair and transparent discussions and make decisions.

and compensation in the market for senior executives.

>>> For more information, see the "Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers" section of our website.

## Evaluation and compensation of the Representative Executive Officers & Co-Presidents

Based on the premise of protecting the interests of minority shareholders, the Compensation Committee performs rigorous evaluations of compensation for the Representative Executive Officers & Co-Presidents with emphasis on their activities and contributions to achieve MSV. At the same time, the committee is working to create compensation that will serve as motivation for

even more actions to achieve MSV. Specifically, the committee comprehensively evaluates the Co-Presidents' performance in the previous year, including a comparison with our competitors, to determine the total compensation for the next year. Then the committee determines the composition, including cash, stock and other forms of compensation.

### Key evaluation items for the comprehensive evaluation

- "Maximizing EPS and PER" for achieving MSV
- Improvement of profitability of businesses in Japan and other countries
- Progress with the M&A strategy
- Improvement of position in the capital market
- Strengthening risk management in the Nippon Paint Group
- Transformation of the corporate culture
- Transformation of the management structure
- Strengthening the governance structure and the internal control system

### Data and key items for continuous consideration for compensation determination

- The compensation of presidents at competing companies and other large companies in Japan
- Compensation and composition of compensation in the individual's home country and continuity with prior compensation
- Compensation and composition that maintain motivation for achieving MSV and provide effective incentives

## Composition of executive compensation

executives for business operations.

## Compensation for Directors Directors who do not concurrently serve as an Executive Officer (Independent Directors)

#### Image of basic composition



## Fixed compensation

## Job-based compensation (BS)

Compensation is set at levels that can attract and retain management talent with the skills required to monitor the management of Nippon Paint Group, which has operations worldwide. Decisions about compensation take into account social circumstances, compensation of executives at other companies, and compensation in the market for senior executives.

#### Allowances for committee memberships and other roles

Allowances are paid for specific roles such as a member or Chairperson of the Nominating, Compensation, Audit and Special Committees, the Lead Independent Director, and other positions.

## Variable compensation

#### Long-term incentives (LTI)

Directors monitor the Group's management and assume the role and associated risk of making important decisions regarding the allocation of corporate resources on behalf of shareholders. As a result, Directors receive restricted stock as an incentive for achieving MSV and as a means of further aligning the interests of Directors with those of shareholders. The Malus Clawback Clause is used for the medium- to long-term soundness of long-term incentives.

## Compensation for the Representative **Executive Officers & Co-Presidents**

#### Image of basic composition

Co-President Wakatsuki

2023

Co-President Wee

#### All compensation is variable

Compensation takes into account the level and composition of compensation in the individual's home country, continuity with prior compensation, benchmarking using other companies' compensation, and other considerations. Discussions with Co-Presidents, frequent communications with executives of partner companies, and other activities are used for a comprehensive evaluation of performance using financial and non-financial perspectives. Every year, the determination of the following year's compensation starts by resetting compensation to zero. The cash-stock ratio and other aspects of the composition of compensation for Co-Presidents are also reviewed every time.

### Evaluation of the performance of Co-Presidents

#### Compound annual growth rate\*1

	2022 to 2023		2020 to 2023	
NPHD	+10.2%	+49.2%	+22.7%	+22.6%
Competitor median*2	+4.1%	+18.6%	+7.9%	+8.0%

## PER\*3

	Last twelve months	Next twelve months	
NPHD	22.8x	21.1x	
Competitor median*2	31.2x	17.8x	

- \*1 For compound annual growth rate calculated based on each company's indicated currencies
- \*2 Median of the six largest paint companies based on global sales (excluding our company, ranked 4th)
- \*3 Source: FactSet (as of December 29, 2023)