# **OUTSIDE IN—INSIDE OUT**

#### Response to "Outside" Influences through "Inside" Analysis and Actions

—The Internal Equity Audit

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#### **Objectives for Today's Discussion**

The Obvious and Beyond

Discuss the challenges of responsible management of the "OUTSIDE" influences on executive pay practices

Evolving Framework Describe the Internal Equity Audit and its role in an evolving framework of responsible "INSIDE" analyses and actions to restore (establish?) sound governance and decision making, fiscal responsibility, and transparency with respect to executive pay

Discussion

Discuss how you can make the Internal Equity Audit actionable inside of YOUR company



**OUTSIDE** "voices" have fueled increased awareness, concerns, cynicism, and questions about executive pay excesses



## ...and yet, OUTSIDE "competitive practice" data continues to accelerate executive expectations about pay



- Flawed Comparisons. "I'm at least as talented and valuable as (insert name) at (insert name) Corporation who gets big bucks."
- Deal Maker. "I need a big package to get me to stick around/to come. Look at what I could get/am getting at (insert name) Corporation."
- Indispensable. "They can't run/fix this place without me [thus they'll pay me what I want]."

Meanwhile, INSIDE our companies employee related cost risk has been passed like a "hot potato" to everyone except those at the top

#### **Top Executives**

Economic and Employment Security

#### From

- Entitlement
- Fixed pay
- Welfare security
- Indemnity coverage
- Defined benefit
- Full service
- Employment security

#### **Everyone Else**

#### То

- Meritocracy
- Variable pay
- Welfare selfmanagement
- Consumer education
- Defined contribution
- Self-service
- Employability



...thus creating a series of questions about executive pay packages whose answers are found uniquely INSIDE each enterprise



#### Including:

- Internal Equity. Is it "fair" and equitable to enlarge executive pay packages while we pass on financial risk like a "hot potato" to our other employee groups?
- Pay Multiples. What /S the differential between the value of the total rewards paid (and payable) to the CEO and each of our other executive and employee levels? What should it be? How and why has that multiple changed over time?
- Accountability. Who should be held accountable by shareholders for what appears to be excessive executive pay?

# Some solutions include limiting executive pay through salary caps

We have a policy that limits the cash compensation paid to any officer in the calendar year to 14 times the average salary of all full-time Team Members. For 2004, this salary cap was approximately \$427,000.

-Whole Foods Market

Sounds good. Is this the right multiple? Is the focus on just salary too limited?

# Salary caps don't tell the whole story about an executive's pay...

#### John P. Mackey, Chairman & CEO, Whole Foods

In 2004, John P. Mackey raked in \$885,216 in total compensation including stock option grants from Whole Foods Market.

From previous years' stock grants the Whole Foods Market executive cashed out \$1,013,893 in stock option exercises.

And, John P. Mackey has another \$4,370,735 in unexercised stock options from previous years.

—AFL-CIO Executive Pay Watch Database

#### Is this package still "reasonable" and internally equitable?

# At another company, CEO pay "passes" a frequently suggested "reasonableness test"

SALARY (\$000 Omitted)

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		Next Highest	Average Fo		CEO Salary as Multiple of				
Year	CEO	Paid Executive	Highest Executives		Next Highest	Four Highest			
2004	\$1,400	\$975	\$822		1.44	1.70			
2003	\$1,242	\$989	\$809	/	1.26	1.54			
2002	\$1,000	\$925	\$738		1.08	1.36			
3-Year Average	\$1,214	\$963	\$790		1.26	1.54			

#### TOTAL CASH (\$000 Omitted)

	050	Next Highest Average F		CEO Total Cash as Multiple of			
Year	CEO	Paid Executive	Highest Executives	Next Highest	Four Highest		
2004	\$2,969	\$1,521	\$1,228	1.95	2.42		
2003	\$3,344	\$1,718	\$1,299	1.95	2.58		
2002	\$3,931	\$1,800	\$1,521	2.18	2.58		
3-Year Average	\$3,415	\$1,680	\$1,349	2.03	2.53		

# Even looking at all cash payments plus grant date PV of equity, the "reasonable test" is met

#### 2004 ALL CASH PAYMENTS PLUS EQUITY (Grant Date PV) (\$000 Omitted)

Compensation		Next Highest	Average	CEO Total as Multiple of			
Components	CEU CEU		Paid Four Highest Executive Executives		Four Highest		
Total Cash	\$2,969	\$1,521	\$1,228	1.95	2.42		
Other Cash	\$135	\$109	\$60	1.24	2.26		
Grant Date PV Options	\$4,342	\$3,102	\$2,016	1.40	2.15		
Grant Date PV Restricted Shares	\$660	\$330	\$330	2.00	2.00		
Total	\$8,106	\$5,062	\$3,634	1.60	2.23		

Is this package still "reasonable" and internally equitable? How much more is there in the economic package?

## ...YES, there's more for the CEO

# Carly may get \$42 million

NEW YORK (CNN/Money) -Ex-Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina will get a severance package worth about \$21.4 million, but stands to reap another \$21 million after she was forced out by the computer maker's board last week... The additional amount reflects the estimated value of her Hewlett stock and options as well as her pension, which was not included in her severance package...

## ...and for others

# What happened at H-P has happened at many companies. A rewards package like this...

#### ALPHA CORP 1995 PAY PROGRAM (Excerpt)



## Over time became a rewards package like this...



#### SIBSON CONSULTING 12

...And the accumulated financial exposure associated with a (never expected) "breakup" had not been made transparent to shareholders





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## "Some" Assembly Required



## **Fully Assembled**



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# "Some" Assembly Required **Fully Assembled BOARD/COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

1. Seek no "magic multiples" or specific financial comparisons that establish a "safe harbor" for executive pay levels and designs





# 3. Act as if proxy disclosure was required

#### ANNUAL EXECUTIVE "COST OF MAINTENANCE"

	CEO			t Highest ecutives <sup>1</sup>	CEO as Multiple of 20 Next Highest Paid Executives		
Compensation Component	Current Year	Benchmark Year	Current Year	Benchmark Year	Current Year	Benchmark Year	
Salary							
Annual Incentive Cash							
Long-Term Incentive Cash Paid							
Equity Grant Date PV							
• Plan #1							
• Plan #2							
• Plan #3							
Cash Amounts Deferred							
Matches (e.g., Sup 401(k), on deferred amounts)							
Dividends							
<ul> <li>Paid Currently</li> </ul>							
Credited/Reinvested							
Other <sup>2</sup>							
TOTAL							
TOTAL AS A % OF FULLY DILUTED EARNINGS							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Footnote to include names of 20 individuals included in the top 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes all W-2 items (e.g., financial counseling, tax preparation, company provided transportation, facilities for personal use at net operating cost, perk allowance, car allowance, clubs, gross ups, other reimbursements, etc.). Also includes director's fees from company or affiliated entities and payments related to special arrangements between company and executive.

# **3. Act as if proxy disclosure was required** *continued*

#### **CEO "EXIT FEES"**<sup>1</sup>

	PV Amour	nts Payable
Compensation Component	Current Year	Benchmark Year
Severance Pay [e.g., PV of (base + bonus) x # years]		
PV Defined Benefit (Pension + SERP)		
Defined Contribution (e.g., 401k + SERP)		
Other Savings/Profit Sharing		
Deferred Cash + Matches		
Equity Payouts		
• Plan #1		
• Plan #2		
• Plan #3		
Gross-up Payments		
Company Lost Deductions		
PV Welfare Benefit Commitments		
PV of Other Welfare Benefits/Insurance		
PV of Other Compensation Continuation/Commitment		
TOTAL		
TOTAL AS A % OF FULLY DILUTED EARNINGS		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Company's financial exposure if CEO terminated at end of fiscal year under the most favorable conditions for the executive.

4. Make compensation decisions informed by a thorough understanding of how/why compensation plans and their associated costs have evolved over time



# 5. Unambiguously disclose decisions



#### **Fully Assembled**



## Two evolving tools based on INSIDE information provide the data needed by the Compensation Committee to step up to its stewardship responsibility

Internal Equity Audit. Documents the historical evolution of the components of the total economic package provided by the company to its CEO and to each of its (key) employee segments

Specifically: How and why has the differential between the total rewards paid (and payable) to the CEO and other executive and employee levels changed over time?

Tally Sheet. Documents the value of the total economic package currently provided and the potential liability for the economic package to be provided in the future

## The "nuts and bolts" of the Internal Equity Audit are straight forward

#### **Step 1:** Determine "Comparator" Dates

- "Current Date"
- "Benchmark" (e.g., new CEO, new contract for CEO, merger/acquisition, significant legislative/regulatory changes, new chair of compensation committee, etc.)
- Step 2: Inventory the Programs and Design Status on the "Benchmark Date" (RAW Facts<sup>SM</sup> Tool)
- Step 3: Inventory the Programs and Design Status on the "Current Date" and annotate in detail the "what/why" of changes in comparison to Programs and Designs at the "Inflection Date" (RAW Facts<sup>SM</sup> Tool)
- Step 4: Use Tally Sheet Calculations (by employee groups) to determine financial exposure "then and now"
- **Step 5:** Use Data to Inform Compensation Committee Decision Process
- **Step 6:** Disclose in Proxy Statement that the audit was completed and what action was taken by the Board as a result

# **Organization of the Internal Equity Audit Tool**

Divides fact finding process into three "timeframes"

- Entry "Fees" programs and policies that come into play when there is a new entrant to the organization
   Cost of Maintenance programs and policies that impact the employee during his/her active employment
- Exit "Fees" programs and policies that deliver posttermination compensation and benefits
- Within each "timeframe" identifies (a) the existence of a given program and (b) key design characteristics
- Identifies the eligibility by distinct employee groups for a given program or design feature
- Identifies what has changed since the prior evaluation period

Compensation Committee Members (name, affiliation)

Prior Eval

0

0

ation Date

0

0

Governance

Entry "Fees"

Other Board Committees with Governance, Rights Over Rewards (Stock Plan, Benefits Plan, Succession)

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		Employee	Group			
	CEO	20 Next Highest Paid Executives	Group #1	Group #2	Change <sup>1</sup>	Comments
Number of Employees					0	
Employment Contract					0	
Change of Control Protection					0	
Severance Protection					0	
"Parachute"					0	
Cash Signing Grant					0	
Welcome Equity Grant					0	
Prior Er Equity Buy-outs					0	
Relocation Allowance					0	
Perquisite Allowance					0	
Other					0	
Other					0	
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1 <sup>st</sup> Year AI Guarantee					0	
LTI Guarantee					0	
Service/Vesting Enhancement					0	
Tax Gross-ups					0	
Other					0	
Other					0	
Other					0	

<sup>1</sup> Check circle  $\checkmark$  if different from prior evaluation.

			Employee	Group			
		CEO	20 Next Highest Paid Executives	Group #1	Group #2	Change <sup>1</sup>	Comments
	Base Salary					0	
	Annual Variable Pay					0	
	Commissions					0	
	Current Dividends (e.g., on deferred RS)					0	
	Deferral of BSal/Bonus					0	
	Other					0	
Pr	Vacation					0	
Programs	Supplemental Sick/Disab					0	
ams	Supplemental Health Care					0	
	Perquisite Allowance					0	
	Car Allowance					0	
	Financial Counseling					0	
	Tax Preparation					0	
	Other Transportation					0	
	Club Membership					0	
	Supplemental Benefits					0	
	Other					0	
	Total Cash Comp Mix (Base/AI)					0	
	Base/AI Pay Positioning					0	
	AI Range <sup>2</sup> (threshold, target, max)					0	
D	Annual Incentive (AI) Metrics					0	
Design	BSal Increase Guarantee					0	
Э	Match on Deferred BSal/Al					0	
	Tax Gross-ups					0	
	Other					0	

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<sup>2</sup> As a percent of base salary.

Cost of Maintenance (Annual Cash)

		Employee Group					
		CEO	20 Next Highest Paid Executives	Group #1	Group #2	Change <sup>1</sup>	Comments
	Cash Settled LTI					0	
	Carried Interest					0	
	Deferral of Cash LTI					0	
	Other					0	
	Other					0	
ъ							
Programs	Incentive Stock Options					0	
ram	NQSO					0	
S	Restricted Shares (time)					0	
	RS (performance)					0	
	Performance Units					0	
	SARs					0	
	Other					0	
	Other					0	
	TDC <sup>2</sup> Mix (Base/AI/LTI)					0	
	TDC Positioning					0	
	LTI Range <sup>3</sup> (threshold, target, max)					0	
	LTI Metrics					0	
	Cashless Exercise					0	
D	Match on Deferred LTI					0	
Design	Tax Gross-ups					0	
Э	Front-loaded Equity Grants					0	
	Ownership Guidelines					0	
	Require Equity Hold to Ret.					0	
	Other					0	
	Other					0	

<sup>1</sup> Check circle  $\checkmark$  if different from prior evaluation.

<sup>2</sup> TDC = Total Direct Comp (Base + Annual Incentive + Long-Term Incentive).

<sup>3</sup> As a percent of base salary.

			Employee	Group			
		CEO	20 Next Highest Paid Executives	Group #1	Group #2	Change <sup>1</sup>	Comments
	DB Qualified Pension					0	
	Frozen DB Pension					0	
	DB SERP					0	
	401(k)					0	
	SERP/401(k)					0	
	Profit Sharing					0	
	Savings Plan					0	
Programs	AI / LTI Payouts					0	
ram	Stock Plan					0	
S	Deferred Cash/Dividends					0	
	Change of Control					0	
	Severance					0	
	"Parachute"					0	
	Benefit Continuation					0	
	Other					0	
	Other					0	
	DB Target Benefit Amount <sup>2</sup>					0	
	Enhanced DB SERP Amount <sup>2</sup>					0	
	401(k) Match/Maximum Match					0	
D	DC SERP					0	
Design	Match on Deferred Cash					0	
3	Interest on Def Cash/Dividends					0	
	Tax Gross-ups					0	
	Accelerated Vesting					0	
	Other					0	

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<sup>2</sup> As a percent of base salary.

Exit "Fees"

## Outside In—Inside Out: A Compensation Committee and Board Stewardship Responsibility



Seek no magic "multiples" and "safe harbors"



Broaden definition of "executive" and "pay"



Act as if complete disclosure is required



Use cost and design findings from internal equity audit in executive pay decision making



Unambiguously disclose executive pay decisions



