

# Executive Compensation in Today's Pay for Performance Environment

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# Agenda

- 2014 Proxy Season Update – A Look Behind the Numbers
- Trends in Executive Compensation Litigation
- How to Minimize Litigation Risk
- How to Be Prepared
- Compensation Committees – The Year in Review
- What's Next on the Regulatory Landscape? A Look Ahead.

# 2014 Proxy Season Update – A Look Behind the Numbers

## Say-on-Pay

- As of June 3, 2014, 34 Russell 3000 companies have reported a failed Say-on-Pay vote (2.1%)
- Compared to 29 at this time last year
- Support stays high – 91% on average
- Triennial companies are back this year, some presenting say-on-frequency again, though not required
- Shareholder engagement continues
  - critical for companies with low say-on-pay votes in the past
- The Test: Pay for Performance?

# 2014 Proxy Season Update – A Look Behind the Numbers

## Proxy Statements – Focus on:

- Proxy Summary
- Executive Summary
- Lots of graphics and tables with focus on pay for performance
- Details regarding performance metrics
- Company performance information
- Disclosure regarding shareholder engagement efforts

## Proxy statement is now a communication tool as much as a compliance document

- Average proxy statement is <50% longer (71 pages) than pre-2006 (43 pages)

# 2014 Proxy Season Update – A Look Behind the Numbers

## Proxy Advisory Services – Continued Focus On:

- Pay for performance disconnect (#1)
- “Poor” compensation committee communication and effectiveness
- Time-based, rather than performance-based, equity awards
- Retention or “mega” equity grants or bonuses
- Weak performance goals
- Insufficient shareholder outreach
- Compensation paid to a *departing CEO*
- Severance/change-in-control arrangements

# 2014 Proxy Season Update – A Look Behind the Numbers

## Ways to change a prior “AGAINST” Recommendation to “FOR”:

- Better tie pay to performance (#1)
- Strong disclosure
- Eliminate tax gross ups
- Decrease benchmark to peer group median
- Engage in and describe robust shareholder outreach
- Implement NEO stock ownership requirements
- Implement clawback policy
- Implement anti-hedging and/or -pledging policies

# 2014 Proxy Season Update – A Look Behind the Numbers

## **A caveat:**

- Promises to reform are not enough
- Actions must be significant and have an immediate impact

## **SEC Focus?**

- Proxy advisory service guidance anticipated
- Likely to address disclosure of conflicts of interest
- ISS has consulting service; Glass Lewis owned a sometimes activist pension fund

# 2014 Proxy Season Update – A Look Behind the Numbers

## 2014 Shareholder Proposals – Down Overall

- Independent board chair (#1)
- Shareholder ability to call special meeting
- Shareholder ability to act by written consent
- Proxy access
- Board declassification (but note 69 management proposals)
- Majority voting
- Elimination of supermajority voting provisions
- Social policy (political contributions and lobbying, climate change)



# 2014 Proxy Season Update – A Look Behind the Numbers

## **But Executive Compensation Proposals Buck that Trend; Have Increased Every Year Since 2011**

- Remove or prohibit the accelerated vesting of equity awards on a change in control – 4 Recent Shareholder Wins
  - Valero Energy, Gannett, Boston Properties and Dean Foods
  - Submitted by organized labor groups
- Adopt (or improve) a clawback policy, including requirement that company disclose whether and when it has recouped compensation
- Adopt stock retention policy
- Non-binding

# 2014 Proxy Season Update – A Look Behind the Numbers

## Shareholder Proponents

- Hedge fund proposals are rebounding after sharp 2009 decline
- Religious groups (more frequent)
- Pension funds (but fewer)
- “Gadflies” – Chevedden, et. al.

## Fewer No Action Requests

# Trends in Executive Compensation Litigation

## That Was Then

- Starting in 2012, we began to see the first Say-on-Pay lawsuits
- 50+ companies were “investigated”
- Complaint - a negative Say-on-Pay vote means that directors breached fiduciary duties with respect to executive compensation
- Dismissed for failure to meet the pre-suit demand-on-the-board requirement or citing business judgment rule
- Have disappeared

# Trends in Executive Compensation Litigation

## And This is Now

- Cheniere Energy postpones annual meeting scheduled for June 12, 2014 due to lawsuit filed in Delaware
  - Complaint alleges that at February 2013 meeting Cheniere counted votes wrong and that an increase in its stock plan was never properly approved
  - Also alleges Cheniere was aware it misrepresented the vote
  - Cheniere changed bylaws after the vote to exclude abstentions
- Facebook board sued in Delaware for equity compensation plan that does not have board grant limits and “could” allow directors to award themselves over \$150 million in stock each

# Trends in Executive Compensation Litigation

- Today's more common approach:
  - Filed in advance of meeting to enjoin meeting, citing breach of fiduciary duty for failure to furnish information necessary for shareholders to vote
  - Rather limited success
- Several have settled for additional disclosure and plaintiffs' attorneys' fees
- Heavy pressure to settle – minimize IR/PR impact
- One plaintiff's firm announced 90 "investigations" in 2013 and 40 so far in 2014

# Trends in Executive Compensation Litigation

## Highest Risk of Injunction

- If seeking approval of an amendment to or a new equity incentive plan:
  - *St. Louis Police Ret. Sys. v. Severson* – Northern District of California enjoined vote to increase shares under a plan on the grounds that the proxy did not adequately disclose the reasons for the proposal (though contained in other SEC filings)
  - *Knee v. Brocade Communication Systems, Inc.* – a California court (applying Delaware fiduciary principles) enjoined a vote to increase shares under a plan on grounds that the board had reviewed projections of future stock grants that were not disclosed in the proxy statement

# Trends in Executive Compensation Litigation

## Plaintiffs also target Slip-Ups

- Failure to meet 162(m) requirements by granting awards in excess of the plan's sub-limits or failing to get re-approval of performance goals every five years
- Awards granted in excess of reserved shares under the plan
- Executives sold shares in violation of company share ownership guidelines

# How to Minimize Litigation Risk

## What's a Company To Do?

- Draft disclosure with litigation in mind
- Focus on pay for performance
- Review peer companies' disclosure for industry emerging and best practices
- Monitor disclosure-driven lawsuits and address issues raised in complaints
- Increase shareholder engagement and respond to investor criticism
- Review 162(m) disclosure
- Have the right internal team review the proxy statement
- Create a process and build a good record



# How to Minimize Litigation Risk

## The Best Defense is a Good Offense – In Proposal Section for New or Amended Plan:

- Disclose how the number of shares being requested was determined (including projections and consultant analyses)
- Explain how long the shares will last
- Provide the number of shares already awarded this year
- Disclose historic burn rate
- Show number of outstanding shares and shares remaining available for future awards as of the filing date
- Include closing share price on filing date
- Disclose dilutive impact (even if immaterial)
- Explain why shares are needed
- Don't conflict with prior disclosure
- Include director sub-limits

# How to Be Prepared

- Educate board, compensation committee and management of risk and nature of suits
- Develop a plan for responding in the short time before the annual meeting
- Carefully monitor the press for “investigation” announcements
- Coordinate with experienced outside counsel so management can react quickly if the company becomes a target

# Compensation Committees – The Year in Review

## New NYSE and Nasdaq Rules

### Compensation Committee Independence

- Boards must consider the following when assessing the independence of compensation committee members:
  - Source of director compensation, including any consulting, advisory or other fee paid by the issuer
  - Whether the director is affiliated with the issuer
    - Some board flexibility
    - Significant share ownership (or affiliation with a significant shareholder) is not a bar to compensation committee service

# Compensation Committees – The Year in Review

## Consultants and Advisors

- Compensation Committee must:
  - Have authority to retain or obtain the advice of a compensation consultant, independent legal counsel or other adviser
  - Be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of advisers
  - Before *selecting* compensation advisers - committees must take into consideration 6 factors
  - Still free to obtain advice from a non-independent advisor
  - Consider role of company's regular outside counsel

# Compensation Committees – The Year in Review

## Added New Company Process

- Provide funding for advisors
- Revise D&O Questionnaires
- Collect letters from advisors (including law firms)
- Amend charters and governance guidelines
- Submit 1-Time Nasdaq Electronic Certification
  - Due 30 days after annual meeting (or by October 31, 2014, if earlier)
  - No NYSE Certification

# What's Next on the Regulatory Landscape? A Look Ahead

- Timing Still Not Clear - October?
- Pay for performance disclosure proposal
- Internal pay equity ratios final rules
- 2015 information in 2016 proxy statement
- All employees included
- Flexible approach – choices in methodology?
- Statistical sampling allowed
- Hedging policies (consider ISS views)
- Clawback rules; in absence of rules, more companies adopting in light of shareholder pressure and ISS views
- Polarized commissioners

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# *The Wall Street Journal* / Hay Group 2013 CEO Compensation Study

June 12, 2014

Presented by Irv Becker

## On the way up

Pay levels increase as  
companies brace for pay  
volatility





# Agenda

## Presentation overview

- 1 Overview of findings**
  - What did another year mean for CEO pay in 2013?
- 2 Paying for performance**
  - Was there a strong relationship between CEO pay and company performance in 2013?
- 3 Examples of changing programs**
  - What interesting program or disclosure changes did companies implement in 2013?
- 4 What's next?**
  - What will be 2013's lasting impact on executive pay in the United States? What will we see in 2014?

# 01

Overview of findings

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## About this study

- Hay Group's seventh year partnering with *The Wall Street Journal* on the study
- 300 U.S. public companies:
  - Median FY 2013 revenues of \$17.4 billion
- Proxy filings between May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014
- CEO pay for FY 2013

**Full database can be found at [wsj.com/execpay](http://wsj.com/execpay)**

# Overview of findings

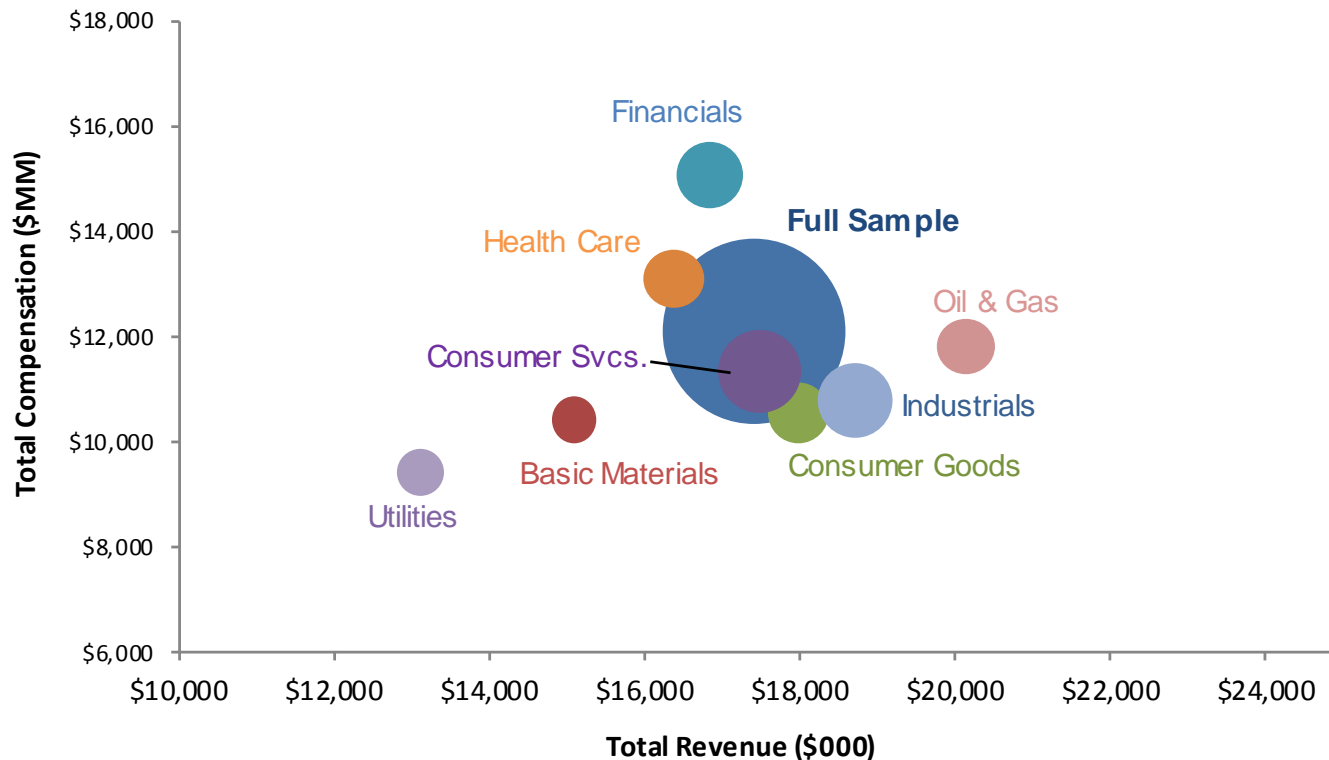
## Components of compensation in the study

Compensation Components	
	<b>Base Salary</b>
+	Annual Incentives
=	<b>Total Cash Compensation</b>
+	Long-Term Incentives
=	<b>Total Direct Compensation</b>
+	Other Compensation + Change in Pension Value + Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings
=	<b>Total Compensation</b>

# Overview of findings

## Snapshot – CEO pay & revenue by industry

- Our sample shows that larger company CEOs generally make more than that of smaller companies



# Overview of findings

## Headlines

- Companies have a **record year for their shareholders**, despite solid but unspectacular growth
  - Shareholders had a huge year with a one-year total shareholder return (TSR) of nearly 34%, on top of a 2012 where TSR was a strong 16%
  - Net income growth was solid at +8% year-over-year, but the increased profitability resulted more from greater productivity and efficiency, and less from top-line growth
- Higher bonuses drive strong **increases in total compensation** levels
  - Strong performance drove total pay increases of 5.5%, driven by healthy bonus increases of 4% - the first time since 2010 that bonuses increased at that level
- **Realized pay** remains strong
  - Buoyed by exceptionally strong stock price growth, CEOs once again realized significant value from option exercises and equity vesting
- **Perquisite eliminations** continue
  - After a big year for perk eliminations in 2012, companies continued to cut back in 2013, albeit at a slower pace

# Overview of findings

## Headlines (cont'd)

- **Long-term performance plans continue to increase** in both prevalence and emphasis, setting the stage for greater **long-term volatility**
  - As the single heaviest element in the CEO pay package, performance plans also maintain the most leverage, leading to more volatile long-term payout outcomes
- **Analysis of the alignment in long-term pay and performance** demonstrates this volatility, as the pay spread between top and bottom performers is substantial
  - In annual pay and performance, very little pay distance separates the top and bottom performers
  - However, over the long-term, the gap in realized pay between top and bottom performers is very wide, demonstrating the increasing volatility inherent in today's LTI portfolio

# Overview of findings

## U.S. company performance in 2013

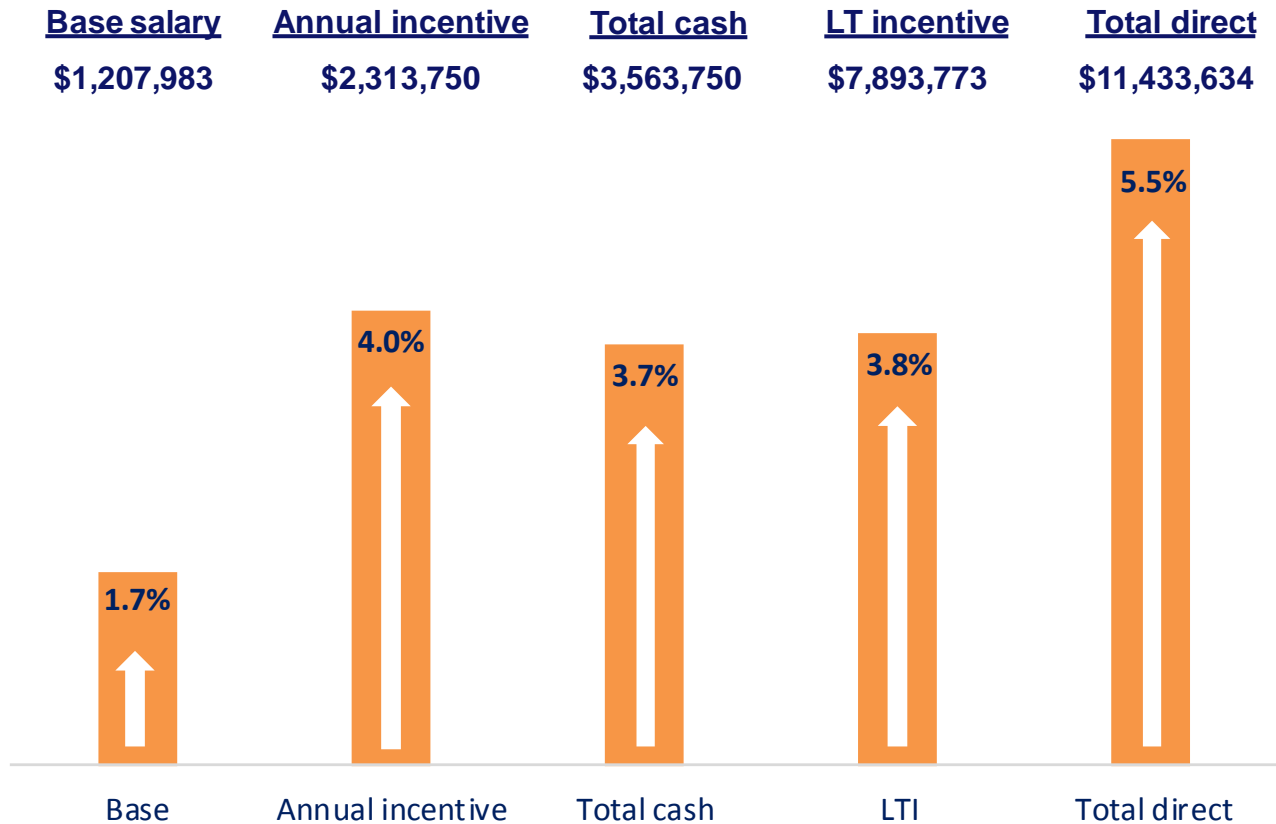
- *The story of 2013 was about **shareholder performance**, despite modest financial performance*
  - Shareholders had a remarkable year, with companies in our sample achieving a median TSR of nearly 34%
- However, that performance seemed to result **more from optimism** about the future **than from actual financial performance** – as companies had solid but unspectacular gains in net income
  - In most years, a median net income increase of 8% will not yield the type of stock price performance most companies achieved
- That improved profitability resulted more from **increased efficiency** rather than from growth
  - GDP growth and inflation in the US were fairly modest, as was wage growth
  - Many companies that had issued debt at historically-low interest rates and had made capital investments in their core businesses began to reap some of the benefits in improved operating efficiency, managing to 'do more with less'



# Overview of findings

## Median CEO compensation increases and values

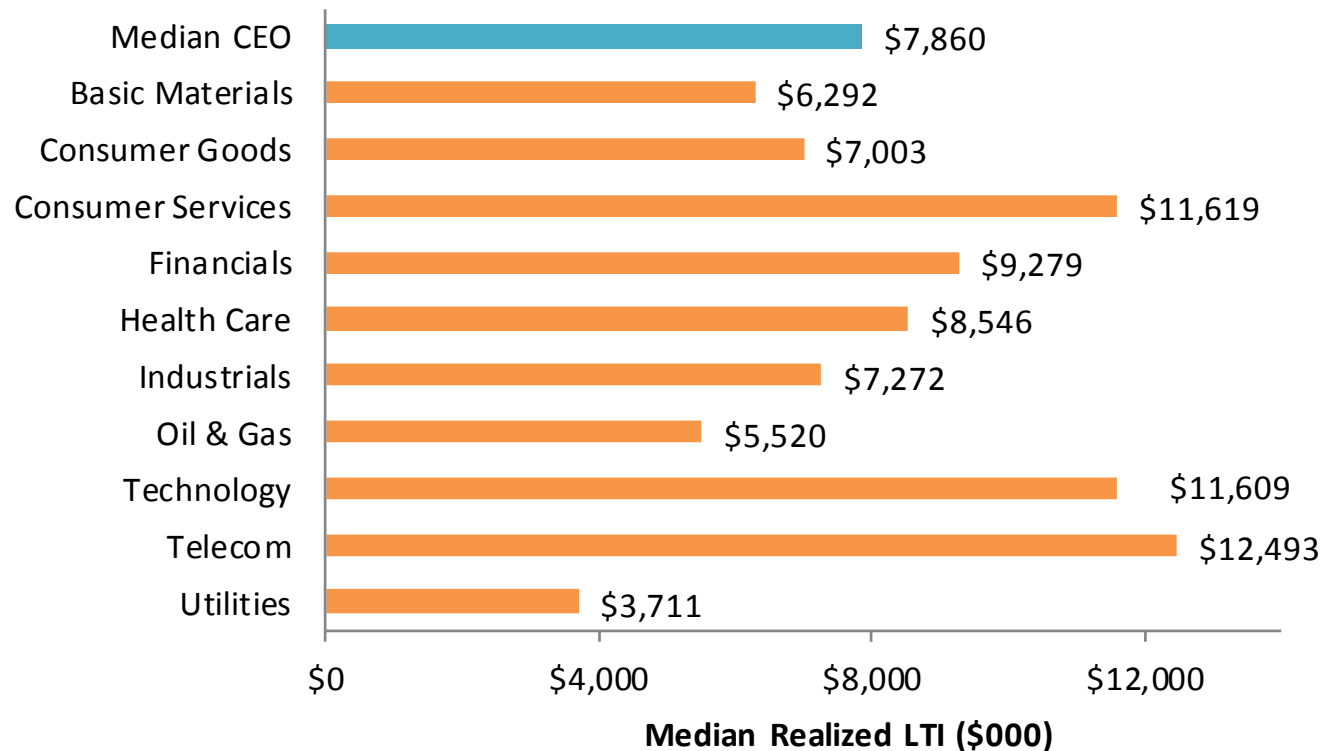
- As a result of performance, bigger bonuses drove meaningful increases in total direct compensation, which **increased 5.5%** over 2012 pay levels



# Overview of findings

## Realized long-term incentive income by industry

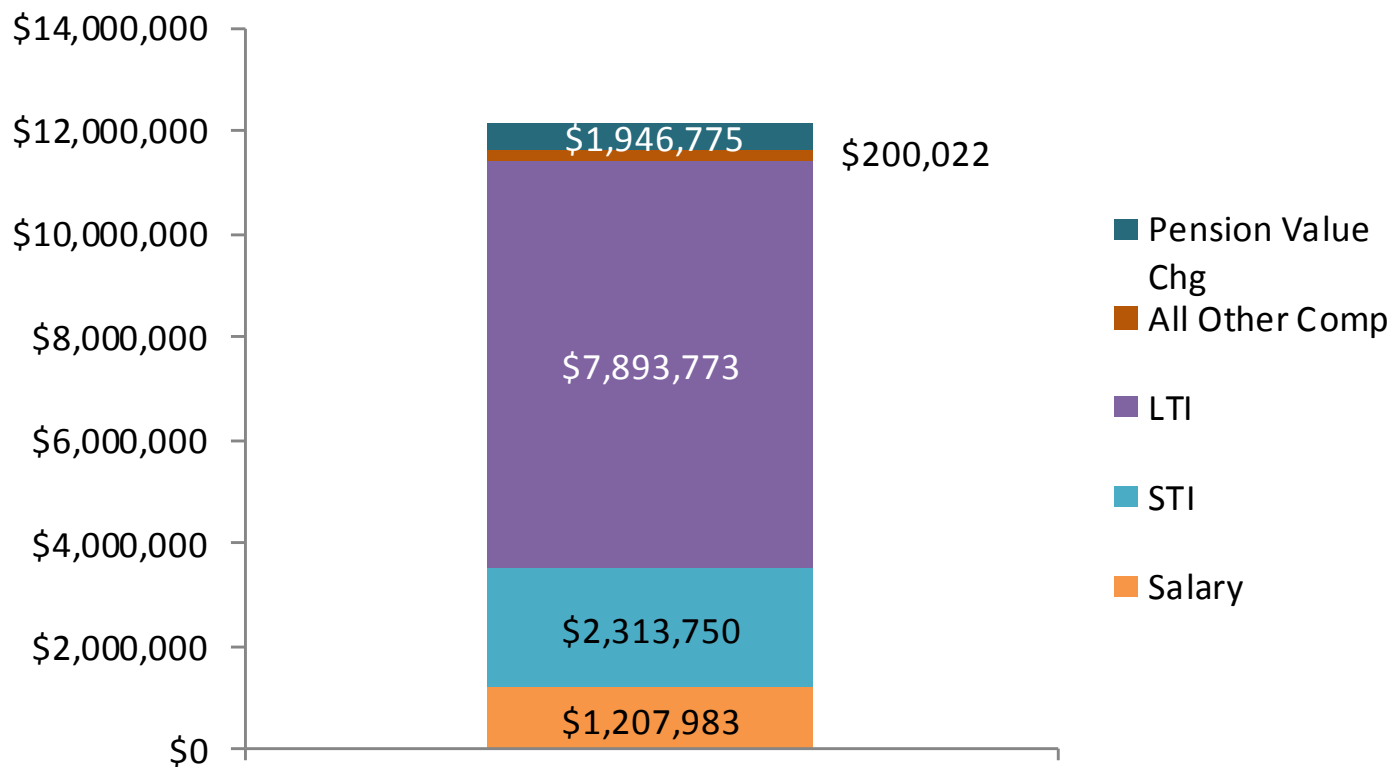
- **Realized ('take home') LTI values remained high**, staying nearly flat at \$7.9 million, after two consecutive years of over 30% increases



# Overview of findings

## Snapshot – median CEO total compensation

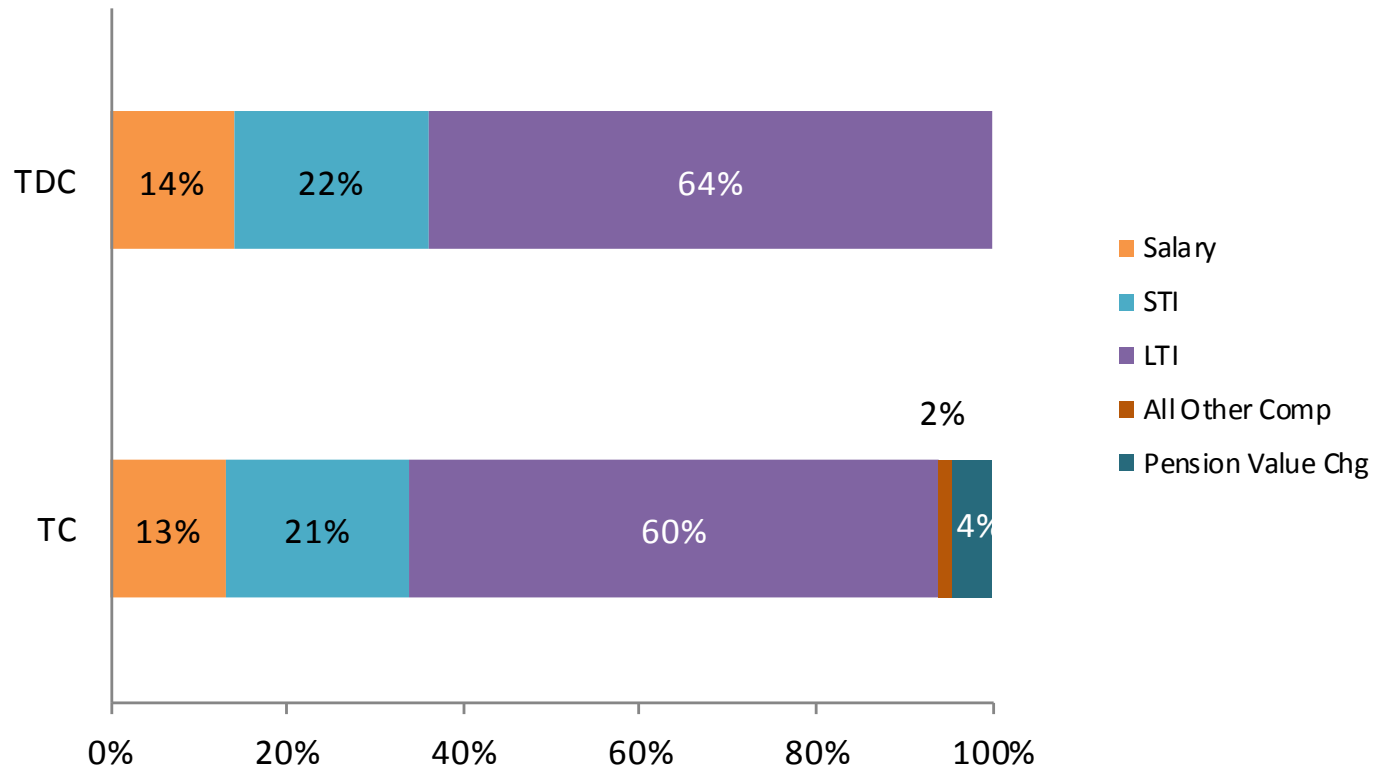
- Total compensation comes in at \$12.1 million



# Overview of findings

## Mix of elements – median CEO

- In the US, **long-term incentives always maintain the heaviest emphasis** within CEO pay – which is very different from the practices in other parts of the world

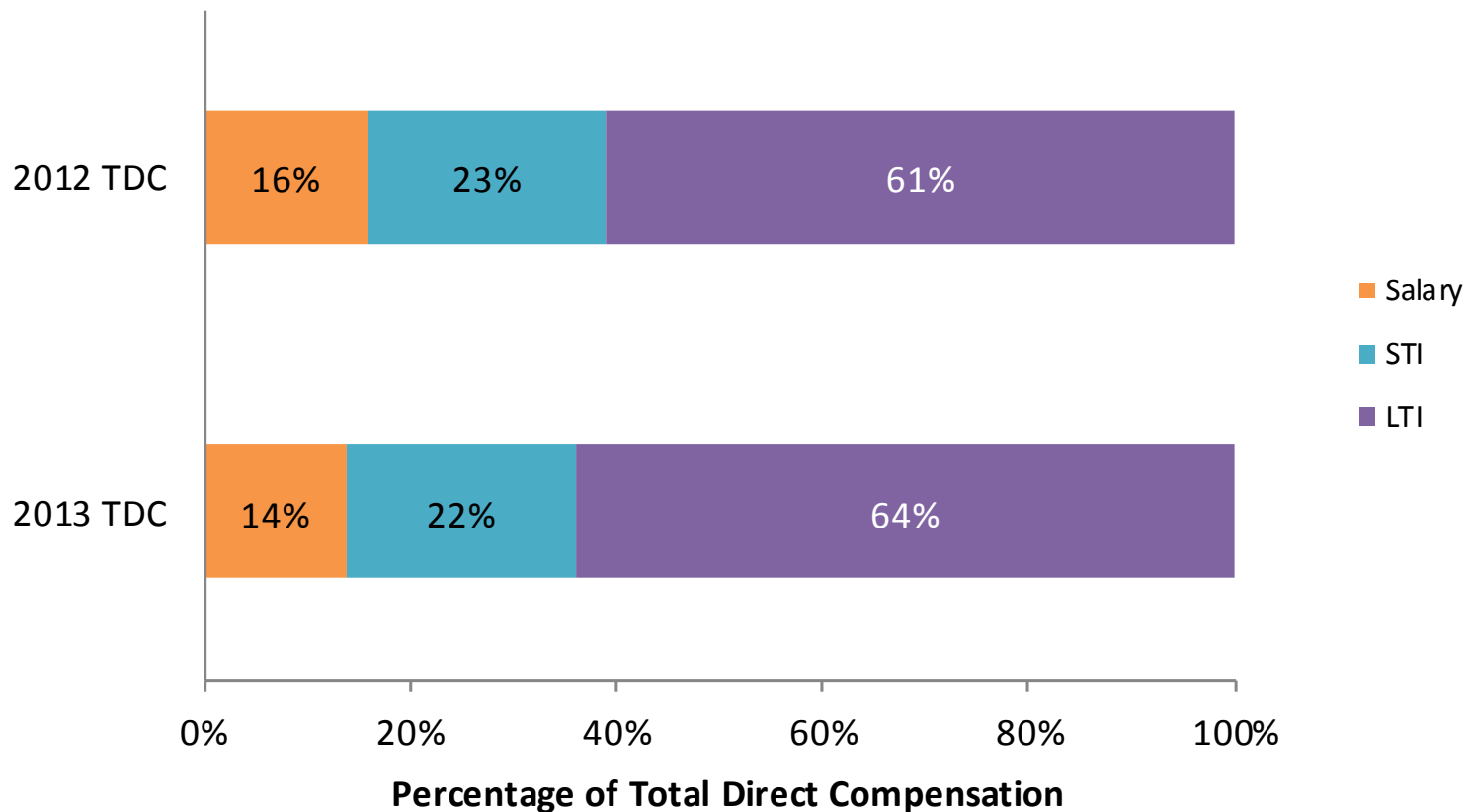


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# Overview of findings

Change in CEO pay mix - 2012 vs. 2013

- **Pay mix shifted slightly** toward long-term incentive pay year-over-year

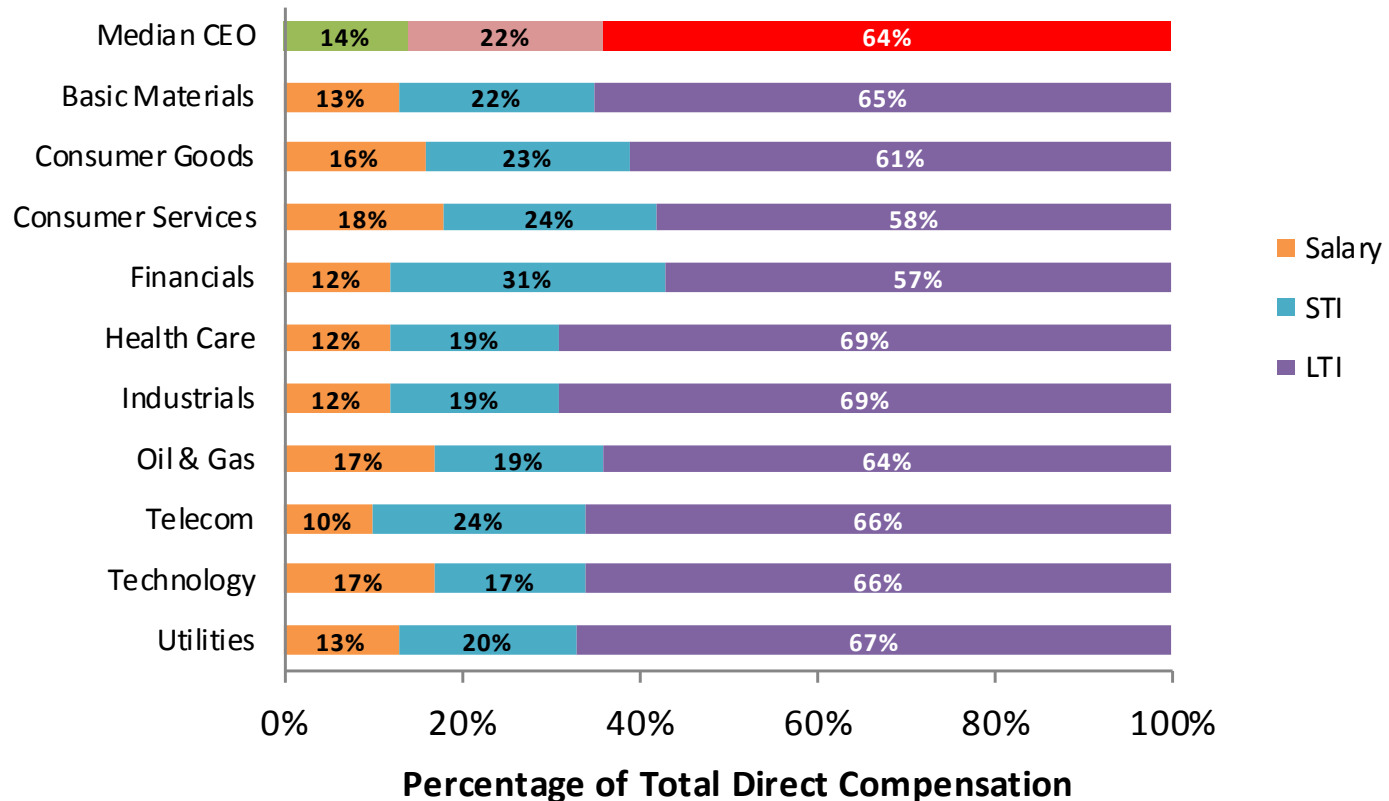


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# Overview of findings

Mix of elements – industry CEOs (total direct compensation)

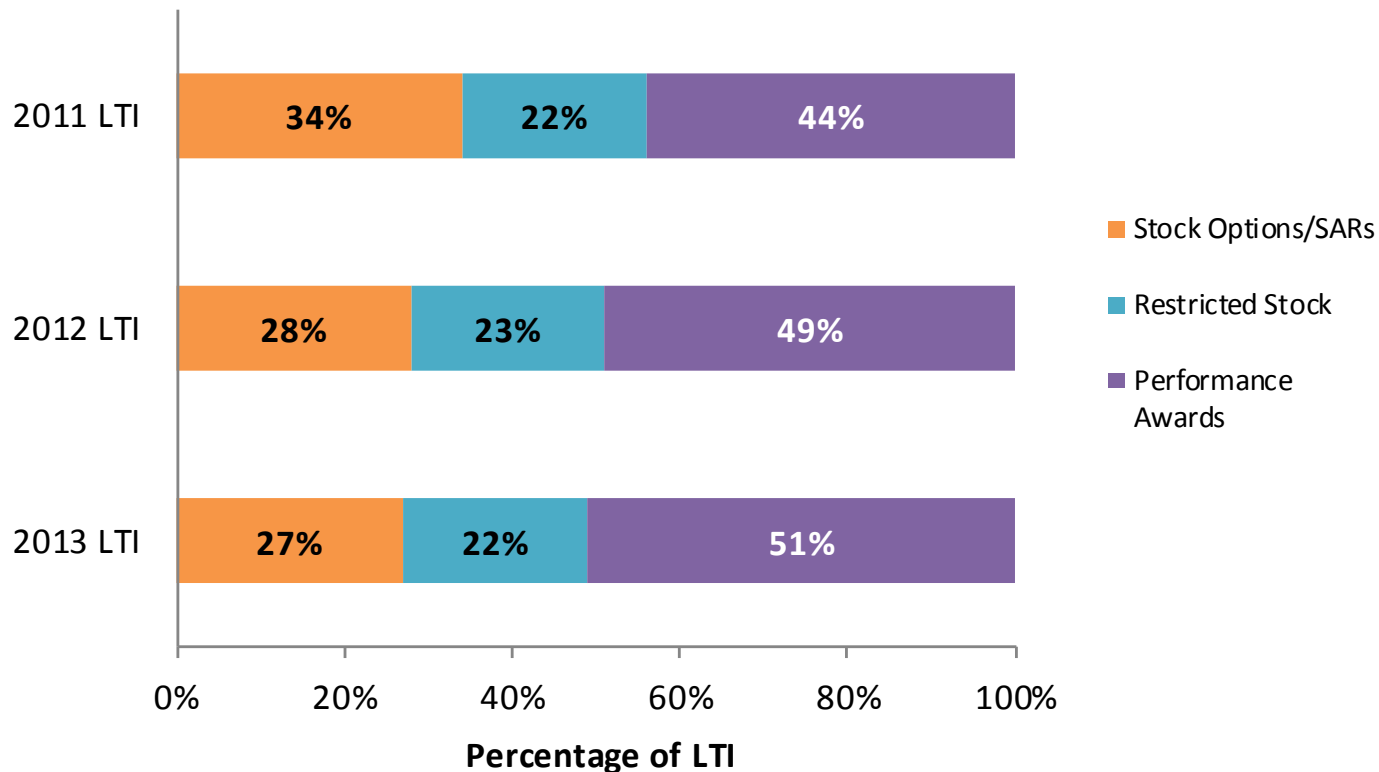
- All sectors **emphasize long-term incentives**, with minor differences in overall mix. Sectors with longer time-horizons tend to weight LTI more heavily than others



# Overview of findings

## Change in CEO long-term incentive mix - 2012 vs. 2013

- For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, the emphasis on **performance awards increased** to their highest levels ever, as **emphasis on stock options has declined** over time

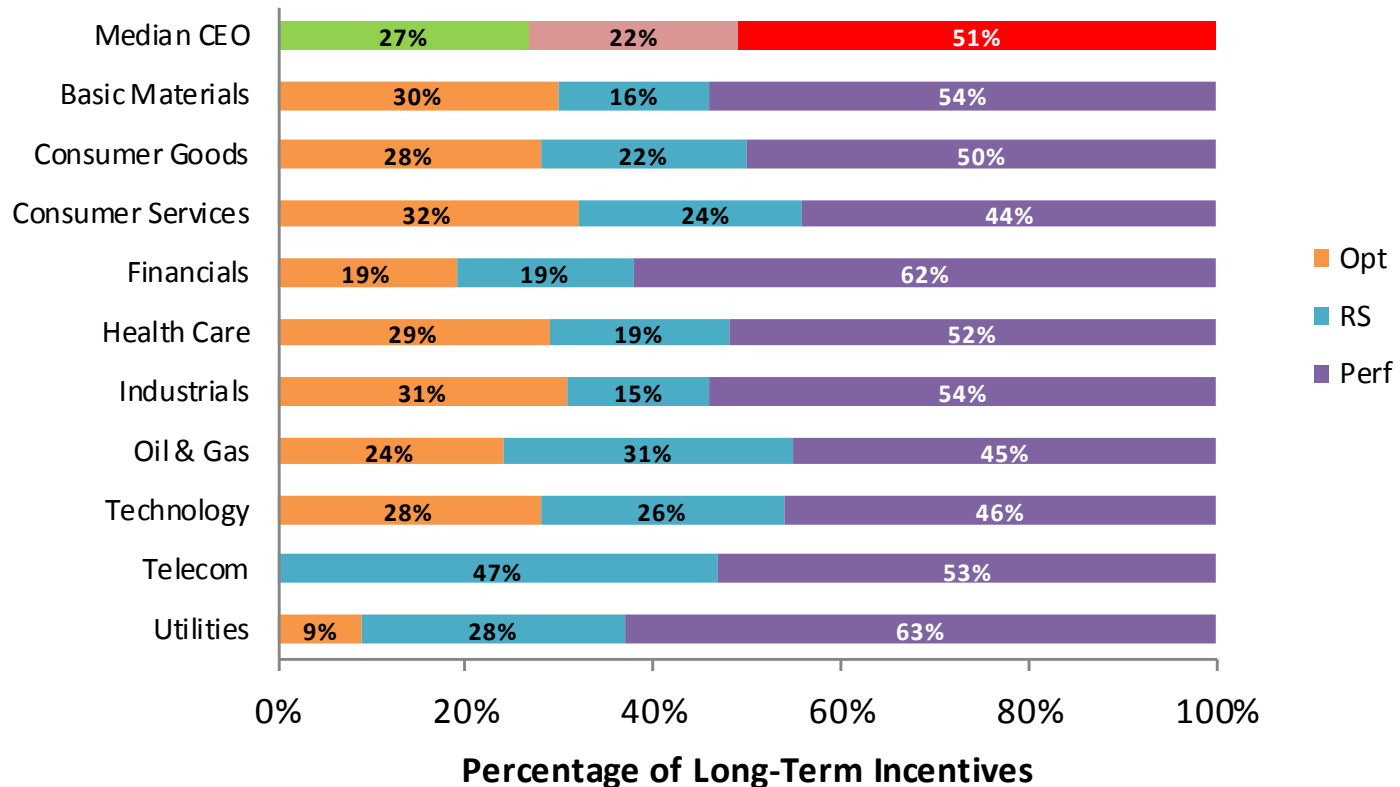


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# Overview of findings

## Mix of long-term elements – industry CEOs

- For the second time ever in our study, **every sector emphasized performance plans** over any other vehicle

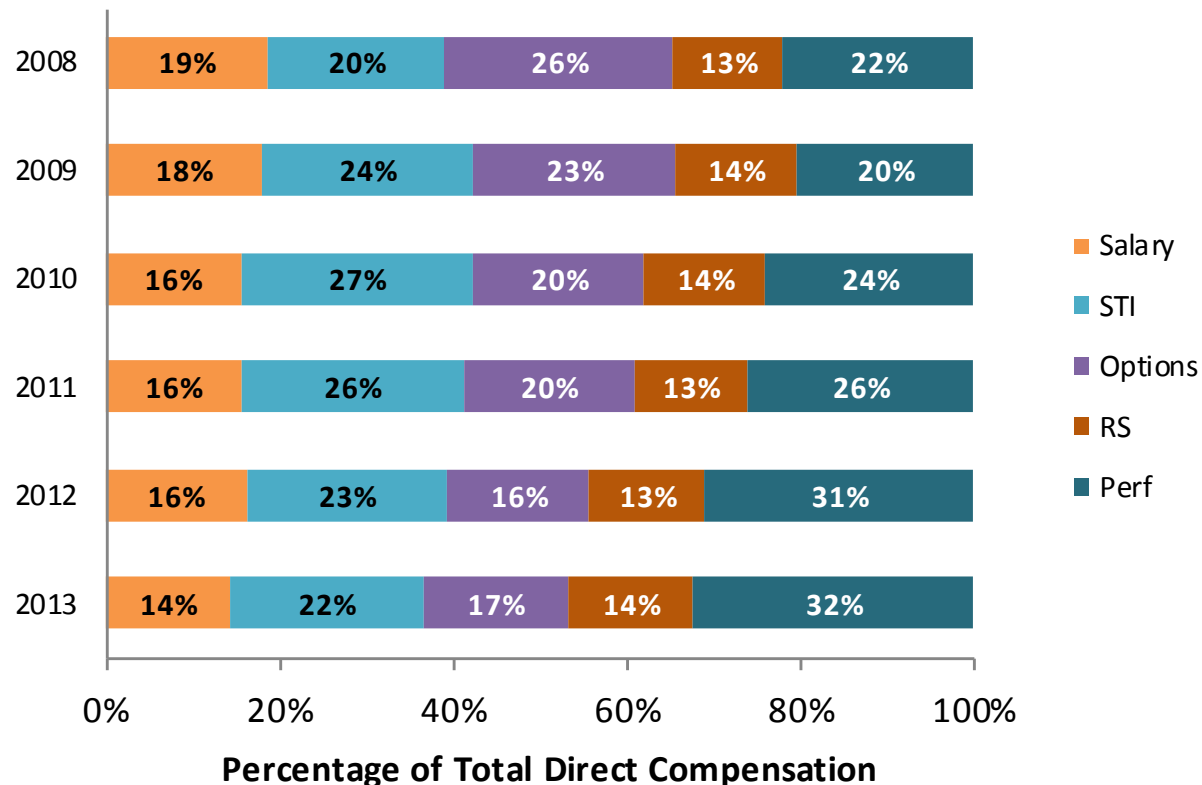




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Historical view: total direct compensation mix

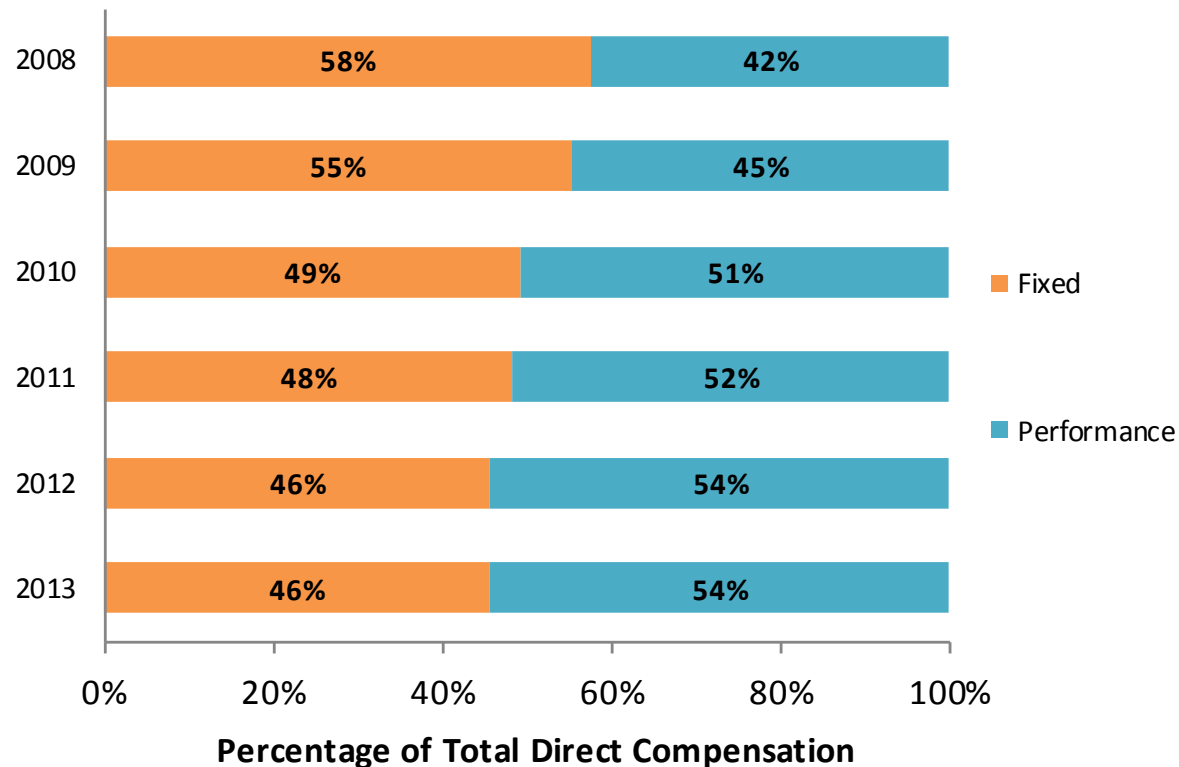
- Over the last six years, **emphasis on performance awards has gradually increased**, while emphasis on base salary and stock options has declined



# Overview of findings

Historical view: 'fixed' vs. performance pay

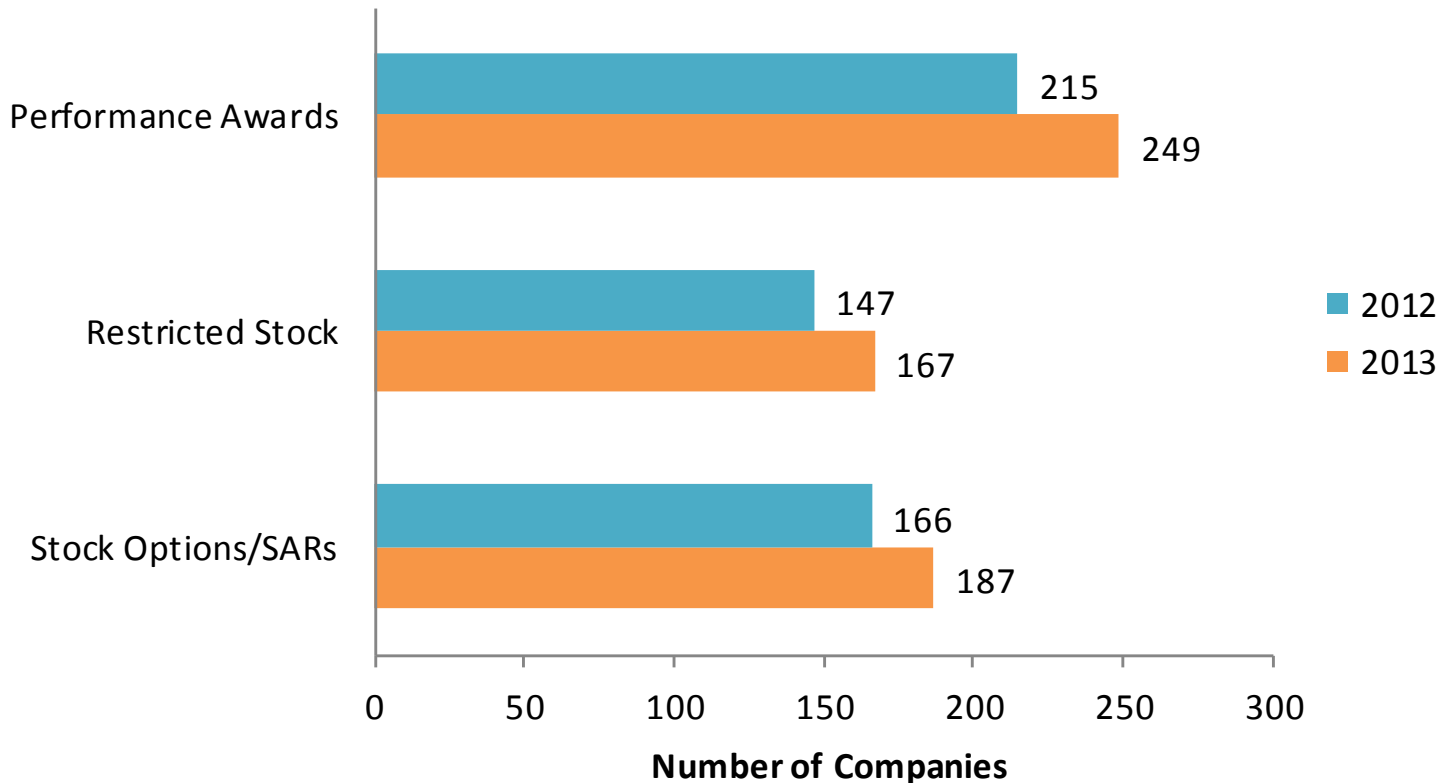
- Over time, the balance has **shifted from 'fixed'** or 'time-vested' (base + options + restricted stock) **to the performance-oriented** (annual incentive plans + performance-vested LTI), but has stabilized in the past two years



# Overview of findings

## Change in CEO long-term incentive prevalence – all incumbents

- Performance awards continue to reign as the most widely-used vehicle, with the biggest jump in usage. However, **every vehicle increased in prevalence**

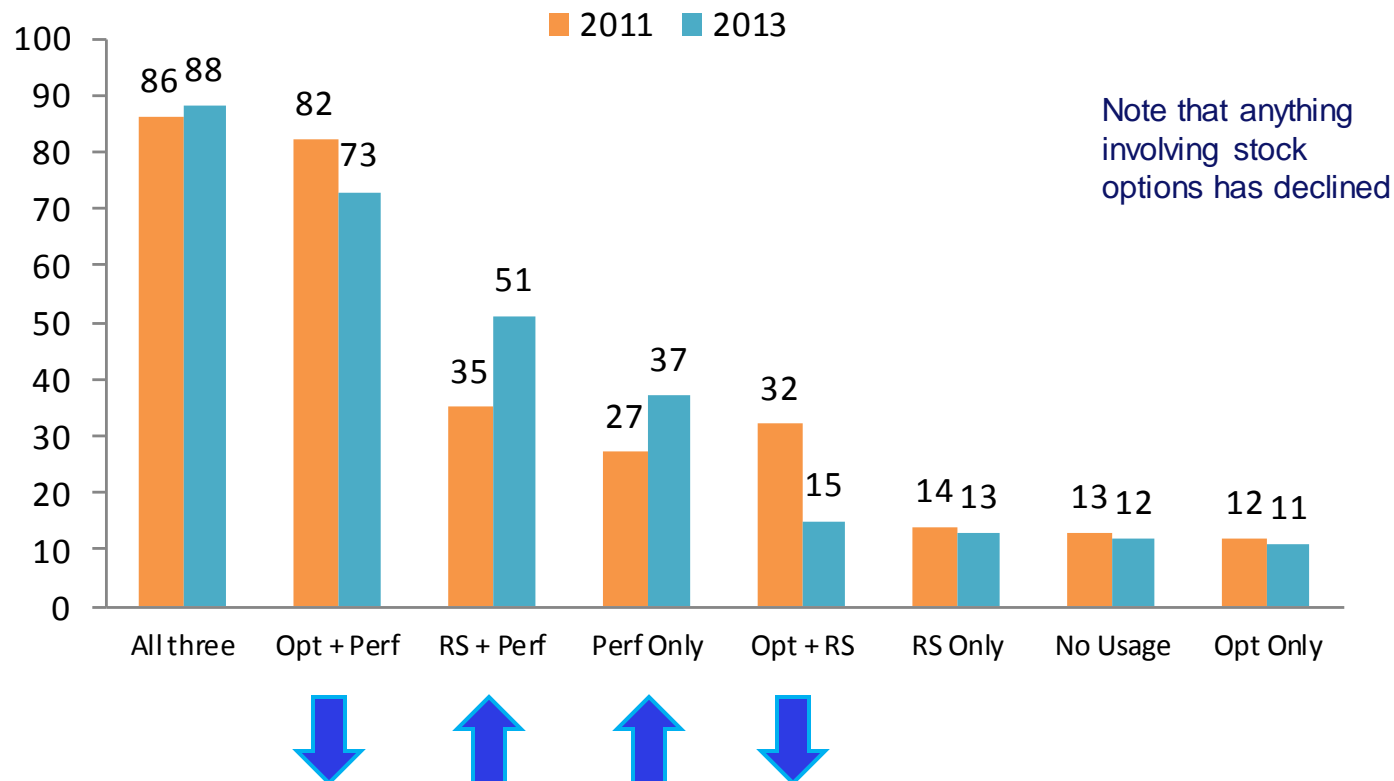


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## Use of LTI portfolios

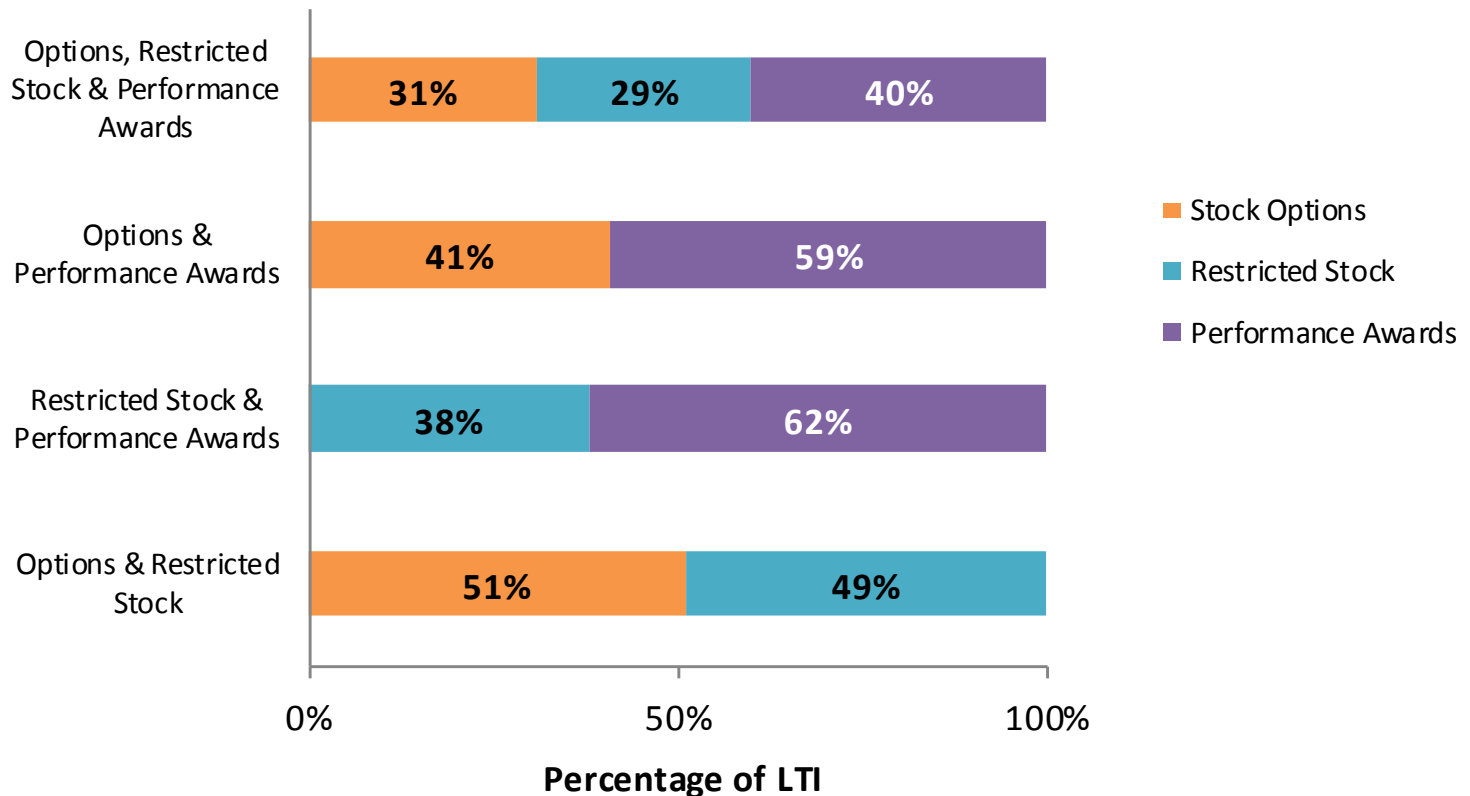
- The most widely-used 'portfolio' includes use of **all three LTI vehicles**, with 79% using more than one vehicle. Over a two-year period, the biggest increase has been seen in **RS + performance awards**, while the biggest drop has been in RS + options



# Overview of findings

## CEO LTI portfolio mix

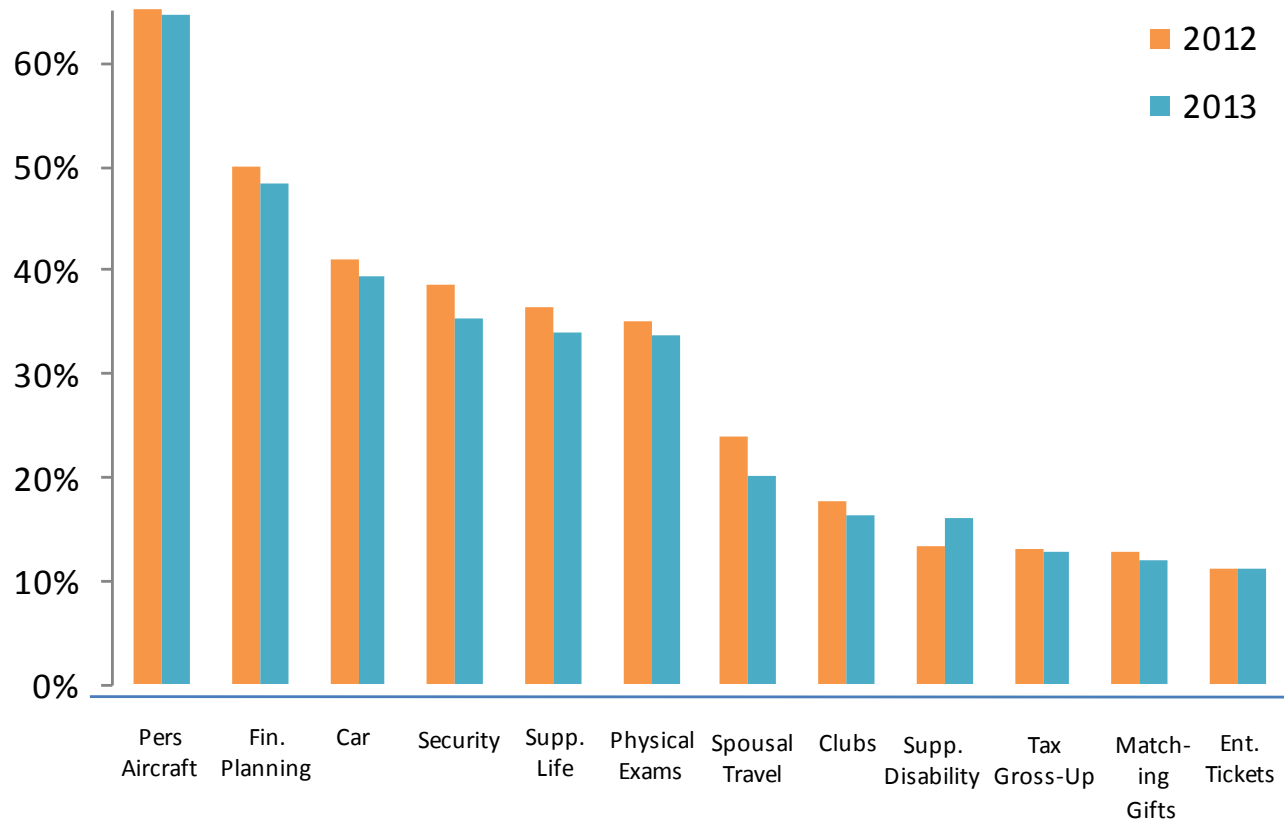
- Companies taking a 'portfolio' approach **emphasize performance plans** over the other vehicles, while restricted stock has the least emphasis within the portfolio



# Overview of findings

## Perquisites – 2012-2013

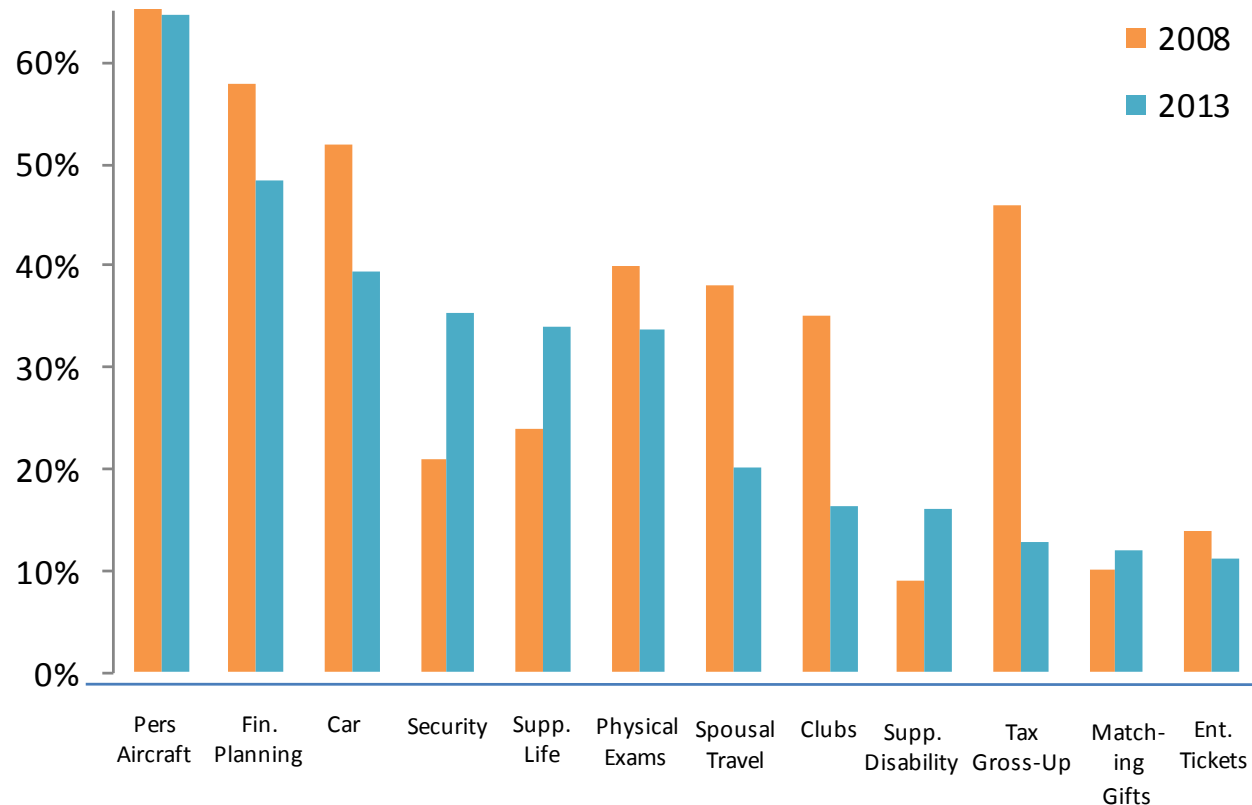
- **Nearly every perk in our study declined** year over year. The biggest drop was seen in spousal travel, while only personal aircraft use remained in over half of companies



# Overview of findings

## Perquisites – 2008-2013

- Looking over a 5-year period shows **just how far perquisites have fallen**. **Tax gross-ups, clubs, and spousal travel** have declined the most substantially, while personal security and supplemental life insurance have actually increased



# Overview of findings

## Top 10 – 2012 vs. 2013

- Four CEOs appeared in the top 10 in both 2012 and 2013 – all of whom run media companies that now routinely sit at the top of the list in pay levels. Their pay positioning is in large part due to their **size, scale, operating complexity** and **talent profile** in the sector

2012			2013		
Company	Executive	TDC	Company	Executive	TDC
Oracle Corporation	Lawrence J. Ellison	\$ 94,612,064	Oracle Corporation	Lawrence J. Ellison	\$76,893,601
CBS Corporation	Leslie Moonves	\$ 58,843,449	CBS Corporation	Leslie Moonves	\$65,358,418
Walt Disney	Robert A. Iger	\$ 36,302,508	Liberty Global	Michael T. Fries	\$45,530,779
Nike	Mark G. Parker	\$ 33,904,138	Freeport McMoRan	Richard C. Adkerson	\$38,940,000
Viacom Inc.	Philippe P. Dauman	\$ 33,126,741	Viacom Inc.	Philippe P. Dauman	\$36,778,696
eBay	John J. Donahoe	\$ 29,459,756	Walt Disney	Robert A. Iger	\$33,352,517
Meditronic*	Omar Ishrak	\$ 27,746,065	Time Warner Inc.	Jeffrey L. Bewkes	\$32,374,826
Exxon Mobil	Rex W. Tillerson	\$ 26,781,875	Aetna Inc.	Mark T. Bertolini	\$31,159,968
DaVita HC Partners	Kent J. Thiry	\$ 26,300,394	Estee Lauder	Fabrizio Freda	\$30,941,917
Starbucks	Alan Schulz	\$ 26,289,044	General Electric Company	Jeffrey R. Immelt	\$28,243,858

\* - New CEO

**Median** \$31,293,249  
**Average** \$39,336,603

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**Median** \$35,065,607  
**Average** \$41,957,458



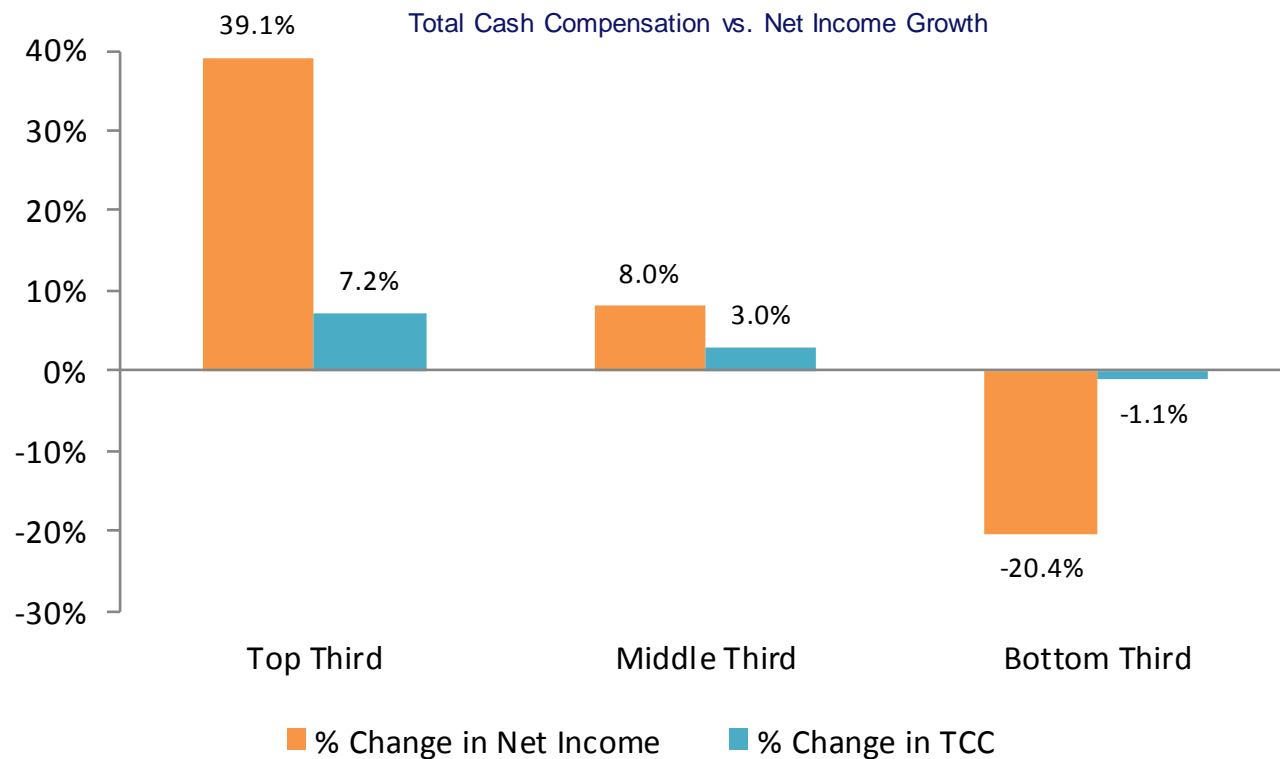
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Paying for performance

# Paying for performance

Change in CEO total cash compensation (TCC) vs. change in net income

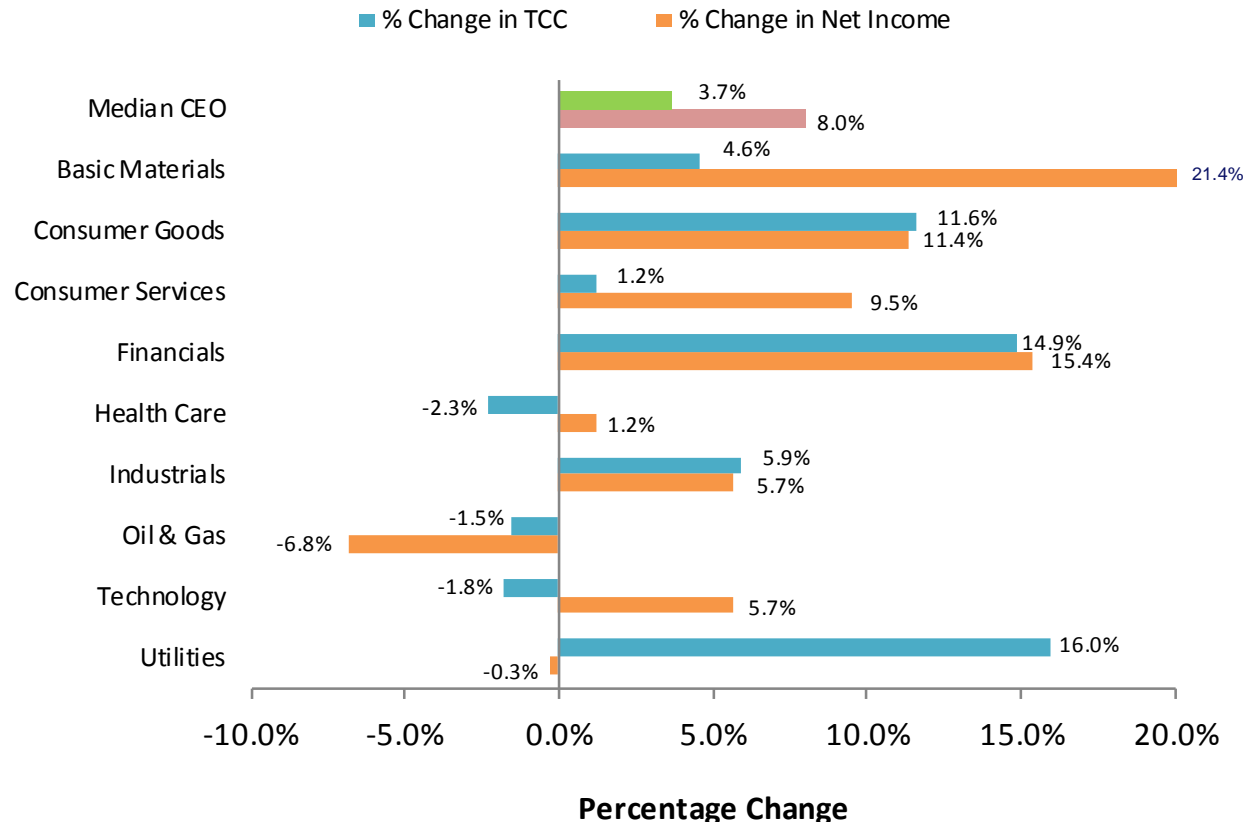
- The top third of performers saw strong increases (+7.2%), middle third saw modest increases (+3.0%), but **bottom third companies saw only modest declines (-1.1%)** despite big differences in profitability



# Paying for performance

Change in CEO total cash compensation (TCC) vs. change in net income - by industry

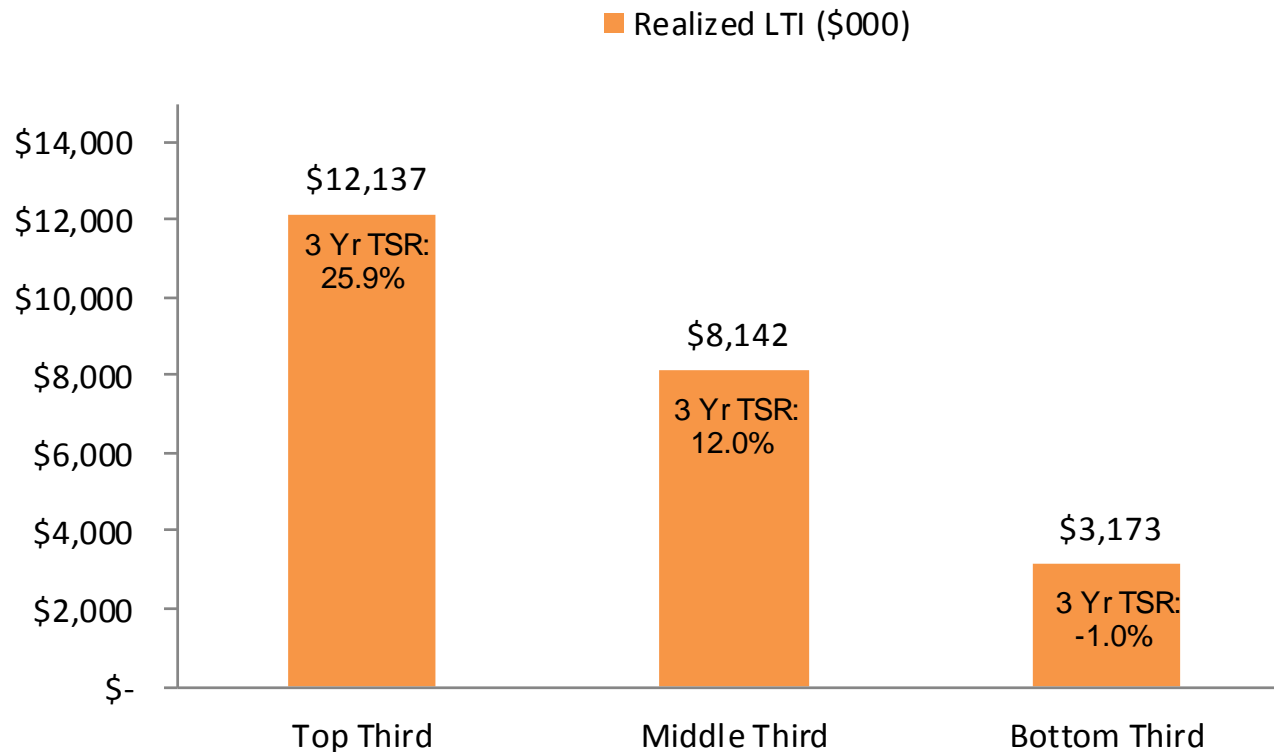
- **Utilities** showed the largest increase in cash despite a slight drop in profitability, while **financials** performed well and saw its largest increases since the financial crisis



# Paying for performance

Realized CEO long-term incentive income vs. 2010-2013 annualized total shareholder return

- Looking at long-term performance, however, we saw **strong alignment** between long-term TSR performance and realized LTI in 2013



Realized LTI: option gains, value of vested restricted stock and performance shares/equity, and other LTIP payouts

# 03

Examples of changing programs

# Examples of changing programs

Companies continue to respond to shareholders

- In 2013, many companies shifted their pay programs to make them **more attractive to shareholders**
- Even companies with say-on-pay support above the 70% threshold (deemed as “acceptable” by shareholder advisory firms) made changes to their programs
  - These companies often dedicated a separate section of their proxy to outlining the feedback received by shareholders as well as the resulting changes made to compensation programs
- The most common types of changes seen in 2013 involved three issues:
  - Removing **redundant metrics** in the STI or LTI programs
  - **Lengthening LTI** performance periods
  - Adding **relative measures** of performance

# Examples of changing programs

Changes in companies with say-on-pay outcomes below 90%

Company	Say on pay '13	Change	Referenced Responsiveness to Shareholders
Unum	76%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established new performance goals (<b>absolute ROE and EPS, relative TSR</b>) for the long-term plan to <b>reduce the overlap</b> with the performance goals in the annual incentive plan</li> </ul>	X
Phillips 66	82%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Removed TSR</b> as a metric <b>from the STI</b> and maintained it as a metric in the LTI</li> </ul>	
Hartford	84%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved the <b>ROE metric from their STIP to their LTIP</b> so they wouldn't be paying twice for the same metric</li> </ul>	X
Aetna	88%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lengthened vesting period</b> and modified the performance period for MSUs and PSUs (from 2-year period to a 3-year period)</li> </ul>	X
Merck	89%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved from a long-term plan with 3 separate 1-year cycles to a single grant with <b>one 3-year cycle</b>. Also, <b>added a relative TSR measure</b></li> </ul>	X

- All of these companies except Phillips 66 **dedicated a section in their proxy statement** to shareholder feedback and how the changes the company made were responsive to them

# Examples of changing programs

Changes in companies with say-on-pay outcomes > 95%

Company	Say on pay '13	Change	Referenced Responsiveness to Shareholders
Marsh McLennan	95%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added a <b>relative EPS metric to STI</b> program.</li> </ul>	
Schlumberger	96%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduced <b>relative annual performance metrics (revenue and margin growth)</b></li> </ul>	
Allstate	96%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Added TSR</b> metric to LTI plan</li> </ul>	X
Staples	98%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted that they introduced a <b>relative TSR modifier to their LTI program</b> such that awards earned may be increased or decreased by 25% based on the company's cumulative TSR relative to the S&amp;P 500</li> </ul>	X

- Allstate and Staples **dedicated a section in their proxy statement** to shareholder feedback and how the changes the company made were responsive to them



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What's next?

# What's next?

Looking back at 2013/2014

- Say on pay continues to drive companies to make their pay programs more **attractive to shareholders**
  - Design of pay continued to get friendlier
- **Outreach** continued to gain momentum – and not just with shareholders
  - Significantly more proactive engagement of shareholders in 2013, moving to the rule from the exception
  - More meeting / discussing with ISS, who has shown a willingness to meet and discuss
- Proxy disclosures move to greater **emphasis on summaries**
  - While 'executive summaries' are already prevalent, many companies began adding 'compensation checklists' and summaries of the entire proxy
- Compensation committees increasingly becoming more involved in **CEO succession** and **managing CEO performance**
  - Both considered to be 'the Board's most important job'

# What's next?

## ISS

- **ISS continues to be the dominant proxy advisory firm**, with the majority of large institutional shareholders following them
- The perception is that ISS has become **more flexible** and has **'improved'** its approach
  - Referencing the company's peer group selection in their own peer group development process
  - Longer-term view of pay and performance
  - More of a 'customer service' orientation – hey, they have to make money too – demonstrated through a greater willingness to meet and discuss situations
- Biggest pay-related change for 2014 was a change in the measurement period for the **Relative Degree of Alignment** test in its Pay-for-Performance assessment, which shifted from looking at both 1 and 3 year TSR & pay to using **exclusively 3 years**
- In 2014, most companies who have failed ISS' P4P test **have gone on to receive FOR vote** recommendations from ISS – likely due to the positive year most shareholders had
- ISS also had an **ownership change** earlier this year, and the jury is still out on the impact this is likely to have
  - But it's a safe bet that ISS' ownership will be looking for growth from the company – so stay tuned

# What's next?

## Regulatory change in 2013

- **Slow year** for Dodd-Frank and other regulatory changes
- In the beginning of 2013, SEC approved changes in the NYSE and NASDAQ corporate governance listing standards related to compensation committee member and compensation consultant **independence**
- From a Dodd-Frank perspective, the only movement was the SEC's proposed rules in September on the **CEO pay ratio**, which were fairly broad and left companies with flexibility in defining and executing it
  - Beyond that, companies were (and are still) waiting for guidance on other rulemaking on elements like **clawbacks**, **hedging policies** and the disclosure of how **financial performance is considered in setting executive pay**

# What's next?

## Other things to expect for 2014

- **TSR** in annual incentive plans?
  - Saw more companies consider this for 2013, either as a measure or modifier. Will it take off?
- More use of **non-financial measurement** within incentive plans
  - Despite convergence around TSR, there is also momentum around this topic in boardrooms – using the incentives to focus on strategy execution and not just financial outcomes, even in performance-vested LTI plans
- More convergence around **realized / realizable pay** definitions
  - The trend towards these alternative disclosures continued to grow, and we expect companies to narrow the range of what and how they disclose as 'best practices' emerge
  - The open issues are: realized vs. realizable; how to value options (and as of what date); how to treat performance-vested plans; time horizons for 'counting' pay, and the like
  - Realized pay disclosures continue to be the prevalent mechanism, but realizable pay disclosures are growing at a faster rate
- Continue to watch for the **changing role of the board**
  - Pace is accelerating around alignment between executive pay to other board accountabilities (succession, leadership development, performance management, business strategy)

# What's next?

## Staying ahead of say-on-pay

- We've been saying it each of the last few years – **don't get too comfortable**
- The poor TSR year has not yet happened in the era of mandatory say-on-pay, and the **true test of pay programs** will be in the year where shareholders 'lose'
  - We really don't know yet just how much say-on-pay can 'hurt'
  - Today, most companies pass their votes at an over 90% clip. What will it look like in a widespread poor year
- Because of that – and because say-on-pay often has little to do with pay and much more to do with performance – the best course for companies continues to be **structuring their pay programs to suit their business direction** and how they will make money – and rationalizing that in the disclosure
  - That will include discussion elements like
    - The balance between 'performance' and 'retention' in program design
    - Focusing on strategy execution rather than just the financial outcomes
    - Aligning pay volatility with the volatility in the company's business outcomes

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