

# Corporate Governance Report 2022

SEK is a Swedish credit market institution, with its seat in Stockholm, Sweden. SEK is wholly owned by the Swedish state and during 2022 under the administration of the Swedish Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation.

The government considers SEK a key actor in the state's promotion of the Swedish export industry and in the realization of the government's export strategy.

Corporate governance at SEK is based on Swedish law and the applicable Swedish and international regulations, including the international guidelines adopted by SEK.

The owner's governance of SEK is executed through the state's ownership policy for state-owned companies 2020, owner instruction, the Swedish Corporate Governance Code (the "Code") and, as for all Swedish limited companies, through the Swedish Companies Act (*aktiebolagslagen (2005:551)*) its Articles of Association, general meeting of shareholders, its Board and its CEO. In addition to its effort to operate responsibly, SEK complies with international sustainability guidelines.

## The state's ownership policy and guidelines for companies with state ownership

On February 27, 2020, the Swedish Government adopted the ownership policy for state-owned companies. In the state's ownership policy, the government details its mission and objectives, the applicable frameworks and its position on key policy issues pertaining to corporate governance at all state-owned companies. The state's ownership policy includes the government's guidelines for external reporting and guidelines for terms of employment for senior executives. Moreover, the state's ownership policy means that the Code shall be applied.

As set out in the state's ownership policy, *inter alia*, as a state-owned company, SEK is to set a positive example for sustainable business. For governance pertaining to sustainability, see Sustainability Note 4.

State-owned companies are subject to more substantial information requirements regarding sustainability reporting and, therefore, are to apply such regulations as the GRI Sustainability Reporting Guidelines or other international frameworks for sustainability reporting.

## The Code

The Code is part of the Swedish government's framework for corporate governance. SEK complies with the Code in line with the owner's guidelines.

**Deviations from the Code.** SEK chooses to deviate from the Code in regard to certain aspects, in accordance with the Code's regulations regarding "comply or explain." The reason for such deviations is that SEK is wholly owned by the state and it is not a publicly listed company with diverse ownership. SEK's corporate governance deviated from the requirements of the Code on the following points in the 2022 fiscal year:

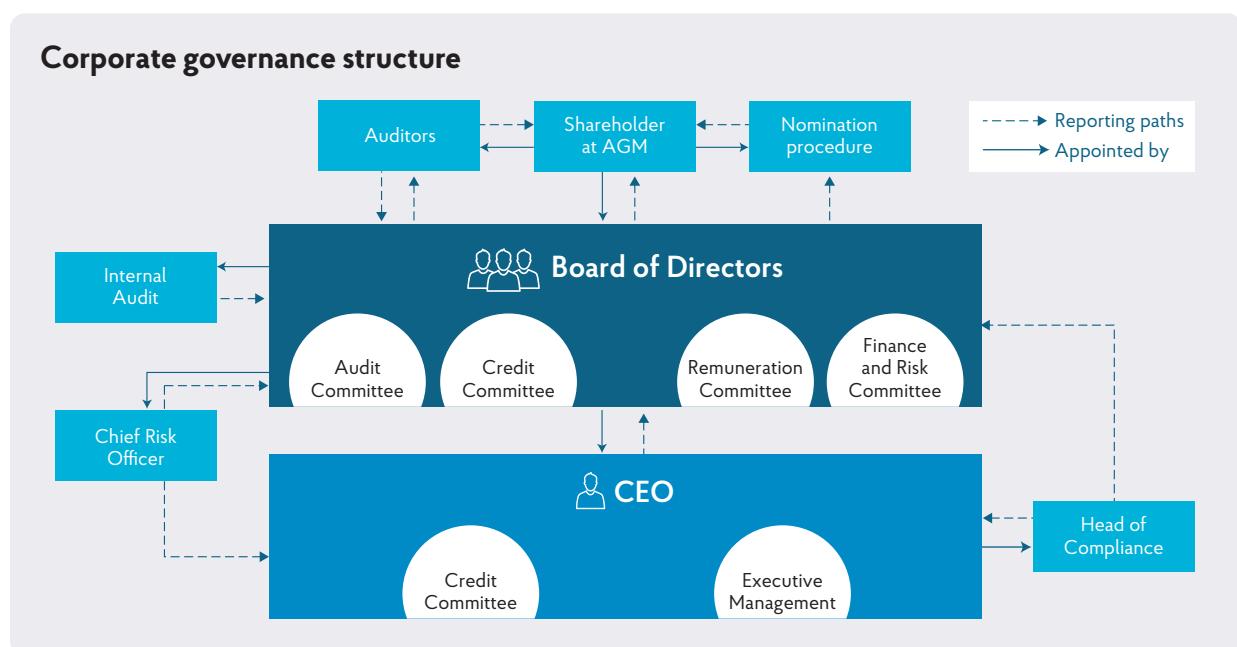
**Nomination Committee.** The nomination process for Directors and auditors adheres to the principles described in the state's ownership policy.

**Chairman of the General Meeting.** The nomination process for the Chairman of the General Meeting adheres to the principles described in the state's ownership policy.

**The Board of Directors' independence from the owner.** In accordance with the state's ownership policy, SEK does not disclose whether the Directors are independent in relation to the owner.

## Owner instruction

SEK decided at the Annual General Meeting on March 24, 2022 to adopt the shareholder's proposal for ownership instructions. The owner instruction states, that within the



framework of the objective in the Articles of Association, SEK is to have a complementary role to the market that entails: (a) conducting lending operations on commercial and sustainable terms with the aim of promoting the Swedish export industry by offering financing solutions, including long-term financing solutions, that directly or indirectly promote Swedish exports. SEK is to act responsibly and to actively comply with and promote compliance with international guidelines pertaining to environmental and climate considerations, anti-corruption, human rights, labor conditions and business ethics. Where relevant when making credit assessments, SEK is to comply with international frameworks, such as the OECD's Common Approaches for Officially Supported Export Credits and Environmental and Social Due Diligence or the Equator Principles, and observe the OECD's Principles and Guidelines to Promote Sustainable Lending in the Provision of Official Export Credits to Low Income Countries.; (b) providing export credits, including officially supported credits (CIRR loans); (c) constituting a tool whereby the government can take separate measures to ensure that such financing can be provided in periods when the market cannot satisfactorily provide financing to the Swedish export industry. This entails SEK ensuring it has the administrative capacity to meet significant increases in demand for financing, if the Swedish government simultaneously secures the necessary capital and/or liquidity.

The owner instruction sets further requirements for the reporting and follow-up of SEK's administration of the CIRR system as it is a specially commissioned public policy assignment by the Swedish parliament to SEK. The benefit to the national economy of the specially commissioned public policy assignment's implementation should be evaluated by: (a) measurement of the added value that SEK creates in terms of export credits (of which CIRRs comprise a part) and (b) the company conducting a stakeholder dialogue.

### **Articles of Association**

SEK's Articles of Association regulate such issues as the operating targets of the company. The Articles of Association does not include any provisions for the appointment or removal of Directors, except for a provision stipulating that the Chairman of the Board is to be appointed by the general meeting of shareholders and the maximum and minimum number of Directors. For amendments to be made to the Articles of Association, the notice of the extraordinary general meeting that will address amendments to the Articles of Association is to be issued not earlier than six weeks and not later than four weeks prior to the meeting. SEK's Articles of Association do not contain any limitations on the number of votes that the shareholder can cast at a general meeting of shareholders.

### **General meeting of shareholders**

#### *Annual General Meeting*

SEK's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on March 24, 2022. External parties were entitled to attend the Meeting. The minutes of the AGM are available at [www.sek.se](http://www.sek.se).

The AGM re-elected the Board members Anna Brandt, Reinhold Geijer, Lennart Jacobsen, Hanna Lagercrantz and Eva Nilsagård. Lars Linder-Aronson was re-elected Chairman of the Board by the Meeting, and resigned in direct connection to the AGM. Lennart Jacobsen was elected as the new Chairman of the Board. Hans Larsson resigned as a Board member of SEK, and Håkan Berg, Paula da Silva and Katarina Ljungqvist were elected as a new Board members.

The AGM adopted the Annual Report 2021 submitted by the Board and the CEO, and discharged the Board and the CEO from liability for the 2021 fiscal year. The AGM also resolved, in line with the Board's proposed appropriation of profits, to pay a dividend of Skr 414 million to the shareholder. The decision was in accordance with SEK's dividend policy. Moreover, and pursuant to the Board's proposal, the AGM resolved on changed guidelines for the remuneration to senior executives. The Board's proposal on guidelines for the remuneration to senior executives corresponds with the government's principles for remuneration and other terms of employment for senior executives in state-owned enterprises according to the ownership policy, see also under Note 5 to the Annual and Sustainability Report.

### **The Board of Directors**

#### *The Board's composition and nomination procedure*

The nomination procedure for Directors complies with the state's ownership policy and is conducted and coordinated by the Division for State-owned companies at the Swedish Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation. In connection with the turn of the year 2022-2023, this responsibility falls within the Ministry of Finance. A working group analyzes the skills requirements based on the composition of the Board as well as the company's operations, status, future challenges and completed Board of Directors training. Any recruitment needs are then established and the recruitment process initiated. The state's ownership policy sets out that the government seeks to achieve an even gender balance and the target is a minimum of 40 percent board representation for both women and men. Boards with six to eight directors elected by the general meeting of shareholders must include at least three persons of each gender. Directors are to be selected from a broad recruitment base with the aim of utilizing the expertise of women and men, as well as of individuals with various backgrounds and experience. Discrimination based on gender, transgender identity or expression, ethnic affiliation, religion or other belief, disability, sexual preference or age is prohibited.

SEK carries out a suitability assessment of Directors and senior executives pursuant to the guidelines issued by the European Banking Authority (EBA). SEK's assessment of potential new Directors is based on the owner having identified the candidate in question according to a job specification. The owner is informed of the outcome following SEK's assessment. When the procedure is complete, the nominations are disclosed publicly in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

The Articles of Association stipulate that the Board is to comprise no less than six and no more than eight Directors. Directors are elected each year at the AGM to serve until the end of the following AGM. The CEO is not a Director. The Board of Directors consists of five women and three men. The names, ages, and main education of the Directors, and the number of Board and Committee meetings held during the year are presented on page 44 and 48–49. None of the Directors or the CEO hold shares or financial instruments issued by SEK. The Board is responsible for establishing board committees that are relevant for the Board's work and that members of the committees are appointed by the Board from among the Board members.

#### *Chairman of the Board*

The Chairman of the Board is elected by the AGM of shareholders. Should the Chairman resign from the assignment

during the term of office, the Board is to elect a new Chairman from within its ranks to serve until the end of the general meeting that elects a new Chairman. The Chairman leads the Board's work, monitors to ensure that the Board is performing its duties, represents the Board in relation to the owner and maintains contact with the owner. The Chairman is also responsible for initiating the annual evaluation of the Board's and the CEO's work. During 2022, the evaluation has been carried out by an external part together with SEK's HR function. The Chairman ensures that the Board receives adequate information and decision data for its work by, *inter alia*, informing the Board about what has transpired from contact with the owner. The Chairman also ensures that the Board receives the requisite training for the Board work to function efficiently, and checks that Board decisions are implemented the educational plan is decided at the constituent board meeting. Sustainability is a recurring topic among the topics discussed.

#### *The Board and its working methods*

The Board is responsible for the organization and the administration of SEK's affairs of which sustainability forms an integral part. The Board is also tasked with ensuring that the company's financial statements, including sustainability reporting, are

prepared in accordance with applicable legislation, accounting standards and other requirements. Information about the sustainability work is provided at the board meetings. Follow-up of target fulfillment of sustainability goals takes place quarterly in the CFO communication and continuously in the CEO's report. The Board must continually assess SEK's financial position and ensure that SEK is structured in such a way that its accounting, management of funds and SEK's other financial circumstances are governed by satisfactory controls. The Board adopts the operating targets and strategies for the operations, and issues general internal regulations in policies and instructions. The Board ensures that an efficient system is in place to monitor and control SEK's operations. In addition, the Board is tasked with appointing, and dismissing if necessary, the CEO and the Chief Risk Officer, and deciding on the remuneration of these individuals, and other members of executive management and Head of Compliance.

The Board's work follows the rules of procedure and the Board's annual plan, which are adopted each year at the statutory Board meeting. The Board of Directors met on 11 occasions in 2022. The CEO attends all Board meetings except those addressing matters in which there is a conflict of interest, such as when evaluating the CEO's work.

### Attendance at Board and committee meetings in 2022

	Total	Board of Directors	Remuneration Committee	Finance and Risk Committee	Credit Committee	Audit Committee
Number of meetings	44	11	3	8	16	6
Lennart Jacobsen <sup>1</sup>	29	11	3	0	13	2
Håkan Berg <sup>2</sup>	17	7	0	6	0	4
Anna Brandt <sup>3</sup>	18	11	0	0	3	4
Paula da Silva <sup>4</sup>	18	8	0	3	7	0
Reinhold Geijer	29	11	3	0	15	0
Hanna Lagercrantz	22	11	3	8	0	0
Hans Larsson <sup>5</sup>	7	3	0	2	0	2
Lars Linder-Aronson <sup>6</sup>	10	3	2	2	3	0
Katarina Ljungqvist <sup>7</sup>	26	7	0	6	13	0
Eva Nilsagård <sup>8</sup>	20	11	0	0	3	6

1 Lennart Jacobsen was elected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and as the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee, and stepped down as a member of the Audit Committee on March 24, 2022.

2 Håkan Berg was elected as a member of the Board of Directors, and as a Chairman of the Finance- and Risk Committee and as a member of the Audit Committee on March 24, 2022.

3 Anna Brandt was elected as a member of the Audit Committee and stepped down as a member of the Credit Committee on March 24, 2022.

4 Paula da Silva was elected member of the Board of Directors, as member of the Finance- and Risk Committee and Credit Committee on March 24, 2022.

5 Hans Larsson stepped down from the Board of Directors, Finance- and Risk Committee and the Audit Committee on March 24, 2022.

6 Lars Linder-Aronson stepped down of the Board of Directors, Remuneration Committee, Finance- and Risk Committee and Audit Committee on March 24, 2022.

7 Katarina Ljungqvist was elected member of the Board of Directors, member of Finance- and Risk Committee and member of Credit Committee on March 24, 2022.

8 Eva Nilsagård stepped down as a member of Credit Committee March 24, 2022.

#### *Board's work during the year*

The Board's work during 2022 was greatly impacted by the global situation as a result of the war in Ukraine, global inflation, increasing energy prices, interest rate increases and volatile currency movements. The volatile capital markets resulted in the Board paying extra attention to the management of borrowing and capital issues. The new global security situation, arisen as a result of the war in Ukraine, also placed focus on security issues, particularly cybersecurity, and SEK's efforts to strengthen security are continually followed up on by the Board. During the year, the Board resolved a number of credit decisions, which were escalated to include the entire Board

since they were assessed to be of significant importance or otherwise major importance for the company. This year's strategy meeting was primarily focused on the long-term plan until 2030. At the end of the year, the Board resolved to appoint Jan Hoppe as the new Chief Risk Officer.

In 2022, the Board continued to place a heavy focus on culture and sustainability topics. The company's work to establish a clear and strong performance culture has been discussed by the Board, both in terms of defining what it means, but also following up on the activities undertaken with the aim of changing the culture. In terms of sustainability work, the Board and executive management teams of EKN and SEK

The Board established the following committees. The Board's rules of procedure include establishing annual instructions for all of its committees. The minutes from each committee are reported at Board meetings by the respective committee's chairman.

## Remuneration Committee

Lennart Jacobsen (Chairman), Reinhold Geijer and Hanna Lagercrantz



In addition to regular matters, the Remuneration Committee has during the year spent a lot of time on topics related to culture evolvement within the company.

- Prepare matters relating to employment terms and conditions, salaries, pensions and other benefits for the CEO and the management, and general issues relating to salaries, pensions and other benefits.
- Prepare proposals regarding the remuneration policy for decision by the Board.
- Prepare proposals on salaries for other individuals in management positions for whom the Board determines the terms of remuneration.
- Evaluate compliance with the Annual General Meeting's resolutions on remuneration.

## Finance and Risk Committee

Håkan Berg (Chairman), Paula da Silva, Hanna Lagercrantz and Katarina Ljungqvist



The Finance and Risk Committee's discussions have been characterized by the challenging economic effects arising from the war in Ukraine and the remaining effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the global situation, the focus has also been on topics related to cyber and continuity.

- Ensure that the company can identify, measure, manage, report internally and control the risks to which it is or can be expected to be exposed.
- Prepare matters pertaining to general policies, strategies and risk appetite in all risk and capital-related issues where sustainability risk is a component, as well as regarding overall issues concerning the company's financial operations.
- Set limits for such risk and capital-related matters that the Board delegates to the Committee to determine, and to establish measurement methods and limits concerning market and liquidity risk, in addition to models for valuing financial instruments.

## Credit Committee

Reinhold Geijer (Chairman), Paula da Silva, Lennart Jacobsen, and Katarina Ljungqvist



The Credit Committee decided in 102 (57) cases over the year. The Committee is the final instance for examining credit matters with the exception of credit decisions that are of fundamental or otherwise of significant importance to the company, which are examined by the Board. Three such cases arose in 2022. A significant proportion of cases determined by the Committee pertained to transition-related credit proposals. Furthermore, the Committee has on a quarterly basis decided on credit reservations. The Credit Committee provides important support for operations and contributes to SEK's business by imparting an external perspective and extensive experience when facing decisions on transactions that entail the largest credit and sustainability risks.

- Ensure the Board's involvement in decision-making regarding credit risks.
- Prepare matters relating to credits and credit decisions that are of fundamental or otherwise significant importance to the company, and also to take decisions regarding credits in accordance with the delegation rules determined by the Board and in which sustainability aspects are included.

## Audit Committee

Eva Nilsagård (Chairman), Håkan Berg and Anna Brandt



In 2022, the Audit Committee has, in addition to the ongoing work concerning auditing, discussed the effects of the war in Ukraine and the remaining effect from the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee has also focused on the company's work with green lending and sustainability linked loans, as well as the reporting thereof.

- Monitor the company's financial reporting and submit recommendations and proposals aimed at assuring the reliability of the company's reporting.
- Monitor the efficiency of the company's internal control, internal audit and risk management in terms of the financial reporting.
- Evaluate the audit process and inform the Board of the results and, through the Chairman of the Board, to inform the company's owner about the results of the evaluation.
- Keep informed about the audit of the annual accounts and the consolidated financial statements, as well as the conclusions of the Supervisory Board of Public Accountants' quality control.
- Assist in the preparation of proposals regarding the selection of auditors for resolution by the general meeting of shareholders.

held joint meetings during the year to discuss collaboration, with a focus on trying to establish common ground for how sustainability topics should be addressed. During the year, SEK's Board of Directors issued a new anti-corruption policy. Much of the Board training that was completed in 2022 has been focused on sustainability issues.

In 2022, the Board made two trips, one of which was previously postponed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the spring, the Board visited customers, banks and other business partners in New York. At the end of the autumn, the Board visited customers in southeast Sweden.

### Policy documents

In 2022, SEK's Board and committees adopted the following policies and instructions:

#### Document

- The Board's rules of procedure
- Instruction for the CEO
- Instruction for the Internal Audit function
- Instruction for the Compliance function
- Instruction for the Chief Risk Officer, CRO
- Risk Policy
- Credit Policy
- Credit Instruction
- Anti-corruption Policy
- Policy of Sustainable Financing
- Information Security Policy
- Accounting Instruction
- HR Policy (incl. policies for work environment, diversity and remuneration)
- Code of Conduct
- Code of Conduct for Suppliers

### Evaluation of the work of the Board of Directors and the CEO

A separate assessment of the work of the Board and CEO is carried out once a year under the leadership of the Chairman. The results of this assessment were reported to the Board and, by the Board's Chairman, to the owner. An evaluation is also performed by the owner in conjunction with the nomination of Directors. The evaluation for 2022 was conducted with

particular focus on the assessment that is to be made of the Board of Directors' suitability as a group in accordance with the guidelines issued by the EBA.

### Remuneration of the Board of Directors and senior executives

Information regarding remuneration of the Board, CEO and executive management and the Board's proposals to the AGM are presented in Note 5 of this Annual Report.

### Chief Executive Officer

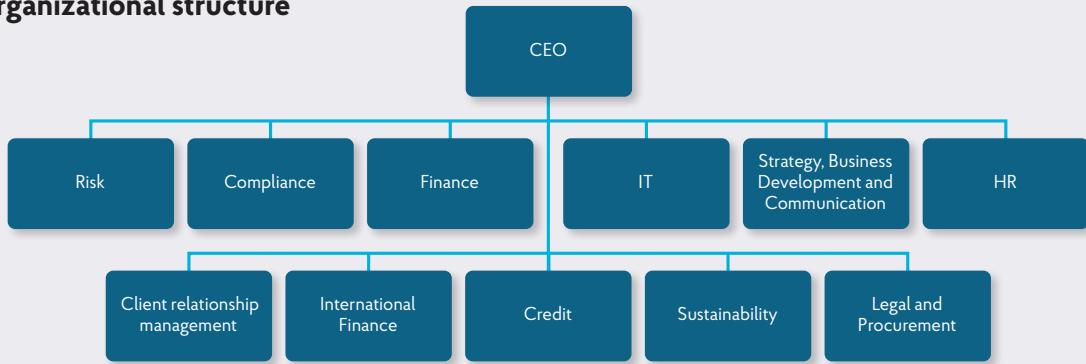
Magnus Montan took up his role as CEO on July 16, 2021. Magnus has previously worked as Nordic Head of Business Banking at Nordea and has held several international senior management roles at HSBC. The Board of Directors has established an instruction for the CEO's work. The CEO is responsible for the day-to-day management of business operations in accordance with the Board's guidelines, established policies and instructions. The executive management is tasked with supporting the CEO in the operational management of the company.

According to the Credit Instruction, all decisions pertaining to credits/exposures are taken by not less than two employees jointly. Accordingly, the CEO may not take any unilateral credit decision. The Board's Credit Committee has instead delegated the mandate to the company's Credit Committee (CC). The Chief Credit Officer is Chairman of the CC and the Committee is to be comprised of the members appointed by the Board's Credit Committee. For the CC to be quorate, three members must participate in the meeting. Decisions by the CC must be unanimous. In the case of disagreement, the case shall be referred to the Board's Credit Committee for decision.

### Organization

SEK has during 2022 completed the implementation of the new organization aimed at reaching the goals set out in the business plan for 2022–2024. During 2022, SEK has appointed a Head of Sustainability with overall responsibility for sustainability matters. Sustainability has become its own function, where the Head of Sustainability reports directly to the CEO. SEK has also transferred the procurement responsibility under the Legal function, which is why the function is has changed its name to Legal and Procurement. Additionally, a new Chief Information Officer, Head of HR and Head of International Finance have taken office. A new Chief Risk Officer has taken office in January 2023.

### Organizational structure



### Internal governance, control and risk management

The Board is responsible for SEK's internal governance and control. Effective internal control is built on a sound culture regarding risk, effective internal processes and procedures, as well as the proper functioning of the control environment through operationally integrated internal controls. The functions for compliance, risk and internal audit monitor the management of operational risk, and compliance with policy documents. All managers in each area of responsibility have an obligation to ensure that the operation for which they are responsible is conducted with good internal governance and control.

#### Compliance function

The compliance function assignment comprises identifying risks that the company may not meet its obligations according to legislation, regulations and other rules that apply to its operations requiring permits. The compliance function shall also assess the appropriateness of the measures taken to mitigate these risks. The compliance function is independent of the business operations and reports directly to the CEO. Within the framework of its assignment, the function monitors and controls the function of compliance with external and internal rules, provides advice and support to the business on compliance-related issues, and informs and trains the relevant executives. Furthermore, the function shall verify that new products etc. follows the rules that apply to the company's authorization-required operations. Reporting is made continuously to the CEO and quarterly in written and verbal form to the Board and the CEO. The scope and direction of the compliance function's work is established in an annual plan determined by the CEO and Board of Directors.

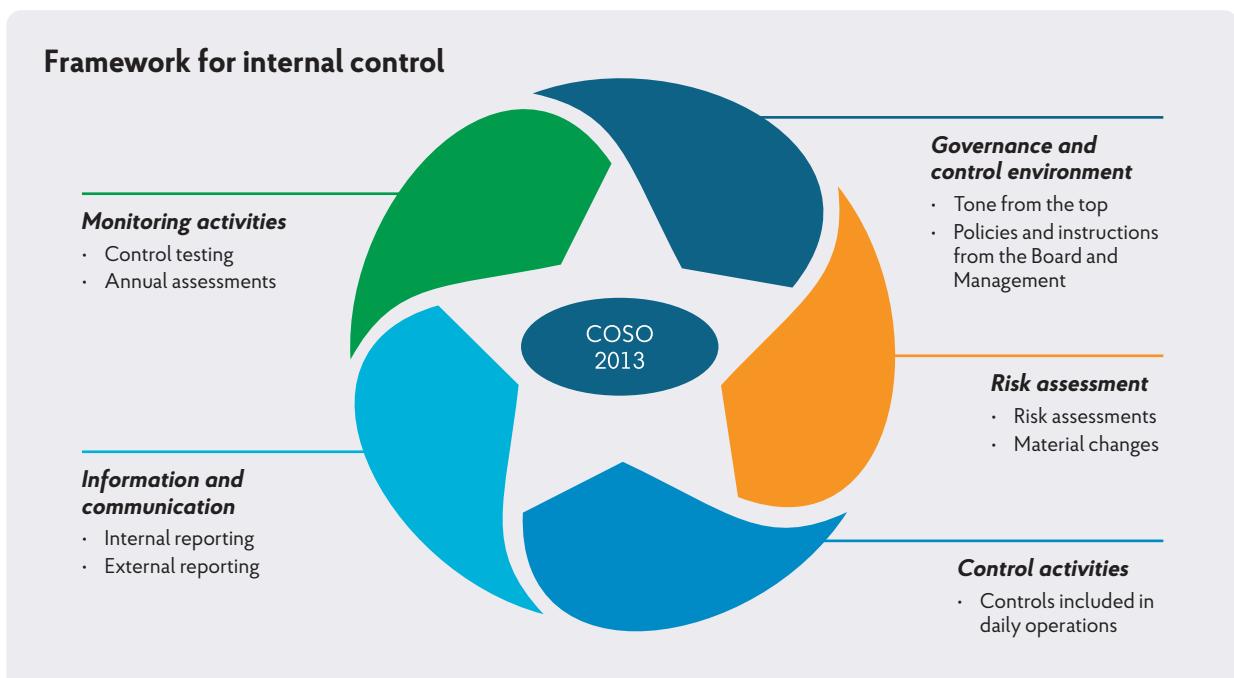
#### Risk function

The risk function is assigned responsibility for ensuring compliance with the overall approach and the internal rules for risk management at the company, as well as monitoring

compliance with the decisions of the Board and the CEO regarding risk management and control. The assignment also includes monitoring that the company's business operations and support functions manage risk in a satisfactory manner. The Risk function is to monitor that all material risks to which SEK is exposed, or can expect to be exposed to, are identified and managed by the relevant functions. In addition, the Risk function is to check that the company has adequate ability to, as quickly as possible, collect and automatically collate data for the company's material and measurable risks and check that the IT systems that support the collation can meet various analysis requirements. The Risk function is to comprise individuals with sufficient knowledge of methods and procedures to manage risks, and of markets and products, to be able to provide relevant and independent information, analyses and expert opinions about the company's risks. The person responsible for the independent risk control function is the CRO, who reports directly to the CEO, and reports regularly to the Board of Directors and the CEO.

#### Internal audit

SEK has an independent internal audit function that reviews the company's internal governance and control. The Board establishes the auditing assignment each year by means of an audit plan, which takes into account the mandatory audits required by applicable legislation. The assignment involves checking and assessing whether the company's risk management, governance, control, reporting and management processes and regulatory compliance are effective and suitable. The internal audit reports its observations to the Board and the CEO. As of 2019, the external party conducting the internal audit is Deloitte. The appointment of an external party to perform the internal audit provides SEK with access to significant and extensive capabilities for auditing the company's regulatory compliance, particularly capital adequacy, including audits of ICAAP and the company's IRB model.



### **Code of Conduct**

It is the responsibility of the CEO to establish guidelines so that all employees understand the requirement for maintaining ethical values and the role of each individual in such work, as regulated in part by the Code of Conduct, which is adopted each year by the Board, and confirmed in writing by all employees. SEK's code of conduct includes management of conflicts of interest, which stipulates how these are to be avoided and handled. SEK has established processes for how conflicts of interest are identified, handled and followed up. The Code of Conduct demands integrity and ethical conduct and is communicated to employees through annual training sessions. Suspected conduct that could involve or lead to a breach of the law, unethical behavior, infringement or suspected breach of the Code of Conduct must be reported. These types of breaches can also be reported anonymously via SEK's whistleblower system, which is managed by a third party. SEK's Code of Conduct is available for both internal and external parties at [www.sek.se](http://www.sek.se). During the year, no matters were reported in SEK's whistleblower system. The Board of Directors are informed through quarterly Compliance report. In the event of a severe incident the Finance and Risk Committee will be informed. SEK's code of conduct includes management of conflicts of interest, which stipulates how these are to be avoided and handled.

### **Internal governance, control and risk management with regard to financial reporting**

To ensure correct and reliable financial reporting, SEK has developed a management system for financial reporting based on the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) framework for internal control (2013 version). This internal control framework is divided into five components: Control Environment, Risk Assessment, Control Activities, Information and Communication, and Monitoring Activities.

### **Governance and control environment**

The governance and control environment comprises, for example, the attitude from the management, as well as policies and instructions from the Board of Directors and executive management. For a strong internal control environment, it is important that the Board of Directors and executive management indicate the significance of good internal control and that there are relevant and appropriate policies and instructions in the area.

### **Risk assessment**

SEK performs an annual risk assessment at management, function and process level. The aim is to identify, document and quantify the consequences and probability of events occurring that could entail that SEK's targets cannot be achieved or errors in the financial reporting. The company carries out regular risk assessments during the year in the event of material changes for the company.

### **Control activities**

Controls have been designed based on identified risks to prevent, detect and correct errors and discrepancies.

The controls are conducted as company-wide controls, as general IT controls and at transaction level. Company-wide controls include instructions and procedures regarding autho-

rizations, powers and responsibilities relating to credit granting, and monitoring of compliance. General IT controls include change management, back-up procedures and rights.

Transaction-based controls, whether manual or automated, are carried out to manage the risk of errors occurring in financial reporting. Such controls include reconciliations and analyses. Processes and controls are documented in the form of flow charts and descriptions of individual control activities, which specify who executes a particular control, how it is implemented and how implementation of the control is to be documented.

### **Information and communication**

Policies, instructions, guidelines and operating procedures are continually updated and communicated to the staff via relevant channels, primarily via the intranet, internal training and personnel meetings. Formal and informal communication between staff and management is promoted by the small number of employees and their geographic location, primarily at one office.

### **Monitoring activities**

Monitoring and testing of control activities are carried out on an ongoing basis throughout the year to ensure that risks are taken into account and managed satisfactorily. Testing is carried out by staff who are independent of the implementation of controls. Measures to address any deficiencies are monitored by the Audit Committee. The executive management has also established controls to ensure that appropriate measures are taken in response to the recommendations made by the internal audit function and by the auditors elected by the Annual General Meeting.

SEK is a foreign private issuer as defined by US regulations and is therefore also affected by the US Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX). SOX requires the executive management to assess and comment, each year, on the efficiency of the internal control of financial reporting based on the testing of internal controls. No corresponding expression of opinion is required of the company's auditors for the category of companies to which SEK belongs under the US regulatory framework. The executive management has assessed the internal control of financial reporting in accordance with the rules applicable to foreign private issuers. At December 31, 2022, the conclusion was that effective and efficient controls were in place relating to internal control of financial reporting. Additionally, SEK has no cases of non-compliance with laws and regulations to report.

### **Auditors**

The 2022 Annual General Meeting elected Öhrlings Price-waterhouseCoopers AB as auditor of the company, with auditor Authorized Public Accountant Anneli Granqvist as Principal Auditor and Authorized Public Accountant Peter Sott as co-signing auditor. The Swedish National Audit Office may appoint one or more auditors to participate in the annual audit. However, this did not occur in 2022.

Each year, the Audit Committee reviews the audit plan and is informed of the audit observations on an ongoing basis. The company's auditors are always present at the meetings of the Audit Committee and were present at one Board meeting. The Board of Directors holds a meeting with the company's auditors at least once a year without the attendance of the CEO or any other member of the executive management. The Board also receives summary audit reports.