# Corporate Governance Report for Sectra AB (publ) for the 2011/2012 fiscal year

Management and control of the Sectra Group is divided between the shareholders, the Board of Directors and the President. Information about corporate governance at Sectra is provided on the Group's website at <a href="https://www.sectra.com">www.sectra.com</a>.

# **Swedish Code of Corporate Governance**

Sectra applies the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance ("the Code"). The principles of the Code are available on the Swedish Corporate Governance Board's website at <a href="https://www.bolagsstyrningskollegiet.se">www.bolagsstyrningskollegiet.se</a>.

This Corporate Governance Report was prepared in accordance with the rules of the Code and the application instructions stipulated in Swedish legislation, mainly the Annual Accounts Act Chapter 6 § 6, and the Code itself. The Corporate Governance Report was prepared as a separate document from the Annual Report and, in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act, the audit report is enclosed this report.

In cases in which Sectra's work method or information disclosure in 2011/2012 deviated from the Code's rules, explanations are presented in conjunction with each section below.

No breaches of the listing agreement or good practice on the stock market according to resolutions from the Exchange's disciplinary committee or the Swedish Securities Council disciplinary committee occurred during the financial year.

#### **Articles of Association**

Sectra's Articles of Association are available on the Group's website at <a href="www.sectra.com">www.sectra.com</a> under *Investor* and *Corporate Governance*. According to the Articles of Association, members of the Board of Directors are elected annually by the Annual General Meeting. The Articles of Association do not contain any restrictions regarding the appointment or dismissal of Board members or amendments to the Articles of Association. Decisions must be made in accordance with the Swedish Companies Act.

## **Shareholding**

Sectra's share capital on the closing date totaled SEK 36,842,088, distributed among 36,842,088 shares. Of these shares, 2,620,692 were Class A shares and 34,221,396 were Class B shares. All shares carry equal rights to the company's assets and earnings. One Class A share confers ten votes, while one Class B share confers one vote.

Sectra had 4,319 shareholders on the closing date. Of these shareholders, the following had direct and indirect shareholdings on the closing date corresponding to more than 10% of the voting rights associated with all shares in the company:

- Torbjörn Kronander, who directly and indirectly through companies represented 16.9% of the voting rights.
- Jan-Olof Brüer, who directly and indirectly through family members and companies represented 16.9% of the voting rights.
- Nordea Investment Funds, who directly and indirectly through companies represented 11.5% of the voting rights.

The Articles of Association contain a clause on right of first refusal for Class A shares. No other agreements between shareholders entailing restrictions on the transfer of shares are known to the company. Nor is the company party to any agreements that would take effect if control of the company was to change through a public purchase offer.

# **General Meeting**

The General Meeting is the highest decision-making body through which Sectra's shareholders appoint the Board and auditors for the company and make decisions regarding the company's earnings, amendments to the Articles of Association, changes in share capital and share-related incentive programs. The General Meeting also makes decisions concerning Board and auditor fees, as well as guidelines for remuneration to senior executives. Notices, minutes and other General Meeting documents are available on the Group's website at <a href="https://www.sectra.com">www.sectra.com</a> under *Investor* and *General Meeting*.

# 2011 Annual General Meeting

The 2011 Annual General Meeting was held on June 28 in Linköping, Sweden. A total of 60 shareholders were represented at the Meeting, representing 69.41% of the voting rights and 50.65% of the shares outstanding. The Meeting was attended by all members of Sectra's Board of Directors. Sectra's President, CFO and auditor. The Nomination Committee was represented by Thomas Ehlin, representative of Nordea Investment Funds.

The Meeting adopted the submitted income statement and balance sheet and the consolidated income statement and balance sheet. The members of the Board and the President were discharged from liability. The Annual General Meeting also passed a resolution regarding Board fees and approved the Board's proposal concerning guidelines for remuneration to senior executives.

The Annual General Meeting reelected Board members Anders Persson, Carl-Erik Ridderstråle, Erika Söderberg Johnson, Torbjörn Kronander and Christer Nilsson, while Jakob Svärdström was elected for the first time. Carl-Erik Ridderstråle was reelected as Chairman of the Board. In addition to the members elected by the Annual General Meeting, the Board also includes two employee representatives, with deputies, appointed by local employee organizations.

The Annual General Meeting also passed the following resolutions:

- To authorize the Board of Directors, during the period until the next Annual General Meeting, to make decisions regarding new share issues of not more than 3,700,000 shares. The purpose of the authorization was to facilitate the use of new share issues for the financing of market investments and acquisitions of companies or operations, to cover the costs arising as a result of the company's incentive programs and to be able to constantly adapt the company's capital structure. As of the closing date, the Board of Directors had not utilized this authorization.
- That the company is entitled to repurchase up to 10% of Sectra's own shares during the period until the
  next Annual General Meeting. As of the closing date, the Board of Directors had not utilized this
  opportunity.
- To establish share and share price-related incentive programs for Group employees and external Board members.

For up-to-date information regarding all of the company's outstanding incentive programs, refer to the Group's website www.sectra.com under the heading *Investor* and *Sectra Share*.

## 2011 Extraordinary General Meeting and redemption process

Shareholders held an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) at the company's headquarters in Linköping, Sweden. Shareholders representing 65.0% of the voting rights and 51.8% of the shares outstanding attended the Meeting. Pursuant to the Board's proposal, the EGM resolved that SEK 5 per share be transferred to shareholders through a 2:1 share split, combined with a mandatory redemption process and stock dividend. All in all, the decision entails that SEK 184 million was repaid to shareholders. The reason for the transfer is that Sectra's financial position for 2011/2012 was significantly strengthened due to the divestment of the operation for the development, production and marketing of the MicroDose Mammography modality.

## Election of and remuneration to the Board of Directors and auditors

The propositions presented for approval by the Annual General Meeting regarding election and fee matters are submitted by the company's Nomination Committee, whose members are appointed in accordance with the decision of the Annual General Meeting.

#### 2011 Nomination Committee

The 2011 Annual General Meeting resolved to appoint a Nomination Committee comprising four members, of whom one was to be the Chairman of the Board and the remaining three were to represent the company's largest shareholders. After consulting the company's major shareholders, a Nomination Committee was appointed in accordance with the resolution of the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman of the Committee was to be the member who represented the largest shareholder in the company based on voting rights. The members of the Nomination Committee were announced in conjunction with the six-month interim report on December 6, 2011 and comprised the following members:

- Carl-Erik Ridderstråle, Chairman of the Board (convener). Independent in relation to the company and management.
- Jan-Olof Brüer, CEO of Sectra AB and the company's largest shareholder (Chairman).
- Gündor Rentsch, representative of Frithjof Qvigstad. Independent in relation to the company and management.
- Thomas Ehlin, representative of Nordea Funds. Independent in relation to the company and management.

According to the Code, neither the President nor any other member of company management may be a member of the Nomination Committee. In this respect, Sectra deviated from the Code since the company's President is also the principle shareholder.

The Nomination Committee has the task of preparing and submitting proposals to the Annual General Meeting for the:

- Election of the Chairman and other members of the Board of Directors.
- Allocation of Board fee payments to the Chairman and other members of the Board and potential remuneration for committee work.
- Election of and payment of fees to auditors.
- Decisions regarding principles for the composition of the Nomination Committee.
- Chairman of the Annual General Meeting.

The Nomination Committee's proposals were presented in the notice of the 2012 Annual General Meeting, which will be disclosed through a press release, published in the Official Swedish Post och Inrikes Tidningar and made available on the Group's website, along with a statement of the motivation for the proposal regarding the Board of Directors. Issuance of the notice will be announced in the daily newspaper Svenska Dagbladet.

#### Fees for 2011/2012

In accordance with the resolution of the Annual General Meeting, a fee of SEK 300,000 was paid to the Chairman of the Board and a fee of SEK 150,000 to each of the other Board members who were not employees of the company. For the Audit Committee a fee of SEK 20,000 was paid to each of the external members of the Board and a fee of SEK 40,000 for the Chairman of the Audit Committee. No separate fees were paid for Remuneration Committee work. Fees to auditors were paid in accordance with approved invoices.

## Size and composition of the Board

According to the company's Articles of Association, Sectra's Board of Directors is to comprise not fewer than three and not more than nine members. The members of the Board are elected annually by the Annual General Meeting for the period until the next Annual General Meeting.

Members of Sectra's Board of Directors and committees

AGM-elected members	Elected	Attendance /number of meetings	Committee work	Independent in relation to the company and management	Independent in relation to major shareholders
Carl-Erik Ridderstråle,	2001	9/9	Remuneration	Yes	Yes
Chairman of the Board			Committee		
			Chairman		
Erika Söderberg Johnson	2007	9/9	Audit Committee	Yes	Yes
			Chairman		
Torbjörn Kronander	1988	9/9		No	No
Christer Nilsson	2008	9/9	Remuneration	Yes	Yes
			Committee, Audit		
			Committee		
Anders Persson	2004	9/9	Audit Committee	Yes	Yes
Jakob Svärdström	2011	9/9		Yes	Yes
Employee representatives					
Regina Rosander	2011	7/9			
Stein Norheim	2009	8/9			
Deputy employee representa	atives				
Per Elmhester	2011	0/9			
Stefan Melin	2009	2/9			

For information regarding the Board members' backgrounds, other assignments and holdings of shares and other securities in Sectra, refer to Sectra's Annual Report for the 2011/2012 fiscal year or visit the company's website under *Investor*, *Corporate Governance* and *Board of Directors*.

With the exception of Torbjörn Kronander, President of Sectra's Medical Systems operations and Vice President of Sectra AB, none of Sectra's Board members holds an operating role in the company. For information on the Board members' independence in relation to the company and management, as well as the company's major shareholders, refer to the table above.

Sectra's Board has established an Audit Committee and a Remuneration Committee; refer to the table above for information on the members of each committee.

#### **Activities of the Board of Directors**

Sectra's Board of Directors is the company's highest administrative body and is responsible for managing the company's affairs. The Board held a statutory meeting on July 4, 2011, and held an additional twelve minuted meetings by the time the Annual Report was signed, of which three were per capsulam. Refer to the table above for information on each member's attendance at these meetings.

The role of the Chairman of the Board is to lead the work of the Board and to ensure that it fulfills its duties. The Board's work follows an annual agenda with a theme and fixed agenda items, including establishing a formal work plan governing the activities of the Board, a directive for the President, instructions for reporting and the Group's budget, year-end report and the framework for financial reporting. Four meetings were held in conjunction with the publication of the company's quarterly reports. During the fiscal year, the Board devoted particular attention to the company's structure and focus areas, long-term financial goals, material risks and risk management, major investments, divestment of the MicroDose Mammography operation, assessing acquisitions and other structural matters. One two-day meeting was devoted to long-term strategic planning, with a focus on growth areas in the field of medical IT. The Board also conducted an assessment of its work, which formed the basis for the planning of the Board's activities for the coming year. The Nomination Committee was informed about the contents of the 2011 assessment.

The company's President and CFO regularly participate in Board meetings. Other executives take part in Board meetings as needed.

Regular meetings 2011/2012	Theme	
July	Statutory Board meeting	
September	Three-month interim report, contracts and insurances	
October	Long-term goals and strategies, growths areas within	
	medical IT	
December	Six-month interim report, risk analysis, employees and	
	salaries	
February	First draft of budget	
March	Nine-month interim report	
April	Budget and business plans	
May	Year-end report and proposals for the Annual General	
	Meeting	

# **Audit Committee**

The main task of the Audit Committee is to support the Board in its work to ensure the quality of the company's financial reporting. From the time of the Board's statutory meeting until the signing of the Annual Report, the Committee held four meetings to discuss matters pertaining to interim reports, annual reports, risk management and internal processes, accounting and other tasks of the auditors. The company's auditor and CFO regularly participate in the Audit Committee's meetings to engage in current issues noted during auditing and continuous reporting.

#### Remuneration to senior executives

The main task of the Remuneration Committee is to prepare the Board's decisions on matters pertaining to principles for remuneration and other terms of employment for the President and management and the guidelines for remuneration to senior executives to be decided on by the Annual General Meeting. From the time of the Board's statutory meeting until the signing of the Annual Report, the Committee held two meetings.

Remuneration and other terms of employment for executives directly subordinate to the President are decided on by the President in accordance with the salary policy established by the Board and the guidelines established by the Annual General Meeting.

A presentation of Sectra's system for variable remuneration to senior executives is available on the company's website under *Investor* and *Corporate Governance*. Here we present the results of the Board of Director's evaluation of the programs for variable remuneration to company management that are ongoing or were completed during the year, the guidelines for remuneration to senior executives and of applicable remuneration structures and levels in the company.

#### **President**

The President and CEO of Sectra AB is Jan-Olof Brüer. For more information about the President, including his background, education and holding of shares and other securities in Sectra, refer to Sectra's Annual Report for the 2011/2012 fiscal year or the Group's website under *Investor*, *Corporate Governance* and *Board of Directors*.

The President is responsible for ensuring that the ongoing administration of the company complies with the guidelines established by the Board of Directors. Responsibility for operational activities is decentralized to two business areas. Responsibility for the coordination of certain functions, such as economy and finance, human resources, information and IT administration, lies with the Group staff functions.

The President ensures that the Board receives factual, comprehensive and relevant information and decision-making data and engages in a continuous dialog with the Chairman of the Board, providing the Chairman with information pertaining to the company's performance and financial position.

## **External auditing**

External auditors are appointed by the Annual General Meeting for a term of four years. At the 2007 Annual General Meeting, Grant Thornton AB, which has been the company's auditor since 2002, was reelected as the company's auditor until the 2011 Annual General Meeting. Grant Thornton appointed Peter Bodin as senior auditor since the Annual General Meeting 2009. Peter Bodin is also senior auditor in Switzer Sverige AB and in Stockholm School of Economics as well as President of Grant Thornton Sweden AB and Chairman of the board at Grant Thornton International Ltd.

Sectra's interim report for the nine-month period from May 2010 to January 2011 has been reviewed by the auditors. The auditors' examination and audit of the year-end report and Annual Report are conducted in the period from May to June.

The company's auditor participated in the meeting at which the Year-end Report was presented and shared his observations with the Board. In conjunction with the Board meeting, the auditor held a meeting with the Board without the presence of representatives of company management.

In addition to auditing assignments, Grant Thornton has provided consulting services in the area of taxes and performed other services related to auditing matters. In accordance with the Annual General Meeting's resolution, auditors' fees are paid on the basis of invoices received. For further information, refer to Sectra's Annual Report for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

At the Annual General Meeting 2012 the Nomination Committee will propose that Grant Thornton Sweden AB is appointed as auditor, with authorized public accountant Peter Bodin as senior auditor, until the close of the next AGM.

# Internal control and risk management regarding financial reporting

The overall aim of the company's internal control activities is to ensure that the shareholders' investments and the Group's assets are protected, that the appropriate accounting documents are prepared and that the financial information used in the operations and when publishing is reliable.

The procedures are designed to ensure efficiency in the operations and compliance with laws and regulations. The company has implemented specific control activities to continuously monitor and control the risks associated with the business. Identification and assessment of the most serious risks associated with the Group's operations are conducted on an ongoing basis. For information about the company's risks, refer to the Annual Report for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

# Internal auditing

The Board of Directors has assessed the need for a special auditing function (internal auditing) and concluded that such a function is currently unjustified at Sectra considering the scope of the business and the existing internal control structures. The Board reexamines the need for a special auditing function on an annual basis.

#### Control activities

The primary objective of the company's control activities is to prevent and identify problems as early as possible so that potential deficiencies may be resolved. Procedures and activities have been designed to detect and manage the most essential risks related to financial reporting. The business areas and Group companies are followed up by the President, Executive Vice President and CFO through regular reports and personal meetings with the respective management teams of the companies included in the Sectra Group. The Board receives monthly reports in which the President and CFO present the earnings and financial position of the Group and its business areas for the preceding period. Work relating to monthly and annual accounts is well defined and reporting is conducted in accordance with standardized reporting templates, including comments regarding all significant income statement and balance sheet items. Financial managers and controllers with functional responsibility for accounting, reporting and analysis are found centrally and at the unit level. This enables several controls of the company's financial reports to be performed, which reduces the risk of mistakes.

# Information and communication

Financial information from the Sectra Group shall be accurate and current, and provide comprehensive information to all stakeholder groups regarding the Group's operations and financial development. This information is governed by internal guidelines and instructions for financial reporting. All press releases are posted on the website and published simultaneously. The Board is responsible for the Annual Report and the interim reports. The CFO is responsible for informing financial managers and controllers about all Group-wide accounting policies and other matters pertaining to financial reporting. Financial managers and controllers in the Group are responsible for ensuring a high level of quality in the internal reports and that reporting to the Parent Company transpires at the agreed time for financial reporting.

# Follow-up

Follow-up of internal control is carried out continuously through monthly and quarterly reports to the Board outlining the company's financial outcome, including comments from Group management. In addition, follow-up takes place through reports from the Audit Committee and the company's auditors. The company's chief coordinating auditor also participates in Audit Committee meetings and at least one Board meeting a year, during which the most significant observations during the year's audit are reported directly to the Board. At the company level, follow-up is performed through weekly and monthly reports to the Parent Company and through personal visits to subsidiaries by the CFO or Group controller. During these visits, a review of essential procedures and compliance with Group-wide policies and guidelines is conducted.

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Board of Directors Sectra AB (publ)

Carl-Erik Ridderstråle Torbjörn Kronander Jakob Svärdström Chairman of the Board Board member Board member

Christer Nilsson Erika Söderberg Johnson Anders Persson
Board member Board member Board member

Stein Norheim Stefan Melin

Employee representative Deputy employee representative