

Governance and corporate bodies





General information

One Swiss Bank SA (previously GS Banque SA) is a corporation under Swiss law, with registered headquarters in Geneva. In September 2004 the Bank obtained a licence from the Supervisory Body (FINMA, formerly the Swiss Federal Banking Commission) to carry out banking and securities dealer activities.

One Swiss Bank SA is the result of the merger of GS Banque SA and Banca Arner SA, two Swiss based banks. Both entities' shareholders, having the same entrepreneurial values, joined forces to create a new dynamic in order to develop a common bank. Effective on 4 March 2019, the two banks have merged to give birth to a new single legal entity with offices in Geneva and Lugano, named One Swiss Bank SA.

The Bank's field of activity extends primarily to the management of private assets, as well as the operation of a depositary bank for private and institutional clients. The Bank operates its activities from Geneva and Lugano.

On 31 December 2019, the number of full-time equivalent staff at the Bank was 43.5 employees (31 December 2018: 28.9 employees). The Bank outsources to a Swiss subsidiary of a major international banking group, its information technology and the administrative processing of its operations. In accordance with the requirements of FINMA, this outsourcing operates under a contractual and organisational framework which guarantees the quality of performance of client transactions, as well as the security and confidentiality of data and information handled by the outsourcing partner.

Executive Management

The Management Committee is the Bank's executive body. Its composition, as well as the professional background and training of its various members, is as follows:

<p>Grégoire Pennone <i>Chief Executive Officer</i></p>	<p>Grégoire's expertise spans across the tax, fiduciary, marketing and banking fields. He first held the position of General Secretary at Banque Bénédict Hentsch & Cie SA from 2011 to 2013, before returning at the end of 2015 as GS Banque SA's Chief Executive Officer. Grégoire holds a Law degree, a Certificate in Tax Law, an MBA in Marketing and Communication, as well as a CAS in Public Health Management.</p>
<p>Jean-Jacques Schraemli <i>Head of Asset Management</i></p>	<p>Jean-Jacques holds a bachelor in Mathematics from ETH Zurich and a master in Statistical Science Cambridge University. Following his studies, he spent 7 years trading FX options in London and New York for a global investment bank. Before joining Banca Arner SA in 2018 he contributed to the founding of a Fintech company, truly believing in the use of technology in Asset Management.</p>
<p>Peter Schweighöfer <i>Chief Operating Officer</i></p>	<p>Peter has over 30 years of solid experience in Middle and Back Office, which he acquired across several small- and mid-sized banking institutions. He joined Banque Bénédict Hentsch & Cie SA when it was founded in 2004, and has been GS Banque's COO since 2015. Peter holds a Swiss Business & Commerce Certificate.</p>
<p>Stefano Leonelli <i>Head of Private Banking</i></p>	<p>Stefano has over 30 years of solid experience in customer relations acquired in various banking institutions in Lugano. He also has strong skills in team management and project management. He joined Banca Arner SA in 2016 as a Senior Relationship Manager.</p>
<p>Yves Keller <i>Chief Finance Officer / Chief Risk Officer</i></p>	<p>Yves stayed with Deloitte for 17 years, where he was ultimately in charge of the Audit and Advisory function for the banking and financial institutions sector, until he joined GS Banque SA in early 2017. He was auditor in charge, accredited by FINMA, of medium and large swiss based bank, participated in M&A transactions as financial and regulatory specialist, and has operated some bank liquidation. He is a Swiss Certified Accountant, and holds of Master's in Business Administration from Geneva University's Business & Economics faculty (HEC).</p>

Board of Directors



The Board of Directors has ultimate responsibility for the strategy and management of the Bank and provides oversight of Executive Management. In accordance with Art. 22 of the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors consists of a minimum of three members elected by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman must be resident in Switzerland. No member of the Board of Directors may be a member of any of the Bank's operational bodies.

The Audit & Risk Committee shall consist of at least two members appointed by the Board of Directors from among its members. The composition of the Board of Directors and the professional background of its members are detailed below:

<p>Nicolas Rosenthal (*) <i>Chairman of the Board</i></p>	<p>Nicolas has extensive experience in information systems compliance, corporate governance, as well as Swiss and international banking law. He is Legal Counsel of several Swiss and foreign bank, and private law foundations. Nicolas is also a specialist in mergers and acquisitions in the Swiss banking sector.</p>
<p>Alessandro Bizzozero (*) <i>Vice Chairman of the Board / Chairman of the Audit & Risk Committee</i></p>	<p>Alessandro has over 30 years' experience in the banking and regulatory fields. Amongst other distinguished positions, he is the former Director of the CAS in Compliance Management and Lecturer at the University of Geneva, as well as a Lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences (HEG ARC) in Neuchâtel and at the Centro Studi Bancari in Lugano. Alessandro holds a Law Doctorate and holds a licence to practice law.</p>
<p>Giovanni Giacomo Schraemli <i>Board Member</i></p>	<p>Giovanni Giacomo graduated in Business Administration from the Bocconi University of Milan (Italy). His working experience spaces from the audit field to stock brokerage and banking. His activity in the banking sector started in 1975 developing his skills mainly in the investment banking and wealth management area. In 1984 he became founding shareholder of his own private group, active on advisory services, alternative and private equity funds and corporate finance, subsequently obtaining a banking license.</p>
<p>Jean-Claude Favre (*) <i>Board Member</i></p>	<p>Jean-Claude has held senior positions across several international banking institutions for 25 years, where he has brought his expertise in the areas of Corporate Strategy and Corporate Organizational Models. He holds a Master's in Mathematics from the Swiss Polytechnic in Lausanne (EPFL), as well as a Master's from Lausanne University's Business & Economics faculty (HEC).</p>
<p>Roland Müller-Ineichen (*) <i>Board Member / Member of the Audit & Risk Committee</i></p>	<p>Since 2009, Roland is servicing as independent director on the Board of Directors of multiple Swiss and foreign financial companies and has developed and reinforced his thorough understanding of corporate governance, our business and the banking industry. Before that, Roland has worked 12 years as lead partner in charge for financial and regulatory audits of national and international Banks, Security Dealers and Fund Management companies in the audit department of KPMG in Zurich. He is a Swiss Certified Public Accountant and he is recognized as audit expert by the Swiss Audit Supervisory Authority and qualifies as a financial expert.</p>

(*) independent member according to FINMA Cir. 2017/1 definition

Internal Auditors

BDO SA, Geneva branch office

External Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers SA, Geneva branch office
