

**Proxy
Statement**
for the
Annual
Meeting of
Shareholders
2012

Mettler-Toledo International Inc.

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Mettler-Toledo International Inc.

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March 15, 2012

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Mettler-Toledo International Inc. to be held on Thursday, May 3, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. at the offices of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP on 375 Park Avenue (between 52nd and 53rd Streets), 36th Floor, New York, New York.

The Secretary's notice of the meeting and the proxy statement which appear on the following pages describe the matters to be acted upon at the meeting.

We have distributed a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to some shareholders instead of delivering paper copies of the proxy materials. The Notice sent provides information about accessing the proxy materials online and describes the voting methods available to all shareholders. Shareholders receiving the notice will also have the opportunity to request a paper copy of the proxy materials through the instructions provided. Any shareholders that do not receive the notice will receive a paper copy of all proxy materials through the mail. To change the way you receive proxy statements in the future please make a request in the appropriate space on the proxy card.

Please sign and return your proxy as soon as possible so that your vote will be counted. You may also vote over the Internet by following the instructions on your proxy card.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Spoerry". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Robert F. Spoerry
Chairman of the Board

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Mettler-Toledo International Inc.

Notice to Shareholders of Annual Meeting

Time: 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012

Place: Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, 375 Park Avenue
(between 52nd and 53rd Streets), 36th Floor New York, New York

Items of Business:

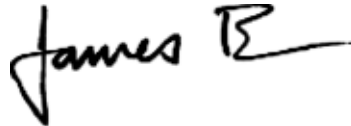
1. To elect nine directors
2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent registered public accounting firm
3. Advisory vote to approve executive compensation
4. To transact any other business properly brought before the meeting

Who Can Vote: You can vote if you were a shareholder of record on March 5, 2012

Annual Report: A copy of our 2011 Annual Report is enclosed

Date of Mailing: On or about March 15, 2012

By order of the Board of Directors



James T. Bellerjeau
General Counsel and Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2012: This proxy statement and our 2011 Annual Report are available at www.mt.com under “About Us / Investor Relations / Annual Reports and Proxy Statements” (<http://investor.mt.com>).

Whether or not you plan to attend this annual meeting, please complete the enclosed proxy card and promptly return it in the accompanying envelope. You may also vote over the Internet at <http://proxyonline.mt.com>.

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by Mettler-Toledo International Inc. on behalf of the Board of Directors for the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

ABOUT THE MEETING AND VOTING

Proposals to be Voted On

The following proposals will be voted on at the meeting. The board has not received proper notice of, and is not aware of, any additional business to be transacted at the meeting other than as indicated below.

Proposals

1. The election of nine directors for one-year terms
2. The ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the company's independent registered public accounting firm
3. Advisory vote to approve executive compensation

We know of no other matter to be brought before the annual meeting. If any other matter requiring a vote of the shareholders should come before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote the proxies with respect to any such matter in accordance with their reasonable judgment.

Shareholders Entitled to Vote

Each share of common stock outstanding as of the close of business on March 5, 2012 (the "record date"), is entitled to one vote at the annual meeting on each matter properly brought before the meeting. As of the record date, 31,572,734 shares of common stock were outstanding.

A quorum needs to be present at the meeting in order to hold the meeting. A quorum is a majority of the company's outstanding shares of common stock as of the record date. Your shares are counted as present at the meeting if you attend the meeting and vote in person; vote by Internet; or properly return a proxy card by mail. Abstentions shall also be counted in determining whether a quorum is present.

If you do not provide a proxy or vote the shares yourself, your shares will not be voted. Proxies that are signed and returned but do not contain instructions will be voted "FOR" the items of business described in the proxy.

How to Vote

BY PROXY — You may vote your shares by proxy. If you vote your shares by proxy, you are legally designating another person to vote the stock you own in accordance with your desired vote. To vote by proxy, complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card by mail to the address stated on your proxy card. You may also vote over the Internet at <http://proxyonline.mt.com>.

IN PERSON — You may vote your shares by attending the meeting and voting your shares in person. The meeting is being held at the offices of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP at the address indicated in the Notice to Shareholders.

Even if you plan to attend the meeting, we encourage you to vote your shares by proxy. This will enable us to receive votes in advance of the meeting to ensure that a quorum (defined above) is present for the meeting. If you vote by proxy and subsequently decide to change your vote, you may revoke your proxy at any time before the polls close at the meeting. However, you may only do this by signing another proxy with a later date, completing a written notice of revocation and returning it to the address on the proxy card before the meeting; or voting in person at the meeting.

Vote Tabulation; Voting Results

The company appoints an independent inspector of election, who also tabulates the voting results. The meeting's voting results will be disclosed promptly following the meeting in a Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

PROPOSAL ONE: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The nominees for the Board of Directors are listed below. Each nominee, if elected, will hold office until next year's annual meeting of shareholders and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. All nominees are currently directors. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any nominee would be unable or unwilling to serve if elected. In the event that a nominee is unable to serve, the person designated as proxyholder for the company will vote for the remaining nominees and for such other person as the Board of Directors may nominate.

Directors shall be elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast with respect to each director, provided that if the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected, directors shall be elected by the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast. Votes cast shall include votes for, against or to withhold authority for a director. An abstention shall not count as a vote cast with respect to a director. If an incumbent director fails to be reelected by a majority vote when such vote is required and offers to resign, and if that resignation is not accepted by the Board of Directors, such director shall continue to serve until the next annual meeting and until his or her successor is duly elected, or his or her earlier accepted resignation or removal. If a director's resignation is accepted by the Board of Directors, or if a nominee for director is not elected and the nominee is not an incumbent director, then the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may fill any resulting vacancy, or may decrease the size of the Board of Directors, in each case pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of Article II of the company's by-laws.

Qualifications of Director Nominees

The members of our Board of Directors have had diverse backgrounds and experiences during the course of their careers. These individual backgrounds and experiences better enable the board to perform its duties.

Robert F. Spoerry is 56 years old and has been a director since October 1996. Mr. Spoerry was President and Chief Executive Officer of the company from 1993 to 2007. Mr. Spoerry has been Chairman of the Board of Directors since May 1998 and served as Executive Chairman in 2008. Mr. Spoerry has a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago. Mr. Spoerry is also a Director of Conzzeta Holding AG, Geberit AG, and Sonova Holding AG, for whom he has served as Chairman since March 2011. In March 2011, Mr. Spoerry resigned as a Director of Holcim Ltd. and Schaffner Holding AG.

As the former President and CEO of the company, Mr. Spoerry has long-standing experience in the global precision instrument industry and a deep knowledge of the company, including its organization, products, markets, customers and competitors. He has a strong technical background and experience with innovation-driven companies. Mr. Spoerry has broad international experience across industries and businesses relevant to the company, including by virtue of his service on several other boards of directors.

Mr. Spoerry spends an average of one to two days per week devoted to his service as Chairman of the Board. His deep understanding of the company, its markets, customers and competitors, which was developed over more than twenty years of service, is a unique and valuable qualification that we believe provides a substantial benefit to the company and its shareholders.

Wah-Hui Chu is 60 years old and has been a director since January 2007 and serves on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Chu retired as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Next Media Limited in October 2011, positions he had held since October 2008. He was non-executive Chairman of PepsiCo International's Asia Region from April 2007 to April 2008. From March 1998 to March 2007 he was the President of PepsiCo International — China Beverages Business Unit. Mr. Chu has a Masters in Business Administration from Roosevelt University. Mr. Chu is also a Director of Li Ning Company Limited.

Mr. Chu has extensive professional experience in management positions at leading U.S. companies' Asian businesses, having spent a substantial majority of his time since 1980 in Asia with Quaker Oats Company, H.J. Heinz Company, Whirlpool Corporation, Monsanto Company and PepsiCo., Inc. For 20 years, Mr. Chu had

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direct responsibilities over businesses in China, including building a more than \$1 billion business for PepsiCo. For the most recent three years, Mr. Chu led Next Media Limited, the leading publicly traded media company in Hong Kong that focuses on the greater China region. The company has significant operations in Asia and is making significant investments in Asia, particularly China, and a person with Mr. Chu's background will assist the company in this regard.

Francis A. Contino is 66 years old and has been a director since October 2004 and serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee. Mr. Contino has been Managing Director of FAC&B LLC since July 2008. He was a member of the Management Committee, Executive Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of McCormick & Company, Inc. from 1998 to 2008. He was Chief Financial Officer from 1998 through October 2007. In addition to his CFO responsibilities, he was Executive Vice President responsible for Supply Chain from 2002 to 2004 and responsible for Strategy from 2004 to 2008. Prior to joining McCormick, Mr. Contino was Managing Partner of the Baltimore office of Ernst & Young.

Mr. Contino has extensive financial experience from his background as a Certified Public Accountant, his 20-year tenure as an Audit Partner at Ernst & Young, where he served as coordinating partner for large multinational public companies, and from his 10-year service as the Chief Financial Officer of McCormick & Company. Mr. Contino is considered one of the board's financial experts and serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee. With his experience at McCormick, Mr. Contino also brings valuable insights into the food sector, which is a key end-user market for the company.

Olivier A. Filliol is 45 years old and has been a director since January 2009. He has been President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since January 1, 2008. Mr. Filliol served as Head of Global Sales, Service and Marketing of the Company from April 2004 to December 2007, and Head of Process Analytics of the Company from June 1999 to December 2007. From June 1998 to June 1999 he served as General Manager of the Company's U.S. checkweighing operations. Prior to joining the Company, he was a Strategy Consultant with the international consulting firm Bain & Company working in the Geneva, Paris and Sydney offices. Mr. Filliol has a Masters (lic. oec.) and Ph.D. (Dr. oec.) in Business Administration from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, and has completed executive education at the Business School of Stanford University.

Mr. Filliol has broad experience across many of the company's businesses. He led one of the company's divisions over an eight year period and he was the principal architect behind the company's growth initiative in sales and marketing. He has particular strengths in both strategy development and execution. As CEO of the company, Mr. Filliol also brings the board the necessary insights into understanding the global operations of the company.

Michael A. Kelly is 55 years old and has been a director since July 2008 and serves on the Compensation Committee. Mr. Kelly has been Executive Vice President, Display and Graphics Business of 3M Company since October 2006. Prior to this, he served in various management positions in the U.S., Singapore, Korea and Germany since he joined 3M in 1981. Mr. Kelly has completed executive education at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

In his role as the Executive Vice President of 3M's Display and Graphics Business, Mr. Kelly has global responsibility for all operational and strategic elements of this \$4 billion business, including the Optical Systems, Traffic Safety, Commercial Graphics, Architectural Markets, and Mobile Device segments. Mr. Kelly's business also has responsibility for all film manufacturing for 3M. In running this complex and highly technical set of global businesses, Mr. Kelly has experience in several topics relevant to the company, including strategic planning, restructuring, shifting business focus to emerging markets, and operational matters generally.

Martin D. Madaus, Ph.D., is 52 years old and has been a director since June 2009 and serves on the Audit Committee. Dr. Madaus has been Executive Chairman of Quanterix Corporation since November 2010, and Chief Executive Officer of Quanterix since September 2011. Quanterix is a privately-held development stage diagnostics company seeking to develop and commercialize blood tests that measure clinically important proteins

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in blood. Prior to joining Quanterix, Dr. Madaus was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Millipore Corporation, a life sciences company serving the bioscience research and biopharmaceutical manufacturing industry, from November 2004 to July 2010, and Chairman from March 2005 to July 2010, when Millipore was acquired by Merck KGaA. Dr. Madaus has a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Munich, Germany, and a Ph.D. in veterinary medicine from the Veterinary School of Hanover, Germany. In December 2011, Dr. Madaus became a Director of Covidien PLC.

Dr. Madaus has more than twenty years of experience in the diagnostics and life science industries. A significant portion of the company's business relates to the life science industry. As the former CEO of Millipore and Executive Chairman of Quanterix, Dr. Madaus faces similar challenges as the company. He can be helpful to the board and the CEO in analyzing comparable issues he faces. Dr. Madaus is also considered one of the board's financial experts.

Hans Ulrich Maerki is 65 years old and has been a director since September 2002 and serves on the Compensation and Nominating & Corporate Governance Committees. Mr. Maerki was the Chairman of IBM Europe/Middle East/Africa (EMEA) from August 2001 to March 2008. From July 2003 to May 2005, Mr. Maerki was also the Chief Executive Officer of IBM EMEA. From 1996 to July 2001, Mr. Maerki was General Manager of IBM Global Services, EMEA. Mr. Maerki worked at IBM in various positions from 1973 to 2008. Mr. Maerki has a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Basel, Switzerland and a 2010 Senior Fellowship of Advanced Leadership at Harvard University. Mr. Maerki is also a Director of ABB Ltd. and Swiss Re.

In his 35-year tenure at IBM, including most recently running a business with approximately \$35 billion in revenue across 124 countries, Mr. Maerki has made extensive contributions in addressing service, software and other IT-related topics, and also has deep experience in marketing and sales. These are areas of increasing importance to the company's business, and as a result this experience is very relevant. By virtue of his service on the board of ABB, Mr. Maerki also has insight into the industrial end-user market, which is another key market for the company.

George M. Milne, Jr., Ph.D., is 68 years old and has been a director since September 1999 and serves as Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Dr. Milne is a venture partner of Radius Ventures, LLC. From 1970 to July 2002, Dr. Milne held various management positions with Pfizer Corporation, including most recently Executive Vice President, Pfizer Global Research and Development and President, Worldwide Strategic and Operations Management. Dr. Milne was also a Senior Vice President of Pfizer Inc. and a member of the Pfizer Management Council. He was President of Central Research from 1993 to July 2002 with global responsibility for Pfizer's Human and Veterinary Medicine Research and Development. Dr. Milne has a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Dr. Milne is a Director of Athersys Inc. and Charles River Laboratories, Inc. and also serves on the boards of several private companies and charitable organizations.

With his long tenure at Pfizer Corporation, his work as a venture partner with Radius Ventures and through his service on multiple life science boards, Dr. Milne has a deep understanding of R&D processes and the services, tools and technologies being used in the life sciences industry. The life science industry is one of the company's most important end-user markets and the board wishes to have members with broad exposure to this industry. This helps the board understand industry trends, and to assess product development and marketing strategies.

Thomas P. Salice is 52 years old and has been a director since October 1996 and serves on the Audit Committee and as Chairman of the Compensation Committee. Mr. Salice is a co-founder and principal of SFW Capital Partners, LLC, a private equity firm. He has served as a Managing Member of SFW Capital Partners since January 2005. From June 1989 to December 2004, Mr. Salice served in a variety of capacities with AEA Investors, Inc., including Managing Director, President and Chief Executive Officer and Vice-Chairman.

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Mr. Salice has a Masters in Business Administration from Harvard University. Mr. Salice is also a Director of Waters Corporation and the privately-held companies Agdata, L.P., MD Buyline, Inc. and Spectro Inc.

Mr. Salice has more than twenty years private equity experience, including as an investor in the analytical tools and related service sectors, which has given him extensive operational, industry and strategic knowledge in key company business areas. Mr. Salice led the team at AEA Investors in the acquisition of the company in 1996 and has served on the board since that time. Mr. Salice has in-depth experience in strategic planning, corporate finance, capital structure, investor relations, mergers and acquisitions, and other topics that are relevant to the board. Mr. Salice is also considered one of the board's financial experts.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote *FOR* the election of each of the directors listed above. Proxies will be voted "FOR" each nominee unless otherwise specified in the proxy.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS — GENERAL INFORMATION

Composition of the Board; Board Leadership Structure

In accordance with the company's by-laws, the Board of Directors consists of between five and ten directors, with the exact number currently fixed at nine, including a Chairman, the CEO and seven independent, outside directors. Each director holds a one-year term until the next annual meeting of shareholders. The board has three committees: (i) the Audit Committee; (ii) the Compensation Committee; and (iii) the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The primary tasks of the board include the oversight of the company's strategy and governance matters, review of the company's financial matters, and evaluation of how the company executes against objectives. Management's tasks include setting strategy and running the company's operations. The company believes having a separate CEO and Chairman allows the Chairman to function as an important liaison between management and the board, helping ensure that the board fulfills its oversight responsibilities.

To ensure the board has sufficient independence from management, the board has also established a lead independent director (the Presiding Director), who oversees executive sessions of the non-management directors and all meetings of directors at which the Chairman is not present. The Presiding Director also coordinates with the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee relating to director nominations as described in the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee report below. Mr. Salice is currently serving as the Presiding Director.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

The board has established corporate governance guidelines that contribute to the overall operating framework of the board and the company. These guidelines cover topics including director qualifications and the director nomination process, the responsibilities of directors, including with respect to leadership development and management succession, meetings of non-management directors, and director compensation. The guidelines are available on the company's website at www.mt.com under "About Us / Investor Relations / Corporate Governance" and are available in print to any shareholder who requests them at the address and phone number set forth above.

Responsibility of the Board of Directors in Governance & Role in Risk Oversight

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to establish and monitor the company's internal governance practices and work toward the long-term success of the company. The company has adopted a code of business conduct and ethics, known as the code of conduct. All actions of the company's Board of Directors, executive officers (including the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Controller) and employees are governed by the company's code of conduct. No waiver of the code of conduct by an executive officer or director was approved by the board in 2011. A copy of the code of conduct is available at www.mt.com under "About Us / Investor Relations / Corporate Governance" and is available in print to any shareholder who requests it. Shareholders may request copies free of charge from Investor Relations, Mettler-Toledo International Inc., 1900 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, OH 43240, USA, telephone +1 614 438 4748.

The board is involved in the oversight of the company's risk management process as follows. Each year, the company conducts an enterprise risk assessment under the supervision of the Chief Financial Officer. The full board receives the results of the assessment, including an evaluation of risks and a description of actions taken by the company to mitigate risk. The Audit Committee reviews the results in detail and reports on its review to the board.

Compensation-Related Risk

Management and the Compensation Committee have evaluated the company's compensation programs generally at different levels throughout the organization. Among other things, we considered that for executives who have the largest potential incentive compensation, a significant portion of total compensation is comprised

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of stock options that vest over five years and have a ten-year life, which drives emphasis on long-term performance. We also considered the applicability of the various situations described in Item 402(s) of Regulation S-K. We concluded from our evaluation that risks arising from our compensation policies and practices for our employees are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the company.

Minimum Qualifications for Directors

Members of the Board of Directors must demonstrate integrity, reliability, knowledge of corporate affairs, and an ability to work well together. Diversity in business background, area of expertise, gender and ethnicity are also considered when selecting board nominees. Additional details are contained in the company's corporate governance guidelines available at www.mt.com under "About Us / Investor Relations / Corporate Governance".

Independence of the Board

The board uses the following criteria in evaluating independence: (i) independence under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange; and (ii) no relationships with the company (other than as a director or shareholder) or only immaterial relationships. The independence criteria are contained in the corporate governance guidelines available on the company's website at www.mt.com under "About Us / Investor Relations / Corporate Governance". The board solicits information from directors as to any relationship the director or his immediate family member has with the company that might affect the director's independence. The board also evaluates directors' independence pursuant to current New York Stock Exchange rules.

The Board of Directors has determined that the following types of relationships are categorically immaterial:

- Commercial business relationships where METTLER TOLEDO buys from or sells to companies where directors serve as employees, or where their immediate family members serve as executive officers, and where the annual purchases or sales are less than the greater of \$1 million or 2% of either company's consolidated gross revenues.

In light of these criteria, the board has determined that Messrs. Chu, Contino, Kelly, Madaus, Maerki, Milne and Salice are independent under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and either have no relationships with the company (other than as director and shareholder) or have only immaterial relationships with the company. Mr. Spoerry, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Filliol, President and Chief Executive Officer, are not independent under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange.

Meeting of Non-Management Directors

The board schedules regular executive sessions for its non-management members, typically as part of each board meeting. The Presiding Director acts as chairman of these meetings.

Director Attendance at Board Meetings and the Annual Meeting

The board expects that its members will attend all meetings of the board and the annual meeting of shareholders. The Board of Directors met four times in 2011. Each director attended at least 75% of all board and committee meetings of which the director is a member and all directors attended the 2011 annual meeting of shareholders.

Policy Limiting Director Service on Other Public Company Boards; Director Resignation

The board has adopted a policy that directors may not serve on more than six public company boards. The board also has a policy that directors will offer their resignation upon a change in professional position or in circumstances that might affect a director's ability to serve on the board. In such circumstances, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee takes the lead on determining the appropriate course of action.

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Director Retirement Policy

The Board of Directors has adopted a retirement policy, pursuant to which directors will retire immediately after the board meeting that follows their 72nd birthday. In adopting the policy, the Board of Directors considered the importance of ensuring a mix of ages among board members and the balance of continuity versus fresh perspectives.

Contacting the Board of Directors

Interested parties, including shareholders, may contact the Board of Directors, the Presiding Director individually or the non-management directors as a group via: EMAIL to PresidingDirector@mt.com; or REGULAR MAIL to Mettler-Toledo International Inc., Im Langacher 44, 8606 Greifensee, Switzerland, Attention: Presiding Director.

Director Compensation

The Chairman receives a salary and an option grant, participates in the various Swiss personnel insurances (pension plan, accident and disability insurance) and receives certain miscellaneous benefits described below.

The other directors (except the CEO, Mr. Filliol, whose compensation is described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis) are compensated by an annual cash retainer, committee member fees, and per meeting fees for board and committee meetings attended. Board members may also receive a \$750 meeting fee for performing interviews of board candidates. Directors are reimbursed for traveling costs and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending board and committee meetings. Directors also receive an annual stock option grant and a grant of restricted stock units. The following provides an overview of the elements of 2011 director compensation:

Annual cash retainer	\$45,000
Fee per board meeting attended	\$ 1,000
Fee per committee meeting attended	\$ 750
Annual grant of stock options — number granted	2,320
Annual grant of restricted stock units (excluding the Presiding Director) — number granted	159
Annual grant of restricted stock units to the Presiding Director — number granted	258
Committee member fees:	
• Audit	\$10,000
• Compensation	\$ 5,000
• Nominating and Corporate Governance	\$ 3,000
Committee Chair fees (in addition to member fees):	
• Audit	\$10,000
• Compensation	\$ 5,000
• Nominating and Corporate Governance	\$ 3,000

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The actual amounts paid to each director with respect to 2011 are set out in the following table.

2011 Director Compensation

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards(1)	Option Awards(1)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings(2)	All Other Compensation(3)	Total
Wah-Hui Chu	\$ 55,250	\$23,842	\$ 98,438	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 177,530
Francis A. Contino . . .	73,750	23,842	98,438	—	—	196,030
Michael A. Kelly	58,000	23,842	98,438	—	—	180,280
Martin D. Madaus	63,750	23,842	98,438	—	—	186,030
Hans Ulrich Maerki . . .	63,250	23,842	98,438	—	—	185,530
George M. Milne	58,250	23,842	98,438	—	—	180,530
Thomas P. Salice	76,750	38,687	98,438	—	—	213,875
Robert F. Spoerry	450,400	—	549,893	99,088	257,836	1,357,217

(1) Represents the grant date fair value of restricted stock unit awards and option awards, respectively, computed in accordance with ASC 718 Compensation — Stock Compensation (“ASC 718”). The valuation assumptions associated with such awards are discussed in Note 12 to the company’s financial statements included in the Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

At December 31, 2011, each director held unvested restricted stock units and stock options (vested and unvested) with respect to the following number of shares:

	Restricted Stock Units (#)	Stock Options (#)
Wah-Hui Chu	561	19,004
Francis A. Contino	521	22,004
Michael A. Kelly	481	13,004
Hans Ulrich Maerki	521	31,004
Martin D. Madaus	361	8,304
George M. Milne	521	31,004
Thomas P. Salice	720	31,004
Robert F. Spoerry	—	297,450

(2) Represents the change in actuarial present value of Mr. Spoerry’s accumulated benefit under the Mettler-Toledo Fonds pension plan, a Swiss cash balance benefit plan, consisting of the company’s contributions to the plan on behalf of Mr. Spoerry.

(3) Includes tax equalization payments of \$193,437 (from which the individual receives no cash benefit), a car allowance of \$34,307, and other miscellaneous benefits, none of which individually exceeds \$25,000 in value. These benefits include an expense allowance and children’s allowance. See “Compensation Discussion and Analysis — Tax Equalization Agreements (Swiss Executives)” for a description of how the tax equalization functions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS — OPERATION

The Board of Directors has three committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Each committee has the authority to engage advisors or consultants as it deems appropriate to carry out its responsibilities. The membership and meetings of the committees are described in the following table.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Audit(1)</u>	<u>Compensation(2)</u>	<u>Nominating & Corporate Governance</u>
Wah-Hui Chu			X
Francis A. Contino	X		
Michael A. Kelly		X	
Hans Ulrich Maerki		X	X
Martin D. Madaus	X		
George M. Milne			X
Thomas P. Salice	X	X	
Total meetings in 2011	5	4	3

- (1) Messrs. Contino, Madaus and Salice are each considered “financial experts” as determined by the Board of Directors pursuant to the relevant SEC definition, and all are independent. No Audit Committee member serves on more than two other public company audit committees. Our Chief Financial Officer, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Head of Internal Audit and General Counsel attend Audit Committee meetings at the request of the Audit Committee and give reports to and answer inquiries from the Audit Committee.
- (2) No member of the Compensation Committee was at any time during 2011 an officer or employee of the company or any of its subsidiaries, and no interlocks exist with respect to Compensation Committee members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS — OPERATION

Committee Charters

Each committee of the Board of Directors has a written charter, setting forth the responsibilities of the committee in detail. The charters are reviewed annually and updated to comply with relevant regulations. The committee charters can be found on the company’s website at www.mt.com under “About Us / Investor Relations / Corporate Governance” and are available free of charge in print to any shareholder who requests them. The primary functions of the committees are as follows:

Audit	Compensation	Nominating & Corporate Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversees the accounting and financial reporting process of the company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discharges the responsibilities of the company’s Board of Directors relating to compensation of the company’s executives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies, screens and recommends qualified candidates to serve as directors of the company
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists with board oversight of the integrity of the company’s financial statements, and the sufficiency of the independent registered public accounting firm’s review of the company’s financial statements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews and monitors compensation arrangements so that the company continues to retain, attract and motivate quality employees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advises the board on the structure and membership of committees of the board
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists with board oversight of the performance of the company’s internal audit function 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in the company’s proxy statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops and recommends to the board corporate governance guidelines applicable to the company
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversees the appointment, engagement and performance of the company’s independent registered public accounting firm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews the Compensation Discussion and Analysis included in the company’s proxy statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads the board in its annual review of the board’s performance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists with board oversight of the company’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements 		

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee assists the board in overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes of the company. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a written charter, a copy of which can be found on the company's website at www.mt.com under "About Us / Investor Relations / Corporate Governance". The committee is responsible for overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes of the company and audits of the financial statements of the company. In discharging its oversight role, the Audit Committee discussed the audited financial statements contained in the 2011 annual report separately with the company's independent registered public accounting firm and the company's management and reviewed the company's internal controls and financial reporting.

The company's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC"), is responsible for auditing the company's consolidated financial statements as well as the company's internal control over financial reporting. PwC issues opinions as to (1) whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the company and its subsidiaries in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and (2) whether the company maintained, in all material respects, effective control over financial reporting.

Audited Financial Statements

In reviewing the company's audited financial statements with the independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee discussed with PwC the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended and adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and other matters including, without limitation:

- PwC's responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, including the nature and scope of their audits;
- the written disclosures and confirming letter from PwC regarding their independence required under the Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1;
- significant accounting policies, such as revenue recognition, goodwill and other intangible assets, and income taxes;
- management judgments and accounting estimates;
- any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal controls over financial reporting; and
- the extent of any significant accounting adjustments.

In reviewing the company's audited financial statements with the company's management, the Audit Committee discussed the same topics listed above with management, including, without limitation, the process used by management in formulating accounting estimates and the reasonableness of those estimates.

Based on the review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the board approved, that the audited financial statements be included in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fees

	<u>Audit Fees</u>	<u>Audit-Related Fees</u>	<u>Tax Fees</u>	<u>All Other Fees</u>
2011	\$3,456,000	\$226,000	\$178,000	\$5,000
2010	\$2,968,000	\$233,000	\$446,000	\$3,000

Audit Fees — Represents fees for the audit of the annual financial statements, including the Sarbanes-Oxley § 404 attestation opinion, and review of financial statements included in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

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Audit-Related Fees — The audit-related fees in 2011 and 2010 related primarily to due diligence work in connection with acquisition transactions and services provided in relation to our Blue Ocean program of information technology investment.

Tax Fees — The 2011 and 2010 tax fees were primarily for tax compliance-related services.

Other Fees — No significant other services were performed by PwC for the company in 2011 or 2010.

The Audit Committee has determined that PwC's provision of the services included in the categories "Tax Fees" and "Other Fees" is compatible with maintaining PwC's independence. All non-audit services were approved in advance by the Audit Committee pursuant to the procedures described below.

Audit Committee Approval of Non-Audit Services

The Audit Committee approves all non-audit services provided by PwC in accordance with the following framework:

- If the project is in an approved category and less than \$50,000 in fees, it is considered pre-approved by the Audit Committee. Specific projects in excess of this amount and any potential projects not included in the pre-approval framework are presented to the full Audit Committee for their advance approval.
- On a quarterly basis, PwC reports all non-audit services outside of the pre-approval framework to the Audit Committee and any proposals for non-audit services in the upcoming quarter.
- All non-audit fees are reviewed at least annually by the Audit Committee.

The independent registered public accounting firm ensures that all audit and non-audit services provided to the company have been approved by the Audit Committee. Each year, the company's management and the independent registered public accounting firm confirm to the Audit Committee that every non-audit service being proposed is permissible.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2012

The Audit Committee has appointed PwC as the company's independent registered public accounting firm to audit and report on the company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 and to perform such other services as may be required of them.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the
Audit Committee:

Francis A. Contino, *Chairman*
Martin Madaus
Thomas P. Salice

**PROPOSAL TWO:
RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

You are being asked to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as the company's independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee has appointed PwC, independent public accountants, to audit and report on the company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 and to perform such other services as may be required of them.

Auditor Attendance at Annual Meeting

Representatives of PwC are expected to be present at the annual meeting. They will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available to respond to appropriate shareholder questions.

Limitation on Amount of Audit Fees

We have no existing direct or indirect understandings or agreements with PwC that place a limit on current or future years' audit fees. Please see the Audit Committee Report in this proxy statement for further details concerning the fees charged by PwC.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote *FOR* ratification of the appointment of PwC as independent registered public accounting firm. Proxies will be voted "FOR" ratification of the appointment of PwC unless otherwise specified in the proxy.

NOMINATING AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee assists the board in identifying and recommending individuals to be nominated for election to the Board of Directors by shareholders. The committee is responsible for advising the board on the structure and membership of committees of the board as well as developing corporate governance guidelines applicable to the operation of the company. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee operates pursuant to a written charter, a copy of which can be found on the company's website at www.mt.com under "About Us / Investor Relations / Corporate Governance". We describe below the process established by the committee to nominate directors to the Board of Directors.

Director Nomination Process

When there is an actual or anticipated board vacancy, candidates for the Board of Directors may be recommended by (i) any member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, (ii) other board members, (iii) third parties engaged for that purpose by the committee, and/or (iv) the company's shareholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider candidates recommended by shareholders and evaluate them in the same manner as other candidates. Shareholders interested in recommending a person to be a director of the company must make such recommendation in writing. The recommendation must be forwarded to the Secretary of the company at: Mettler-Toledo International Inc., Im Langacher 44, 8606 Greifensee, Switzerland. Shareholder recommendations must include the information and be sent within the time-frames specified in the company's by-laws, a copy of which can be obtained from the Secretary. Additional details regarding minimum qualifications for director nominees can be found in the corporate governance guidelines on the company's website at www.mt.com under "About Us / Investor Relations / Corporate Governance".

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee follows the following process in nominating candidates for a position on the company's Board of Directors.

- (1) The committee begins by working with the Presiding Director and Chairman of the Board to determine the specific qualifications, qualities and skills that are desired for potential candidates to fill the vacancy on the board. The committee makes this determination based upon the current composition of the board, the specific needs of the company and the Minimum Qualifications for Directors included in the corporate governance guidelines. These state that the Board of Directors should be composed of successful individuals who demonstrate integrity, reliability, knowledge of corporate affairs, a general understanding of the company's business, and an ability to work well together. The committee considers diversity in business background, area of expertise, gender and ethnicity. The committee also evaluates longer-term board succession, taking into account the demographics of respective board members.
- (2) The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, Presiding Director and Chairman of the Board will then compile a list of all candidates recommended to fill the vacancy on the board. Candidates who meet the desired qualifications, qualities and skills will be required to complete a questionnaire that solicits information regarding the candidates' background, experience, independence and other information.
- (3) Members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Presiding Director, the Chairman of the Board and, in appropriate cases, other board members will interview those candidates who have completed the questionnaire.
- (4) Following these interviews, the full Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers the qualifications of each candidate to ensure that each candidate meets the specific qualities and skills that are desired. The committee will forward to the Board of Directors for consideration a list of candidates qualified for the position.

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With regard to the current board nominees, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has evaluated the qualifications and contributions of each of the board nominees and has recommended to the board that the nine current directors be nominated for re-election.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee:

George M. Milne, *Chairman*
Wah-Hui Chu
Hans Ulrich Maerki

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Compensation Discussion and Analysis

The Compensation Committee oversees compensation of the company's executive officers. In carrying out its duties, the Compensation Committee receives information and recommendations from the Chairman, the Head of Human Resources and the Chief Executive Officer, and may consult with outside compensation consultants as it deems appropriate. The Compensation Committee has historically used the firm Pearl Meyer & Partners to provide market surveys of executive compensation in technology firms in comparable industries (including scientific instrument firms), which are considered in setting compensation levels.

The objectives of the company's executive compensation programs are to:

- **Create a strong link between pay and performance.** The company sets challenging, objectively measurable targets, and compensation is designed to reward overachievement of those targets. At the same time, when performance is only at or below target, compensation tends to be below market.
- **To tie a significant portion of executive compensation to shareholder value creation.** The company does this in part by linking long-term compensation to the company's long-term performance. The annual cash incentive is also tied to short-term metrics, including growth in earnings per share.
- **Align executives' interests with those of the company's shareholders** through the equity ownership guidelines described below.
- **Attract and retain the best talent.** Total compensation must be competitive in the global personnel market in which we operate.

In establishing executive compensation policies the Compensation Committee considers, among other things, the results of the Advisory vote on Executive Compensation from the 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The result of the advisory vote was very positive with 97% of votes cast in favor of the company's compensation of its named executive officers. In 2011, the Compensation Committee did not make any material changes to its executive compensation policies.

2011 Compensation Highlights

The key components of 2011 executive compensation were as follows:

- *Salaries* — Base salaries were reviewed and left unchanged or moderately increased based on salary survey data, local market conditions and individual performance.
- *Annual Cash Incentives* — The average target achievement for our named executive officers in 2011 was 112%, resulting in incentive payments of between 80% and 120% of base salary. In recent years, the average target achievement for executive officers has ranged from 95% to approximately 125%, resulting in cash incentives of between 23% and 155% of base salary.
- *Long-Term Incentives* — The value of stock options granted to our named executive officers in 2011 increased by between 0% and 14% compared to 2010, reflecting both survey data and expansion of certain individual responsibilities.

Compensation Program Elements

The company's compensation program consists of three main elements: base salary, an annual cash incentive and long-term incentive compensation, and other elements of a smaller magnitude. The majority of executive compensation is performance based, and is paid in the form of the annual cash incentive and long-term incentive compensation.

Our goal is to ensure that the three main elements of compensation are carefully considered and fair, and that executives are motivated to further the interests of shareholders, both short-term and long-term.

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Each year the Compensation Committee separately reviews each of the three elements, as well as total compensation, taking into account the company's growth and performance, individual executive performance, and developments in the markets in which we compete for talent. In evaluating the competitiveness of the company's executive compensation, the Compensation Committee periodically conducts both broad based surveys of executive compensation and surveys of the compensation of executives in the instruments and electronics industries. In 2010, Pearl Meyer & Partners provided US-based survey data using confidential surveys relating to CEO and senior executive compensation at technology companies in comparable industries, including scientific instruments firms, and similar size firms to the company. They also provided data on peer company CEO compensation at Ametek, Beckman Coulter, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Millipore, Pall, PerkinElmer, Rockwell Automation, Roper Industries, Teledyne Technologies and Waters. The Compensation Committee also reviewed CEO compensation data from certain Swiss industrial public companies of a similar size and international organizational structure as the company.

Base Salary

The company's goal is to pay average base salaries that are approximately at or somewhat below the median. Based on broad based and peer company surveys, we believe base salaries for executive officers are generally slightly lower than those at peer companies. Although a competitive base salary is necessary and appropriate to attract and retain high quality talent, we believe the majority of executive compensation should be paid in ways that link pay with performance. We accomplish this through the annual cash incentive and long-term incentives.

Changes in 2011 Compensation

Based on its review of salary survey data referred to above, local market conditions, and taking into account each individual's performance, the Compensation Committee left the 2011 base salary for Mr. Filliol unchanged and increased the base salary for Mr. Donnelly by 3%, Mr. Caratsch by 2% and Mr. Widmer by 1%, in each case effective April 1st. In connection with certain expanded responsibilities and his return to France from assignment in Spain, effective August 1st Mr. de la Guéronnière's base salary was increased Euro 52,408 and certain assignment allowances of roughly equal value (e.g. housing and schooling allowances) were withdrawn. Based on the quality of leadership of the management team, and the overall performance of the company, the committee believes management's compensation is appropriate.

Annual Cash Incentive

We link pay with performance through our cash incentive plan, called POBS Plus. The purpose of the incentive plan is to provide an incentive to key employees of the company to reward them for driving the financial success of the company as measured based on objective financial criteria. The incentive plan is administered by the Compensation Committee. At the end of each year, the Compensation Committee establishes the performance targets on which each participant's incentive is based for the coming year. The targets used relate closely to our annual plan and budget, which are approved by the full Board of Directors each year. The targets are set taking into account the economic environment, the health of the company's end-user markets, and the challenges and opportunities of the company's various businesses. See "*2011 Threshold, Target, Maximum and Actual Performance*" below.

In addition, between 12 and 20 percent of the incentive for each participant is based on individual objective performance targets relating to the company's annual business objectives. The Compensation Committee directly evaluates the Chief Executive Officer's performance on his individual targets, and reviews the CEO's recommendation on the individual target performance of the other executive officers. After the conclusion of

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each year, the Compensation Committee reviews the audited results of the company's performance against each participant's performance targets and determines the incentive payment, if any, earned by each participant.

Cash Incentive Payment as % of Base Salary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Achievement vs. Target Levels</u>		
	<u><90%</u>	<u>100% (Target)</u>	<u>130% (Maximum)</u>
Olivier A. Filliol	—	50%	169%
William P. Donnelly	—	45%	158%
Other Named Executive Officers	—	45%	161%

The plan provides that targets for 100% achievement should be challenging and ambitious, but also realistic and attainable such that it is possible to achieve and exceed them. If targets are met total cash compensation is approximately equal to the levels of peer companies. The impact of over- or under-achieving targets on the annual incentive can be significant. The company and Board of Directors therefore approach the target setting process with care and consideration. We believe targets are set consistently with the philosophy of the POBS Plus plan that they be challenging and ambitious. In recent years the average target achievement for executive officers has ranged from 95% to approximately 125%, resulting in incentive payments of between 25% and 150% of base salary.

2011 Threshold, Target, Maximum and Actual Performance

<u>2011 Performance Targets</u>	<u>Threshold</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Adjusted Non-GAAP Earnings Per Share(1)	\$ 7.59	\$ 7.77	\$ 8.31	\$ 8.13
Net Cash Flow(2)	\$ 280.6 million	\$ 288.2 million	\$ 311.0 million	\$ 273.4 million
Last 12 Months Inventory Turnover	4.70	4.75	4.90	4.24
Group Sales (at budgeted currency rates) . . .	\$2,032.0 million	\$2,052.5 million	\$2,114.0 million	\$2,167.9 million

- (1) Excludes purchased intangible amortization (net of tax) of \$4.1 million, restructuring charges (net of tax) of \$4.4 million, and a net discrete tax benefit of \$3.8 million. The figure is based upon a 26% tax rate rather than the reported 24% rate.
- (2) Represents cash flow from operations before tax payments less capital expenditures.

The 2011 weighted performance relative to targets resulted in the following incentive payments as a percent of base salary under the POBS Plus plan for 2011:

Mr. Filliol	120%
Mr. Donnelly	95%
Mr. Caratsch	80%
Mr. de la Guéronnière	80%
Mr. Widmer	114%

Long-Term Incentives

Another method we have historically used to link pay with performance is awarding stock options, which we believe aligns management's long-term interests with those of the company's shareholders. Our stock options (including those granted in 2011) typically vest over five years, 20% per year, starting on the first anniversary of the date of grant. In 2008, we granted certain performance options that will vest in five years if the company meets certain EPS growth targets. Options generally have a term of ten years, except for certain grants to Swiss residents having terms of ten and a half years.

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In determining the size of each named executive officer's stock option grants, the Compensation Committee evaluates the relative importance of the individual's job, the contribution and performance of the individual, their years of service and their total compensation, as well as competitive information about equity as described above relative to each individual. In 2011, this analysis led to the grant of stock options with the grant date fair values each as described in the table "Grant of Plan-Based Awards". No grant was made to Mr. Widmer in light of his pending retirement in 2012.

The Compensation Committee believes that past performance is just one factor to take into account in determining the size of future awards.

Option Grant Practices and Policy

The Compensation Committee approves all option grants. Option grants are typically made once each year on the date of the Compensation Committee meeting at which the overall annual compensation review takes place (typically in late October or early November each year). The Compensation Committee meeting dates are set up to two years in advance, and the option grants are made on the meeting date. This is typically shortly before the announcement of the company's earnings. In the past, the Committee has also made initial grants to individual executive officers at the time they started serving as executive officers. All options have an exercise price equal to the closing price of the company's shares on the New York Stock Exchange on the date of grant.

Equity Ownership Guidelines

The Compensation Committee feels it is important for senior executives to have a significant portion of their ongoing compensation tied to the interests of shareholders. In 2009, the Compensation Committee implemented equity ownership guidelines for directors and executive officers that call for the individuals to accumulate equity ownership as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Value of Equity Ownership Required</u>
Directors	5x cash retainer (5x salary for Chairman)
CEO	5x base salary
CFO	3x base salary
Other executive officers	2x base salary

The following types of equity will count towards the ownership requirement: shares held directly, vested and unvested restricted stock units (if any), and the in-the-money value of vested stock options. Individuals have a five-year period to meet the ownership requirement, running from July 2009 for all current directors and officers. Prospectively the five-year period will run from the date of promotion or date of election to the board. If an individual does not meet the requirement within the relevant time periods, the Compensation Committee has the discretion not to make further equity grants to that person. If an individual has met their requirement but subsequently falls below due to a drop in share price, they will have 24 months to rebuild their ownership, subject to Compensation Committee discretion. As of June 30, 2011, all directors and officers who had been serving with the company for more than three years had already met their equity ownership target.

Share Purchase Plan

To help encourage executives to be direct shareholders, the board approved the Mettler-Toledo 2007 Share Purchase Plan on November 1, 2007. Under the plan, executive officers may purchase company shares using all or a portion of their cash incentive payable under the POBS Plus plan, subject to approval of the Compensation Committee. The issue price for shares under the plan will be equal to the New York Stock Exchange closing price on the date of issuance, which occurs before March 15 of each year. All shares issued pursuant to the plan are restricted for a period of five years from the date of issuance, during which time they may not be sold,

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assigned, transferred or otherwise disposed of, nor may they be pledged or otherwise hypothecated, except in the case of death or disability. Shares purchased under the plan are disclosed in footnote 3 of the Summary Compensation Table below.

Swiss Pension Plan

The Swiss-based executive officers (Messrs. Filliol, Caratsch and Widmer) participate in a Swiss pension plan called Mettler-Toledo Fonds, which is a cash balance benefit (or pension) plan. Each year we contribute to the plan 22% of each participating named executive officer's "covered salary". The covered salary for pension purposes is equal to 77.27% of the individual's target salary (consisting of the base salary plus the cash incentive earned at 100% target achievement) and was capped by Swiss law at a maximum of CHF 835,200 in 2011 and CHF 820,800 in 2010 and 2009. Individual employees may also make their own direct contributions to the plan from their own funds. Amounts in the plan bear interest depending on the annual performance of the pension plan, including certain minimum amounts as set by Swiss law. Retirement benefits are paid in the form of a lump-sum payment when the employee reaches the normal retirement age under the plan of 65.

Tax Treatment

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code prohibits the company from deducting compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to certain employees, generally its CEO and its three other most highly compensated executive officers (excluding the CFO), unless that compensation qualifies as performance-based compensation. We maintain flexibility to balance the need to fairly compensate the company's executive officers with the company's ability to deduct compensation pursuant to Section 162(m). Mr. Filliol's base salary, which counts towards the Section 162(m) limits, is paid in Swiss francs. Although the Compensation Committee made no change to Mr. Filliol's base salary in 2011, the Swiss franc strengthened against the U.S. dollar in 2011. The average Swiss franc / U.S. dollar exchange rate in 2011 was more than 17% higher than the average rate in 2010. In 2011 compensation in the amount of \$109,394 paid to Mr. Filliol was non-deductible pursuant to Section 162(m).

Tax Equalization Agreements (Swiss Executives)

The company is a party to tax equalization agreements with Messrs. Filliol, Caratsch and Widmer, who are non-U.S. citizens and non-U.S. residents and who pay income tax on their earnings in Switzerland. The individuals do not receive any cash benefit from the agreements, the principle of which is to leave the employee in exactly the same position (i.e., no better and no worse off) than if they had not become subject to incremental U.S. taxation on a portion of their income. Under the tax equalization agreements, the company has agreed to pay taxes borne by these executives in respect of incremental taxation being due in the United States by virtue of their work for the company there. Because the individuals are left no better and no worse off than had they not become subject to U.S. taxation, the Compensation Committee does not believe it is appropriate to take into account the U.S. taxes paid by the company under the tax equalization agreements when determining the employees' compensation each year. In cases where the individual's Swiss taxes are lower as a result of the company having paid these U.S. tax amounts, the individual may need to make a payment to the company under the tax equalization agreement.

Employment Agreements

The company is a party to employment agreements with each of the named executive officers. These agreements provide for a base salary subject to adjustment and participation in our cash incentive plan and other employee benefit plans. Each agreement prohibits the executive from competing with the company for a period of 12 months after termination of employment. The agreements may be terminated without cause by either party on 12 months' notice (six months' notice for Mr. Widmer), during which periods the executive is entitled to full compensation under the agreement, including payment of base salary, target cash incentive, and continuation of benefits.

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The equity compensation arrangements are separately described in the sections below entitled “Grants of Plan-Based Awards” and “Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End”. The operation of the employment agreements in the context of a termination or a change in control is separately described below under “Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control”.

Summary Compensation Table(1)

Name and Principal Position	Year	Base Salary (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)(2)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(3)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)(4)	All Other Compensation (\$)(5)	Total (\$)
Olivier A. Filliol President and Chief Executive Officer	2011	\$993,976	—	\$2,799,956	\$1,195,256	\$206,896	\$183,556	\$5,379,639
	2010	993,976	—	2,545,118	1,539,271	203,328	112,209	5,393,903
	2009	928,949	—	2,312,091	322,345	203,328	212	3,766,927
William P. Donnelly Chief Financial Officer	2011	382,031	—	1,049,930	365,387	n.a.	36,943	1,834,291
	2010	375,000	—	949,973	477,413	n.a.	32,899	1,835,285
	2009	375,000	—	903,969	122,850	n.a.	36,943	1,438,762
Thomas Caratsch Head of Laboratory	2011	349,724	—	414,965	280,560	86,207	41,375	1,172,831
	2010	344,556	—	399,969	444,098	84,933	13,104	1,286,660
	2009	344,556	—	381,732	78,145	84,516	32,279	921,229
Marc de la Guéronnière(6) Head of European Market Organizations	2011	248,456	—	539,922	194,517	49,053	75,383	1,107,330
	2010	210,808	—	475,081	238,192	56,326	107,510	1,087,917
Urs Widmer Head of Industrial	2011	381,854	—	0	435,973	94,127	133,883	1,045,836
	2010	379,011	—	385,022	552,333	93,426	80,936	1,490,729
	2009	379,011	—	381,732	89,712	93,426	19,162	963,043

- (1) All amounts shown were paid in Swiss francs, except amounts paid to Mr. Donnelly and U.S. tax equalization payments, which were paid in U.S. dollars, and amounts paid to Mr. de la Guéronnière, which were paid in Euros. For purposes of this table, all amounts paid in Swiss francs were converted to U.S. dollars at a rate of CHF 0.8881 to \$1.00, and amounts paid in Euros were converted to U.S. dollars at a rate of EUR 0.7191 to \$1.00, in each case the respective average exchange rate in 2011.
- (2) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of stock option awards for each individual computed in accordance with ASC 718. The valuation assumptions associated with such awards are discussed in Note 12 to the company’s financial statements included in the Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.
- (3) Amounts shown are the annual cash incentive earned under the company’s POBS Plus incentive plan. Pursuant to the Share Purchase Plan described above, in 2009 Mr. Filliol purchased company shares with CHF 286,275 of the incentive.
- (4) Represents the change in actuarial present value of each individual’s accumulated benefit under the Mettler-Toledo Fonds pension plan, a Swiss cash balance benefit plan, consisting of the company’s contributions to the plan on behalf of each individual. In the case of Mr. de la Guéronnière, represents the company’s contributions to the French pension plan.
- (5) Includes tax equalization payments and other miscellaneous benefits as set out below. As described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis above, the individuals do not receive any cash benefit from the tax equalization payments. The principle of the tax equalization is to leave the employee in exactly the same position (i.e., no better and no worse) than if they had not become subject to U.S. taxation on a portion of their income. As such, the Compensation Committee does not believe it is appropriate to include these tax equalization amounts when determining the employees’ compensation each year. Negative amounts represent payments by the individual to the company, for example as a result of lower Swiss taxes being due by virtue of the U.S. tax payments.

Miscellaneous personal benefits, none of which individually exceeds \$25,000 in value unless otherwise stated, include car allowances, expense allowances, tax return preparation, and the value of meals in the company cafeteria. In Mr. Donnelly’s case, they also include the company’s matching payments under its 401(k) plan, access to a company-rented apartment in Columbus in lieu of hotel accommodations and the dollar value of life insurance premiums paid by the company. In Mr. de la Guéronnière’s case, benefits in 2010

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include a housing allowance of \$48,033 and a schooling allowance of \$32,866, and benefits in 2011 include a housing allowance of \$28,019 and a schooling allowance of \$19,600.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Equalization</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Benefits</u>
Olivier A. Filliol	2011	\$149,185	\$ 34,371
	2010	76,316	35,893
	2009	(35,343)	35,555
William P. Donnelly	2011	n.a.	22,243
	2010	n.a.	32,899
	2009	n.a.	22,243
Thomas Caratsch	2011	17,588	23,787
	2010	(17,513)	30,617
	2009	(6,129)	38,408
Marc de la Guéronnière	2011	n.a.	75,383
	2010	n.a.	107,510
Urs Widmer	2011	107,844	26,039
	2010	45,633	35,303
	2009	(8,962)	28,124

- (6) Mr. de la Guéronnière became an executive officer in December 2010.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1) [POBS Plus Cash Incentive]

<u>Name</u>	<u>Threshold (\$)</u>	<u>Target (\$)</u>	<u>Maximum (\$)</u>	<u>Grant Date (2)</u>	<u>All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)</u>	<u>Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)</u>	<u>Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards \$(3)</u>
Olivier A. Filliol	0	\$496,988	\$1,683,596	11/2/2011	65,990	\$149.95	\$2,799,956
William P. Donnelly	0	172,969	605,391	11/2/2011	24,745	\$149.95	1,049,930
Thomas Caratsch	0	158,151	564,072	11/2/2011	9,780	\$149.95	414,965
Marc de la Guéronnière	0	127,660	455,319	11/2/2011	12,725	\$149.95	539,922
Urs Widmer	0	172,261	614,396	11/2/2011	0	\$149.95	0

- (1) Represents the range of cash incentive payments possible under the company's POBS Plus incentive plan in respect of the 2011 fiscal year. The maximum incentive possible is 169.4% of base salary for Mr. Filliol, 157.5% for Mr. Donnelly, and 160.5% of base salary for the other named officers. The target cash incentive is 50% of base salary for Mr. Filliol and 45% of base salary for the other named officers. The actual incentive earned in each year is included in the "Summary Compensation Table" above.
- (2) Each of the option awards was made under the Mettler-Toledo International Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. The grants vest in five equal annual installments starting on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) The grant date fair value of the options of \$42.43 per share has been computed in accordance with ASC 718 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, based upon the following assumptions: estimated time until exercise of five years; a risk-free interest rate of 1.09%; a volatility rate of 30%; and a zero dividend yield. The Black-Scholes option pricing model is only one method of valuing options. The actual value of the options may significantly differ, and depends on the excess of the market value of the common stock over the exercise price at the time of exercise.

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Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

Name	Option Awards(1)					Stock Awards(2)		
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Grant Date	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	
Olivier A. Filliol	30,000	0	\$ 45.91	10/31/2001	04/30/2012			
	30,000	0	\$ 33.23	11/07/2002	05/06/2013			
	30,000	0	\$ 37.56	08/27/2003	02/27/2014			
	15,000	0	\$ 37.56	08/27/2003	02/27/2014			
	40,000	0	\$ 47.95	10/28/2004	04/28/2015			
	55,000	0	\$ 52.37	11/03/2005	05/03/2016			
	45,000	0	\$ 68.06	11/02/2006	05/02/2017			
	53,440	13,360	\$105.11	11/01/2007	11/01/2017			
	0	66,800	\$112.37	01/03/2008	01/03/2018			
	66,000	44,000	\$ 73.69	11/06/2008	11/06/2018			
	33,240	49,860	\$ 90.76	10/28/2009	10/28/2019			
	13,452	53,808	\$133.00	11/03/2010	11/03/2020			
	0	65,990	\$149.95	11/02/2011	11/02/2021			
	William P. Donnelly	11,000	0	\$ 37.56	08/27/2003	08/27/2013		
		3,750	0	\$ 37.56	08/27/2003	08/27/2013		
40,000		0	\$ 47.95	10/28/2004	10/28/2014			
55,000		0	\$ 52.37	11/03/2005	11/03/2015			
45,000		0	\$ 68.06	11/02/2006	11/02/2016			
24,200		6,050	\$105.11	11/01/2007	11/01/2017			
0		27,500	\$112.37	01/03/2008	01/03/2018			
27,060		18,040	\$ 73.69	11/06/2008	11/06/2018			
12,996		19,494	\$ 90.76	10/28/2009	10/28/2019			
5,021		20,084	\$133.00	11/03/2010	11/03/2020			
0		24,745	\$149.95	11/02/2011	11/02/2021			
Thomas Caratsch(3)						120	\$17,725	
	4,500	3,000	\$112.37	01/03/2008	01/03/2018			
	0	12,000	\$112.37	01/03/2008	01/03/2018			
	7,800	7,200	\$ 73.69	11/06/2008	11/06/2018			
	5,488	8,232	\$ 90.76	10/28/2009	10/28/2019			
	2,114	8,456	\$133.00	11/03/2010	11/03/2020			
	0	9,780	\$149.95	11/02/2011	11/02/2021			
Marc de la Guéronnière	2,360	1,840	\$105.11	11/01/2007	11/01/2017			
	0	13,750	\$112.37	01/03/2008	01/03/2018			
	11,700	7,800	\$ 73.69	11/06/2008	11/06/2018			
	6,210	9,315	\$ 90.76	10/28/2009	10/28/2019			
	2,511	10,044	\$133.00	11/03/2010	11/03/2020			
	0	12,725	\$149.95	11/02/2011	11/02/2021			
Urs Widmer	15,000	0	\$ 37.56	08/27/2003	02/27/2014			
	15,900	0	\$ 52.37	11/03/2005	05/03/2016			
	27,500	0	\$ 68.06	11/02/2006	05/02/2017			
	14,680	3,670	\$105.11	11/01/2007	11/01/2017			
	0	16,050	\$112.37	01/03/2008	01/03/2018			
	13,500	9,000	\$ 73.69	11/06/2008	11/06/2018			
	5,488	8,232	\$ 90.76	10/28/2009	10/28/2019			
	2,035	8,140	\$133.00	11/03/2010	11/03/2020			

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- (1) Each of the options vests ratably over five years starting from the first anniversary of the date of grant, except certain options granted in 2003, which vested on the first and second anniversary of the date of grant, and the January 3, 2008 grants, which will vest in full on March 1, 2013, provided the company has achieved at least 15% compound annual growth in its fully diluted earnings per share (subject to certain defined adjustments) over the five-year period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012.
- (2) Mr. Caratsch received a grant of 600 restricted stock units in November 2007 prior to becoming an executive officer. The restrictions on these RSUs lapse ratably over five years from the first anniversary of the date of grant. The market value figure shown in the Stock Awards column is calculated using the closing share price of \$147.71 on December 30, 2011.
- (3) Of the January 3, 2008 option grants made to Mr. Caratsch, 12,000 are the above-referenced performance options. The remaining 7,500 options were granted in connection with Mr. Caratsch becoming an executive officer, and vest ratably over five years starting from the first anniversary of the date of grant.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested in Fiscal 2011

<u>Name</u>	<u>Option Awards</u>		<u>Stock Awards</u>	
	<u>Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)</u>	<u>Net Value Realized on Exercise (\$)</u>	<u>Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)</u>	<u>Value Realized on Vesting (\$)</u>
Olivier A. Filliol	30,000	\$3,567,669	—	\$ —
William P. Donnelly	49,000	6,338,772	—	—
Thomas Caratsch	3,000	302,663	120	17,770
Marc de la Guéronnière	5,000	235,950	220	32,989
Urs Widmer	59,100	6,711,916	—	—

Pension Benefits(1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Plan Name</u>	<u>Number of Years of Credited Service (#)</u>	<u>Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)(2)</u>	<u>Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)</u>
Olivier A. Filliol	Mettler-Toledo Fonds	13	\$5,239,201	0
William P. Donnelly	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Thomas Caratsch	Mettler-Toledo Fonds	4	2,207,837	0
Marc de la Guéronnière	ARRCO/AGIRC	10	n.a.	0
Urs Widmer	Mettler-Toledo Fonds	27	5,079,283	0

- (1) The Swiss-based executive officers (Messrs. Filliol, Caratsch and Widmer) participate in a Swiss pension plan called Mettler-Toledo Fonds, which is a form of cash balance benefit (or pension) plan. Each year we contribute to the plan 22% of each participating named executive officer's "covered salary". The covered salary for pension purposes is equal to 77.27% of the individual's target salary (consisting of the base salary plus the cash incentive earned at 100% target achievement) and was capped by Swiss law at a maximum of CHF 835,200 in 2011 and CHF 820,800 in 2010 and 2009. Mr. de la Guéronnière participates in the French pension system, which is a type of contributory pension plan under which pensions are calculated on the basis of "points" acquired according to contributions made by the employer and employee during the employment period.
- (2) Swiss franc amounts have been converted to U.S. dollars at a rate of CHF 0.9397 to \$1.00, the exchange rate on December 31, 2011. Individual employees may also make their own direct contributions to the plan from their own funds. Of the amounts shown, the named officers have individually contributed the following amounts: Mr. Filliol \$3.3 million, Mr. Caratsch \$1.8 million and Mr. Widmer \$2.7 million.

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Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

Pursuant to their employment agreements described above, each of the named executive officers may be terminated after giving the requisite notice. In the event of certain terminations, the executives are entitled to receive full compensation during the notice period.

The following table reflects payments that would have been made to the named executive officers if they had been terminated on various grounds, assuming that notice of termination was given on December 31, 2011. The actual amounts to be paid out can only be determined at the time of any such executive's termination of employment. This table does not include information about any contracts, agreements, plans or arrangements to the extent they do not discriminate in scope, terms or operation in favor of executive officers and that are available generally to all salaried employees.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control(1)

Name	For Cause/Death/ Disability/Retirement (2)	Not For Cause/For Good Reason/ All Other(3)
Olivier A. Filliol		
Base Salary	\$ 0	\$ 993,976
Cash Incentive	0	496,988
Pension	0	206,896
Benefits	0	26,911
Total	0	1,724,771
William P. Donnelly		
Base Salary	0	384,375
Cash Incentive	0	172,969
Pension	0	14,700
Benefits	0	10,000
Total	0	582,044
Thomas Caratsch		
Base Salary	0	351,447
Cash Incentive	0	158,151
Pension	0	86,207
Benefits	0	16,327
Total	0	612,132
Marc de la Guéronnière		
Base Salary	0	283,688
Cash Incentive	0	127,660
Pension	0	49,053
Benefits	0	69,814
Total	0	530,215
Urs Widmer		
Base Salary	0	191,401
Cash Incentive	0	86,130
Pension	0	47,063
Benefits	0	9,289
Total	0	333,884

(1) In all termination scenarios, the named executive officer retains vested amounts in the company's pension plans — these amounts are described in the "Present Value of Accumulated Benefit" column of the Pension Benefits table above. In a change in control situation,

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unless otherwise provided in an option agreement, all unvested outstanding options will accelerate and become fully exercisable. For purposes of the table below, we assume that all outstanding options accelerate and become fully exercisable as of December 31, 2011 (and that unvested restricted stock units vest in the case of Mr. Caratsch). The expense associated with this acceleration is the same as absent a change in control, but would be incurred by the company earlier than over the normal course of the vesting period. The value of the named executive officers' unvested stock options (and unvested restricted stock units of Mr. Caratsch) as of December 30, 2011 is as follows (calculated as the difference between the share price on that date of \$147.71 and the respective exercise price):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Net Value of Accelerated Unvested Stock Options</u>
Olivier A. Filliol	\$9,817,771
William P. Donnelly	3,970,520
Thomas Caratsch	1,673,969
Marc de la Guéronnière	1,819,901
Urs Widmer	1,978,281

(2) The named executive officers are not entitled to any additional compensation from the company or any additional option vesting upon a termination for cause or termination relating to disability or upon death or retirement. In a termination for cause, each employee forfeits vested as well as unvested stock options. U.S.-based employees have company-provided life insurance paying one time their annual compensation (up to \$500,000) upon the employee's death during employment. In Mr. Donnelly's case, the insured amount is \$500,000.

(3) In all other terminations (including not for cause or for good reason), the individual is entitled to base salary, the cash incentive and certain benefits for the contractual notice period in their respective employment agreement. Pursuant to the operation of our equity plans applicable to all employees, the individual is also entitled to additional option vesting during the notice period.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee assists the board in reviewing and monitoring the compensation of the company's executives. The Compensation Committee operates pursuant to a written charter, a copy of which can be found on the company's website at www.mt.com under "About Us / Investor Relations / Corporate Governance".

The Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing compensation arrangements that allow the company to retain, attract and motivate highly qualified employees. The Compensation Committee reviews the company's total compensation budget, and sets the annual compensation of the company's executive officers, including the Chief Executive Officer. It also evaluates and sets the compensation of the directors. In carrying out its duties, the Compensation Committee receives input and recommendations from the Chairman, Head of Human Resources and the Chief Executive Officer regarding the amount and form of executive and director compensation.

The Compensation Committee also makes periodic use of compensation consultants. In 2010, Pearl Meyer & Partners provided US-based survey data using confidential surveys relating to CEO and senior executive compensation at technology companies in comparable industries, including scientific instruments firms, and of similar size firms to the company. They also provided data on peer company CEO compensation at Ametek, Beckman Coulter, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Millipore, Pall, PerkinElmer, Rockwell Automation, Roper Industries, Teledyne Technologies and Waters. The Compensation Committee also reviewed CEO compensation data from certain Swiss industrial public companies of a similar size and international set up as the company.

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis contained in this Proxy Statement. On the basis of such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the board approved, that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the
Compensation Committee:

Thomas P. Salice, *Chairman*
Michael A. Kelly
Hans Ulrich Maerki

**PROPOSAL THREE:
ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act enacted in July 2010 (the “Dodd-Frank Act”), the shareholders of the company are entitled to vote at the annual meeting to approve the compensation of the company’s named executive officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act.

As described more fully in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement and accompanying tables and narratives, our compensation program consists of three main elements: base salary, an annual cash incentive and long-term incentive compensation. Our goal is to ensure that the three main elements of compensation are carefully considered and fair, and that executives are motivated to further the interests of shareholders, both short and long-term. The company has in the past sought approval from shareholders regarding the incentive plans that we use to motivate, retain and reward our executives. Those incentive plans, including the POBS Plus Incentive System for Group Management and the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, make up a majority of the pay that the company provides to our executives.

We have a long track record of delivering superior results for our shareholders. In the ten year period ending December 31, 2011, the company’s total return to shareholders has been 285%, compared with 133% for the S&P 500 and 143% for companies in SIC Code 3826 (Laboratory Analytical Instruments). Our executive compensation programs have played a material role in our ability to drive strong financial results and attract and retain a highly qualified team to run the company.

We believe our executive compensation programs are transparent, consistent with current best practices, appropriately benchmarked to peers and effective in supporting our company and our business objectives.

- Our compensation programs are substantially tied to the achievement of key business objectives and to long-term shareholder returns.
- Performance is objectively measured.
- Targets are set at challenging levels.
- Stock options granted to executives have a ten-year term and vest over five years, which helps management focus on sustainable and long-term value creation.
- We carefully monitor the compensation of executives from companies of similar size and complexity to help us to ensure our programs are within the range of market practices.

The company seeks your advisory vote on our executive compensation programs. Shareholder advisory votes on our executive compensation programs will occur annually. After the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders the next such shareholder advisory vote will occur at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. We ask that you support the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section and the accompanying tables and narratives contained in this proxy statement. Because your vote is advisory, it will not be binding on the Board of Directors. However, the board will review the voting results and take such results into consideration when making future decisions regarding executive compensation. Accordingly, we will ask our shareholders to vote “FOR” the following resolution at the annual meeting:

“RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the company’s named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion, is hereby APPROVED.”

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote *FOR* the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement pursuant to the compensation and disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SHARE OWNERSHIP

This table shows how much of the company's common stock is owned by directors, executive officers and owners of more than 5% of the company's common stock as of the record date March 5, 2012 (December 31, 2011 in the case of 5% shareholders):

<u>Name of Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Shares Beneficially Owned(1)</u>			<u>Percent</u>
			<u>Number</u>	
5% Shareholders:				
FMR LLC 82 Devonshire Street Boston, MA 02109			4,127,874	13.1%
Columbia Wanger Asset Management 227 West Monroe Street, Suite 3000 Chicago, IL 60606			2,209,050	7.0%
Baron Capital Group 767 Fifth Avenue, 49 th Floor New York, NY 10153			2,067,717	6.5%
BlackRock Inc. 40 East 52 nd Street New York, NY 10022			2,016,778	6.4%
	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Indirect(2)</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
		<u>Number</u>		
Directors:				
Robert F. Spoerry(3)	370,191	239,589	609,780	1.9%
Wah-Hui Chu	1,764	10,562	12,326	*
Francis A. Contino(4)	3,464	13,562	17,026	*
Olivier A. Filliol	16,279	381,132	397,411	1.2%
Michael A. Kelly	404	5,162	5,566	*
Martin D. Madaus	1,324	2,342	3,666	*
Hans Ulrich Maerki	964	22,562	23,526	*
George M. Milne	4,964	22,562	27,526	*
Thomas P. Salice	157,549	22,262	179,811	*
Named Executive Officers:				
William P. Donnelly(5)	50,881	209,277	260,158	*
Thomas Caratsch	650	13,602	14,252	*
Marc de la Guéronnière	5,000	22,781	27,781	*
Urs Widmer	8,913	0	8,913	*
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (16 persons):	637,743	1,040,088	1,677,831	5.1%

* The percentage of shares of common stock beneficially owned does not exceed one percent of the outstanding shares.

- (1) Calculations of percentage of beneficial ownership are based on 31,572,734 shares of common stock outstanding on March 5, 2012. Information regarding 5% shareholders is based solely on Schedule 13Gs filed by the holders. For the directors and officers, the calculations assume the exercise by each individual of all options for the purchase of common stock held by such individual that are exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof.
- (2) Represents shares subject to stock options that are exercisable within 60 days.
- (3) Includes 346,826 shares held by Mr. Spoerry's children (with respect to which Mr. Spoerry retains a life interest, including full voting and dispositive control) and 17,778 shares held by Mr. Spoerry's spouse.
- (4) Includes 3,182 shares held by Mr. Contino's family trust (with respect to which Mr. Contino retains beneficial ownership).
- (5) Includes 3,478 shares held by Mr. Donnelly's children.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The Compensation Committee is comprised of Messrs. Kelly, Maerki and Salice, none of whom were officers or employees of the company or its subsidiaries or had any relationship requiring disclosure by the company under Item 404 of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation S-K during 2011. No interlocking relationship exists between the members of Mettler-Toledo's Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee and the board of directors or compensation committee of any other company, nor has any such interlocking relationship existed in the past.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the company's executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of the company's equity securities, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and The New York Stock Exchange. Executive officers, directors and greater than 10% shareholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based on our review of the copies of such forms received by us, or written representations from certain reporting persons, we believe that in the last fiscal year, all filing requirements applicable to our executive officers and directors and greater than 10% shareholders were complied with.

Availability of Form 10-K and Annual Report to Shareholders

The company's Annual Report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, including financial statements, accompanies this proxy statement. The Annual Report is not to be regarded as proxy soliciting material or as a communication by means of which any solicitation is to be made.

The Annual Report will be available on the company's website at www.mt.com under "About Us / Investor Relations / Annual Report". Upon written request, the company will furnish, without charge, to each person whose proxy is being solicited a copy of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, as filed with the SEC. Requests in writing for copies of any such materials should be directed to Investor Relations, Mettler-Toledo International Inc., 1900 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43240-2020, USA, telephone +1 614 438 4748.

Electronic Delivery of Annual Report and Proxy Statement

If you wish to receive future annual reports, proxy statements and other materials and shareholder communications electronically via the Internet, please follow the directions on your proxy card for requesting such electronic delivery. An election to receive materials electronically will continue until you revoke it. You will continue to have the option to vote your shares by mail or via the Internet.

How to Submit Shareholder Proposals

Shareholders may present proposals which may be proper subjects for inclusion in the proxy statement and for consideration at an annual meeting. To be considered, proposals must be submitted on a timely basis. We must receive proposals for next year's annual meeting no later than November 15, 2012. Proposals and questions related thereto should be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the company. Proposals may be included in the proxy statement for next year's annual meeting if they comply with certain rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC and in connection with certain procedures described in our by-laws, a copy of which may be obtained from the Secretary of the company. Any proposal submitted outside the processes of these rules and regulations will be considered untimely for the purposes of Rule 14a-4 and Rule 14a-5.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Expenses of Solicitation

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by the company. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by use of the mail, some of our officers, directors and regular employees, none of whom will receive additional compensation therefore, may solicit proxies in person or by Internet or other means. As is customary, we will, upon request, reimburse brokerage firms, banks, trustees, nominees and other persons for their out-of-pocket expenses in forwarding proxy materials to their principals.


Delivery of Documents to Shareholders Sharing an Address

If you are the beneficial owner, but not the record holder, of shares of METTLER TOLEDO stock, your broker, bank or other nominee may only deliver one copy of this proxy statement and our 2011 annual report to multiple shareholders who share an address unless that nominee has received contrary instructions from one or more of the shareholders. We will deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of this proxy statement and our 2011 annual report to a shareholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the documents was delivered. A shareholder who wishes to receive a separate copy of the proxy statement and annual report should submit this request by writing to Investor Relations, Mettler-Toledo International Inc., 1900 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, OH 43240, USA or by calling +1 614 438 4748. Shareholders sharing an address who are receiving multiple copies of proxy materials and annual reports and who wish to receive a single copy of such materials in the future should contact their broker, bank or other nominee to request that only a single copy of each document be mailed to all shareholders at the shared address in the future.

Other Matters

We know of no other matter to be brought before the annual meeting. If any other matter requiring a vote of the shareholders should come before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote the proxies with respect to any such matter in accordance with their reasonable judgment.

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