# ARKESDEN COMPENSATION REPORT 2019/20





# Welcome to the Arkesden Compensation Report for 2019/20

Whilst the annual Arkesden Compensation Report is designed to look back at the compensation structures for the past year for M&A bankers you may consider hiring, most people are looking to the year ahead given the significant and tumultuous times globally in the markets as we go to print.

At best it seems there is a significant slowdown ahead for the global economy and at worst a global recession to come. The direction of travel is ultimately still too early to call but with fiscal stimulus at a level not seen since 2008, there is clearly a huge damage limitation exercise in place. What is obvious is that the decade long bull market is most likely at an end and choppier waters lie ahead.

How this will ultimately play out for many of our alternative investment clients is unclear. Certain sectors represented in portfolios are going to be seeing a distinct drop in short to medium term value. Challenges are also likely to lie in portfolio corporate performance too with workforces at home and interruptions to supply chains and financing.

Yet the drop in asset values may lead to the need for industry amalgamations allowing opportunistic sponsors' activity as reported by Bloomberg, the FT and others of late. Corporate asset prices have stood at a high for a number of years, reducing the volume of available corporate targets for sponsor led acquisition. Opportunistically this may be about to change as distressed assets appear on the horizon and a change in attitude from sellers to the price of a disposal. Sourcing the credit piece is the other side of this equation and sponsors are looking carefully at the level of backing that public and private markets can provide and ultimately liquidity from the central banks too.

The global sponsor community has amassed around \$2 trillion of LP equity awaiting investment, it may not be too long before the markets find a base to work from, fiscal stimulus can take effect and life can move towards a normalised system, whatever that may look like for us all. The Alternative Investment industry will no doubt wish to be part of the recovery, when it starts to happen.

We hope you enjoy this report and to all of our readers and your families, wishing you a healthy few months ahead as we all try to work out the answers to many of these questions.

Adam Cairns
Founder, Arkesden Partners



# Compensation Trends for 2019

#### Mean compensation trends

From the data laid out in the report there has been a reduction in mean compensation on last year, particularly at the Associate and VP levels. This is reflective of the reduced M&A landscape over the last 12 months and an increased emphasis within banks to cut costs. Prominent reductions in mean compensation can be seen at Deutsche Bank and Barclays, with the former apparently reporting a bonus pool down between 30-35% on last year.

# • Strong total compensation and changes in cycling for 2016/2017 starters

The trend of reducing the Analyst programmes has continued this year with Bank of America, Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank amongst those running two-year Analyst cycles, in an attempt to retain junior talent. As such, this is the first year where we have seen the dividends of this, with the 2017 and 2016 classes seeing a considerable uplift in their total compensation compared to previous years having jumped to base salaries of £80,000 two years into their careers.

#### Widening bonus ranges

A significant takeaway from this year's report is the greater spread of bonus ranges. Those top-ranked in their class can still see very strong compensation, whilst those at the bottom of the ranking tables have seen lower bonuses than usual for the same ranking. This trend comes from the general market conditions over the past year and banks' desire to retain their top talent, at the expense of those less favoured. The high 'upper' bonuses have served to, in some instances, increase the overall mean compensation we have provided. Looking ahead, this is a key trend to watch when considering how banks will look to adapt their team structures in what are bound to be uncertain times.

#### Variable VP bases

In an ongoing trend of looking to compensate top performers, we've identified an increased propensity for variable VP bases at JP Morgan and Goldman Sachs. These can vary by as much as £15,000 for the same level and allows a higher level of total compensation. Subsequently, upon review of the report do bear this in mind as it has contributed to the increased bifurcation of total compensation within the same cohorts.

# Widening gap between European and US banks

Amongst the widening ranges within classes, this year we have also noted a growing gap between the European and US banks. This applies to mid-level Associates and above, and is a remarkable reversal compared to our previous reports. It is worth highlighting the consistently strong compensation paid out at Bank of America, as well as Credit Suisse for remaining within range of the Americans.



## Analyst, Associate & Vice President – Fixed Compensation 2020 Onwards

LEVEL	Anal	yst 1	Anal	yst 2	Anal	yst 3	Associ	ate 0/1	Associ	ate 1/2	Associa	ate 2/3	Associ	ate 3/4	VF	P 1	VF	2	VF	3
BANK	18/19	19/20	18/19	19/20	18/19	19/20	18/19	19/20	18/19	19/20	18/19	19/20	18/19	19/20	18/19	19/20	18/19	19/20	18/19	19/20
JP Morgan**	£50K	£50K	£55K	£55K	£60K	£60K	£90K	£90K	£90K	£90K	£105K	£105K	£120K	£120K	£135K	£145K	£155K	£155K	£155K	£160K
Goldman Sachs**	£50K	£50K	£60K	£60K	N/A	N/A	£80K	£80K	£91K	£91K	£106K	£106K	£122K	£122K	£128K	£128K	£134K	£134K	£146K	£150K
Morgan Stanley	£50K	£50K	£55K	£55K	N/A	N/A	£80K	£81K	£98K	£98K	£111K	£123K	£123K	£123K	£170K	£170K	£170K	£170K	£170K	£170K
BAML	£50K	£50K	£55K	£60K	N/A	N/A	£90K	£90K	£90K	£90K	£105K	£105K	£120K	£120K	£150K	£150K	£150K	£150K	£150K	£150K
CITI	£50K	£50K	£55K	£55K	£60K	£60K	£80K	£90K	£90K	£90K	£105K	£105K	£120K	£120K	£150K	£135K	£150K	£150K	£150K	£150K
Deutsche Bank	£50K	£50K	£55K	£55K*	N/A	N/A	£80K	£80K	£90K	£90K	£105K	£105K	£120K	£110/ 120K***	£140K	£140K	£155K	£155K	£170K	£155K
Barclays	£50K	£50K	£55K	£55K	£60K	£60K	N/A	N/A	£90K	£90K	£105K	£105K	£115K	£120K	£135K	£140K	£145K	£145K	£155K	£155K
Credit Suisse	£50K	£50K	£55K	£55K	£60K	£60K	£80K	£90K	£90K	£90K	£105K	£105K	£120K	£120K	£150K	£150K	£150K	£150K	£150K	£150K
UBS	£50K	£50K	£58K	£58K	£62K	£62K	N/A	N/A	£95K	£95K	£110K	£110K	£122K	£122K	£150K	£150K	£150K	£150K	£150K	£150K

<sup>\*</sup> Top ranked Deutsche Bank Analyst 2's go to a £60,000 base halfway through their cycle \*\* Each VP level's base salary at these institutions can vary by £0 to £15,000, depending on performance

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Deutsche run a four year associate programme, please see rest of the report for details



## Changes to Analyst and Associate Promotion Cycles 2020 Onwards

BANK	Bonus Cycle	Analyst 1	Analyst 2	Analyst 3	Associate 0	Associate 1	Associate 2	Associate 3	Associate 4	Total Years to VP
JP Morgan	Summer	1 year	1 year	1 year	6 months	1 year	1 year	1 year	N/A	6.5 years
Goldman Sachs	Summer	1 year	1 year	N/A	6 months	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	6.5 years
Morgan Stanley	Summer	1 year	1 year	N/A	1 year	6 months	1 year	1 year	1 year	6.5 years
BAML	Summer	1 year	1 year	N/A	6 months	1 year	1 year	1 year	N/A	5.5 years
CITI	Summer	1 year	1 year	1 year	6 months	1 year	1 year	1 year	N/A	6.5 years
Deutsche Bank	Summer	1 year	1 year	N/A	6 months	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	6.5 years
Barclays	Winter	6 months	1 year	1 year	N/A	1 year	1 year	1 year	N/A	5.5 years
Credit Suisse	Winter	1 year	1 year	1 year	6 months	1 year	1 year	1 year	N/A	6.5 years
UBS	Winter	6 months	1 year	1 year	N/A	1 year	1 year	1 year	N/A	5.5 years



# Analyst 1 - 2019 Starters

BANK	Bonus Cycle	2018/2019 Fixed	2019/2020 Fixed	2018/2019 Upper Bonus	2019/2020 Upper Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Bonus	2019/2020 Mean Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Total Comp	2019/2020 Mean Total Comp
JP Morgan	Summer	£50,000	£50,000	£46,000	Not Announced	£37,000	Not Announced	£87,000	N/A
Goldman Sachs	Summer	£50,000	£50,000	£46,000	Not Announced	£38,000	Not Announced	£88,000	N/A
Morgan Stanley	Summer	£50,000	£50,000	£35,000	Not Announced	£30,000	Not Announced	£80,000	N/A
BAML	Summer	£50,000	£50,000	£47,000	Not Announced	£38,000	Not Announced	£88,000	N/A
CITI	Summer	£50,000	£50,000	£46,000	Not Announced	£41,000	Not Announced	£91,000	N/A
Deutsche Bank	Summer	£50,000	£50,000	N/A	N/A	£16,000 stub	Not Announced	£66,000	N/A
Barclays	Winter	£50,000	£50,000	N/A	N/A	£13,000 stub	£13,000 stub	£63,000	£63,000
Credit Suisse	Winter	£50,000	£50,000	N/A	N/A	£18,000 stub	£18,000 stub	£68,000	£68,000
UBS	Winter	£50,000	£50,000	N/A	N/A	£10,000 stub	£10,000 stub	£60,000	£60,000



# Analyst 2 - 2018 Starters

BANK	Bonus Cycle	2018/2019 Fixed	2019/2020 Fixed	2018/2019 Upper Bonus	2019/2020 Upper Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Bonus	2019/2020 Mean Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Total Comp	2019/2020 Mean Total Comp
JP Morgan	Summer	£55,000	£55,000	£50,000	Not Announced	£43,000	Not Announced	£98,000	N/A
Goldman Sachs	Summer	£60,000	£60,000	£45,000	Not Announced	£37,500	Not Announced	£97,500	N/A
Morgan Stanley	Summer	£55,000	£55,000	£36,000	Not Announced	£30,000	Not Announced	£85,000	N/A
BAML	Summer	£55,000	£60,000	£50,000	Not Announced	£35,000	Not Announced	£90,000	N/A
CITI	Summer	£55,000	£55,000	£52,000	Not Announced	£42,000	Not Announced	£97,000	N/A
Deutsche Bank	Summer	£55,000	£55,000	£38,000	Not Announced	£32,000	Not Announced	£87,000	N/A
Barclays	Winter	£55,000	£55,000	£45,000	£46,000	£35,000	£31,000	£90,000	£86,000
Credit Suisse	Winter	£55,000	£55,000	£46,000	£55,000	£37,000	£36,000	£92,000	£91,000
UBS	Winter	£58,000	£58,000	£48,000	£50,000	£36,000	£34,000	£94,000	£92,000



## Analyst 3 / Associate 0 - 2017 Starters

BANK	Bonus Cycle	2018/2019 Fixed	2019/2020 Fixed	2018/2019 Upper Bonus	2019/2020 Upper Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Bonus	2019/2020 Mean Bonus	Sign on Bonus Summer 2019	Stub Bonus January 2020	2018/2019 Mean Total Comp	2019/2020 Mean Total Comp
JP Morgan	Summer	£60,000	£60,000	£75,000	Not Announced	£62,000	Not Announced	N/A	N/A	£122,000	N/A
Goldman Sachs*	Summer	£60,000	£80,000	£80,000	Not Announced	£60,000	Not Announced	N/A	£25,000	£120,000	N/A
Morgan Stanley*	Summer	£60,000	£81,000	£78,000	Not Announced	£59,000	Not Announced	£16,000	N/A	£139,000	N/A
BAML*	Summer	£60,000	£80,000	£65,000	Not Announced	£35,000	Not Announced	£30,000	£25,000	£115,000	N/A
CITI	Summer	£60,000	£60,000	£64,000	Not Announced	£54,000	Not Announced	N/A	N/A	£114,000	N/A
Deutsche Bank*	Summer	£60,000	£80,000	£60,000	£60,000	£45,000	£41,000	£22,500	N/A	£105,000	£143,500
Barclays	Winter	£60,000	£60,000	£52,000	£60,000	£43,000	£42,000	N/A	N/A	£103,000	£102,000
Credit Suisse	Winter	£60,000	£60,000	£64,000	£66,000	£46,000	£44,000	N/A	N/A	£106,000	£104,000
UBS	Winter	£62,000	£62,000	£65,000	£68,000	£47,000	£42,000	N/A	N/A	£109,000	£104,000

<sup>\*</sup> These banks operate a two year Analyst cycle so do not have the Analyst 3 level



#### Associate 0/1 - 2016 Starters

BANK	Summer Fixed & Level 2019	Summer 2019 Associate Sign On	Fixed January 2020	January 2020 Stub	Upper Bonus Range (Inc. when paid)	Mean Bonus Range (Inc. when paid)
JP Morgan	£90,000 Associate 0	£25,000	£90,000 Associate 1	£25,000	£66,000 Summer 2019	£62,000 Summer 2019
Goldman Sachs	£80,000 Associate 0	N/A	£91,000 Associate 1	£25,000	£64,000 Summer 2019	£60,000 Summer 2019
Morgan Stanley	£81,000 Associate 1	£16,000	£98,000 Associate 2	£33,000	£62,000 Summer 2019	£54,000 Summer 2019
BAML	£90,000 Associate 0	£30,000	£90,000 Associate 1	£25,000	£65,000 Summer 2019	£56,000 Summer 2019
CITI	£90,000 Associate 0	£25,000	£90,000 Associate 1	£20,000	£64,000 Summer 2019	£54,000 Summer 2019
Deutsche Bank	£90,000 Associate 0	£22,500	£90,000 Associate 1	N/A	£65,000 Summer 2019	£41,000 Summer 2019
Barclays	£90,000 Associate 1	N/A	£90,000 Associate 1	N/A	£60,000 January 2020	£45,000 January 2020
Credit Suisse	£90,000 Associate 0	£25,000	£90,000 Associate 1	£30,000	£60,000 January 2020	£44,000 January 2020
UBS	£95,000 Associate 1	N/A	£95,000 Associate 1	N/A	£64,000 January 2020	£40,000 January 2020

Due to changes across the banks over the last 6-12 months this is how it currently stands for the 2016 class. As a result of these changes we have not compared them to previous years.



#### Associate 1/2 - 2015 Starters

BANK	2018/2019 Fixed	2019/2020 Fixed	2018/2019 Upper Bonus	2019/2020 Upper Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Bonus	2019/2020 Mean Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Total Comp	2019/2020 Mean Total Comp
JP Morgan	£90,000	£90,000	£102,000	£100,000	£77,000	£72,000	£167,000	£162,000
Goldman Sachs	£91,000	£91,000	£115,000	£105,000	£79,000	£73,000	£170,000	£164,000
Morgan Stanley	£98,000	£98,000	£98,000	£90,000	£68,000	£63,000	£166,000	£161,000
BAML	£90,000	£90,000	£125,000	£125,000	£76,000	£79,000	£166,000	£169,000
CITI	£90,000	£90,000	£92,000	£105,000	£71,000	£68,000	£161,000	£158,000
Deutsche Bank	£90,000	£105,000*	£88,000	£85,000	£64,000	£52,000	£154,000	£157,000
Barclays	£90,000	£90,000	£90,000	£85,000	£66,000	£62,000	£156,000	£152,000
Credit Suisse	£90,000	£90,000	£92,000	£90,000	£68,000	£63,000	£158,000	£153,000
UBS	£95,000	£95,000	£95,000	£95,000	£73,000	£65,000	£168,000	£160,000

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Deutsche Bank have 4 full years at Associate, therefore a higher base earlier compared to their peers at other banks but a longer progression to £120,000.



#### Associate 2/3 - 2014 Starters

BANK	2018/2019 Fixed	2019/2020 Fixed	2018/2019 Upper Bonus	2019/2020 Upper Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Bonus	2019/2020 Mean Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Total Comp	2019/2020 Mean Total Comp
JP Morgan	£105,000	£105,000	£122,000	£120,000	£87,000	£82,000	£192,000	£187,000
Goldman Sachs	£106,000	£106,000	£125,000	£124,000	£85,000	£81,000	£191,000	£187,000
Morgan Stanley	£111,000	£123,000	£118,000	£126,000	£76,000	£71,000	£187,000	£194,000
BAML	£105,000	£105,000	£128,000	£130,000	£87,000	£84,000	£192,000	£189,000
CITI	£105,000	£105,000	£106,000	£130,000	£79,000	£77,000	£184,000	£182,000
Deutsche Bank	£105,000	£110,000	£105,000	£100,000	£73,000	£67,000	£178,000	£177,000
Barclays	£105,000	£105,000	£100,000	£95,000	£76,000	£68,000	£181,000	£173,000
Credit Suisse	£105,000	£105,000	£110,000	£129,000	£77,000	£75,000	£182,000	£180,000
UBS	£110,000	£110,000	£112,000	£118,000	£79,000	£72,000	£189,000	£182,000



#### Associate 3/4 - 2013 Starters

BANK	2018/2019 Fixed	2019/2020 Fixed	2018/2019 Upper Bonus	2019/2020 Upper Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Bonus	2019/2020 Mean Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Total Comp	2019/2020 Mean Total Comp
JP Morgan	£120,000	£120,000	£160,000	£140,000	£106,000	£97,000	£226,000	£217,000
Goldman Sachs	£122,000	£123,000	£142,000	£160,000	£101,000	£96,000	£223,000	£219,000
Morgan Stanley	£123,000	£123,000	£146,000	£164,000	£91,000	£92,000	£214,000	£215,000
BAML	£120,000	£120,000	£170,000	£167,000	£108,000	£104,000	£228,000	£224,000
CITI	£120,000	£120,000	£135,000	£156,000	£97,000	£94,000	£217,000	£214,000
Deutsche Bank	£120,000	£120,000	£126,000	£120,000	£84,000	£82,000	£204,000	£202,000
Barclays	£115,000	£120,000	£132,000	£115,000	£86,000	£75,000	£201,000	£195,000
Credit Suisse	£120,000	£120,000	£142,000	£150,000	£102,000	£95,000	£222,000	£215,000
UBS	£123,000	£123,000	£140,000	£120,000	£93,000	£86,000	£216,000	£209,000



#### **VP 1 - 2019 Promotes**

BANK	2018/2019 Fixed	2019/2020 Fixed	2018/2019 Upper Bonus	2019/2020 Upper Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Bonus	2019/2020 Mean Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Total Comp	2019/2020 Mean Total Comp
JP Morgan*	£140,000	£140,000	£185,000	£170,500	£128,000	£121,000	£268,000	£261,000
Goldman Sachs*	£128,000	£128,000	£172,000	£195,000	£125,000	£119,000	£253,000	£247,000
Morgan Stanley	£170,000	£170,000	£170,000	£185,000	£96,000	£95,000	£266,000	£265,000
BAML	£150,000	£150,000	£185,000	£200,000	£122,000	£120,000	£272,000	£270,000
CITI	£150,000	£135,000	£180,000	£205,000	£119,000	£117,000	£269,000	£252,000
Deutsche Bank	£140,000	£140,000	£146,000	£140,000	£109,000	£104,000	£249,000	£244,000
Barclays	£140,000	£140,000	£170,000	£142,500	£115,000	£98,000	£255,000	£238,000
Credit Suisse	£150,000	£150,000	£168,000	£175,000	£118,000	£114,000	£268,000	£264,000
UBS	£135,000	£150,000	£170,000	£155,000	£117,000	£112,000	£252,000	£262,000

<sup>\*</sup> Base salaries at these institutions vary by £0 - £15,000 based on performance.



#### VP 2 - 2018 Promotes

BANK	2018/2019 Fixed	2019/2020 Fixed	2018/2019 Upper Bonus	2019/2020 Upper Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Bonus	2019/2020 Mean Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Total Comp	2019/2020 Mean Total Comp
JP Morgan*	£155,000	£155,000	£235,000	£200,000	£157,000	£145,000	£312,000	£300,000
Goldman Sachs*	£134,000	£134,000	£230,000	£215,000	£151,000	£143,000	£285,000	£277,000
Morgan Stanley	£170,000	£170,000	£220,000	£218,000	£119,000	£130,000	£289,000	£300,000
BAML	£150,000	£150,000	£238,000	£220,000	£145,000	£142,000	£295,000	£292,000
CITI	£150,000	£150,000	£236,000	£220,000	£142,000	£137,000	£292,000	£287,000
Deutsche Bank	£155,000	£155,000	£202,000	£160,000	£120,000	£112,000	£275,000	£267,000
Barclays	£145,000	£145,000	£200,000	£180,000	£126,000	£114,000	£271,000	£259,000
Credit Suisse	£150,000	£150,000	£225,000	£205,000	£141,000	£138,000	£291,000	£288,000
UBS	£150,000	£150,000	£240,000	£160,000	£138,000	£129,000	£288,000	£279,000

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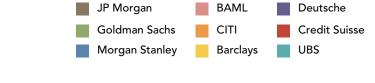
#### VP 3 - 2017 Promotes

Bank	2018/2019 Fixed	2019/2020 Fixed	2018/2019 Upper Bonus	2019/2020 Upper Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Bonus	2019/2020 Mean Bonus	2018/2019 Mean Total Comp	2019/2020 Mean Total Comp
JP Morgan*	£155,000	£160,000	£315,000	£260,000	£183,000	£169,000	£338,000	£329,000
Goldman Sachs*	£134,000	£150,000	£290,000	£270,000	£176,000	£159,000	£310,000	£309,000
Morgan Stanley	£170,000	£170,000	£255,000	£275,000	£161,000	£161,000	£331,000	£331,000
BAML	£150,000	£150,000	£315,000	£285,000	£180,000	£174,000	£330,000	£324,000
CITI	£150,000	£150,000	£275,000	£270,000	£175,000	£162,000	£325,000	£312,000
Deutsche Bank	£170,000	£155,000	£238,000	£200,000	£145,000	£145,000	£315,000	£300,000
Barclays	£155,000	£155,000	£245,000	£217,500	£149,000	£137,000	£304,000	£292,000
Credit Suisse	£150,000	£150,000	£272,000	£235,000	£172,000	£160,000	£322,000	£310,000
UBS	£150,000	£150,000	£260,000	£210,000	£158,000	£154,000	£308,000	£304,000

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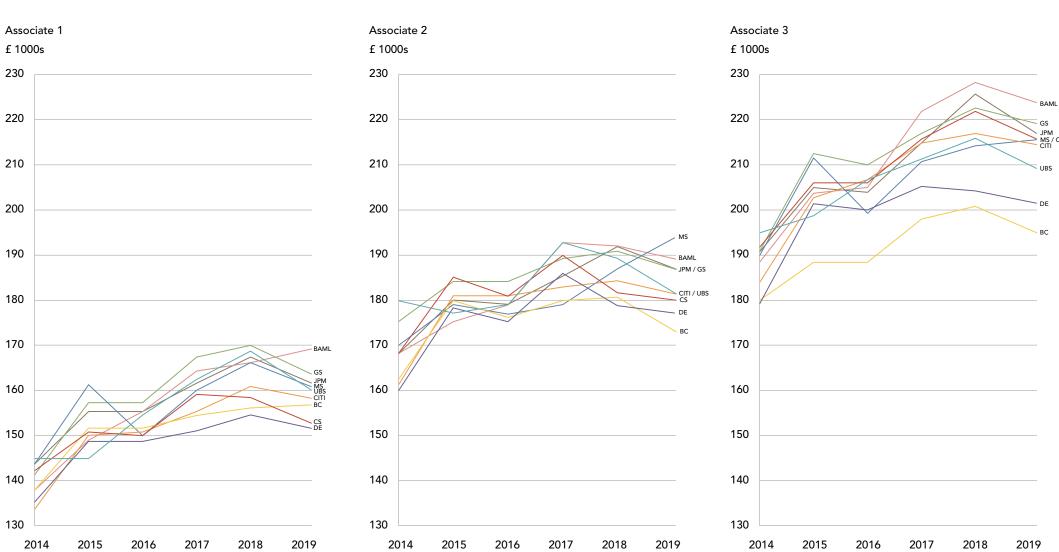


## Associate Average Total Compensation for 2014 - 2019



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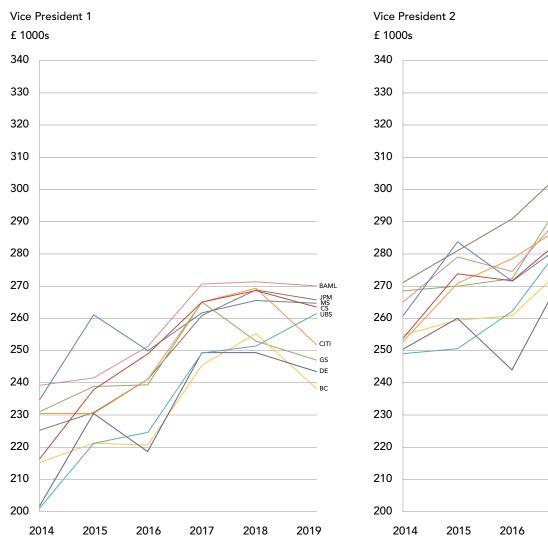
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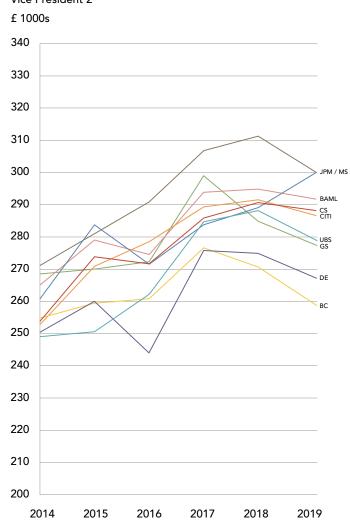


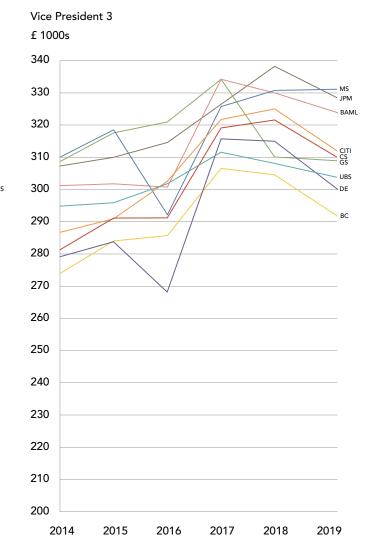


## VP Average Total Compensation for 2014 - 2019











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