



# How to streamline your IFRS 2/ASC 817 valuations?

Employee stock option (ESO)  
valuation and business modeling  
services



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# Convenience and reduced cost of compensation

Based on our broad experience in ESO valuation, we will translate your specific ESO plan & term sheet into financial accounting entries. We will build on existing modules to customize our valuation tool to your needs. If you select EY, you will get a user-friendly tool to value new option grants whenever you need it, producing the relevant accounting information.



Our Excel tool will be tailored to your needs to provide you with audit compliant valuations at each grant date. ||

Maximilian Franke, Senior Consultant

Cost reduction: IFRS2/ASC 817 allows for some flexibility in the valuation of ESO plans. Depending on the applied valuation method, your cost of compensation can be significantly reduced. Compared to simply applying the Black-Scholes formula, ESO valuations have to incorporate i) early exercise to capture risk-aversion, ii) hedging restrictions and non-transferability, and iii) concentrated single asset positions. This implies on average a lower exercise price and lower cost of compensation (up to -30% based on our experience when compared to simple Black-Scholes valuations).

# || Why choosing us?

1. We do not apply the same method across all engagements. Our target is to value your specific term sheet with reasonable effort.

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2. The output you receive is not only a simple valuation print-out but a plug-n-play Excel tool tailored to your needs and re-usable at every option grant.

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3. Our solution comes with ongoing support and advice.

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4. Our approach and tool is IFRS 2/ASC 817 compliant and will facilitate the audit review process.

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5. We can leverage on a broad range of ESO valuation projects to allow for a fair budget.

**|| Our framework offers flexibility to minimize your cost of compensation within the rules of IFRS/US GAAP. ||**

Hannes Schobinger, Senior Manager

# Examples of tailor-made solutions

Increasing complexity

“Plain vanilla”  
equity settled ESO  
plan/call option



Straight forward  
risk-free world  
valuation (lattice  
models, bi/trinomial  
trees, Black/Scholes  
in rare cases)

Cash settled  
phantom stock  
ESO plan



ESO tool  
adjusted to capture  
revaluation effects  
as of each reporting  
date (liability  
component)

Complex  
ESO plan with  
several vesting,  
performance,  
market and service  
conditions



Real-world  
Monte Carlo  
simulation to capture  
relevant variables  
adequately

## Our ESO valuation tools offer:

- ▶ A state-of-the-art valuation algorithm close to academic research
- ▶ Full flexibility to capture your specific term sheet components accurately
- ▶ Highly convenient interface for the end-user

# Recent ESO credentials

## EY developed an IFRS 2/ASC 817 compliant valuation and reporting tool

- ▶ 2015 **Deutsche Wohnen** – Performance-based ESO tool
- ▶ 2012-2015 **Songwon** – Cash-settled phantom stock valuation & reporting tool
- ▶ 2013 **Dufry** – Barrier option valuation tool

## EY reviewed IFRS 2/ASC 817 valuations

- ▶ 2009-2015 **ABB** – Performance-based ESO valuation review
- ▶ 2015 **Straumann** – Performance-based ESO valuation review
- ▶ 2009-2015 **Evolva** – Equity-settled ESO valuation review
- ▶ 2014 **GlycoVaxyn** – Performance-based ESO valuation review
- ▶ 2014 **Santhera** – Performance-based ESO valuation review
- ▶ 2013 **Hybris** – Performance-based ESO valuation review
- ▶ 2012 **Acino** – Restricted stock unit valuation review
- ▶ 2012 **Anergis** – Start-up company ESO valuation review

# Your IFRS 2/ASC 817 specialists in Switzerland and Germany



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