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22 & 23 June 2021
Tuesday & Wednesday
9.00am – 1.15pm

In this volatile and uncertain age of ‘Covidonomics’, it is imperative that the Board take on a more proactive oversight role in supporting management, by mitigating risks and ethical challenges through good governance and corporate compliance practices.

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Serving as a central pillar of the governance structure within the company, Boards do not only focus on stakeholder satisfaction but also act as stewards in driving sustainable ethical business practices. Board agendas today should ideally incorporate sustainability strategies to support an organisation’s current and future competitive advantage. Boards have a critical fiduciary duty to manage the organisation’s resilience by linking business integrity and governance with sustainability strategies.

To support Boards in enhancing governance and ethics toward future sustainability, the virtual ‘Corporate Board Leadership Symposium 2021’ will provide updates on regulatory developments and best practices for managing crisis and strengthening governance in the age of Covidonomics, including the urgent need to acquire competencies in digital finance transformation and ESG.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Chairpersons
- Boards of Directors
- Board Members
- Presidents
- Managing Directors
- Chief Executive Officers
- Chief Financial Officers
- Chief Operating Officers
- Senior Management

ATTEND THIS SYMPOSIUM TO GAIN INSIGHTS INTO

- **EFFECTIVE POLICY MAKING** that aligns with current regulatory updates to manage regulatory risk
- **MANAGING CRISIS** in the Boardroom and adapting in an increasingly disruptive economic landscape
- **STEWARDSHIP** roles of the Board in enhancing the quality and transparency of Corporate Reporting
- **DRIVING DIGITAL** finance transformation leadership based on the MyDigital aspirations
- **TAKEAWAYS** for the Board to satisfy the requirement of “Adequate Procedures” under Section 17A
- **FOSTERING** effective Board dynamics through Board Assessment

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SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

DAY 1

8.30 am PARTICIPANTS LOG IN TO JOIN THE SYMPOSIUM

9.00 am **SETTING THE BOARD AGENDA FOR 2021: REGULATORY UPDATES**
Board members face higher expectations and demands for good corporate governance in the COVID-19 landscape, which entails rigorous levels of disclosure, oversight risk and transparency. This presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of key current regulatory updates that should be prioritised in setting the Boardroom agenda over the coming year.

SPEAKER

FOO LEE MEI *Managing Director, Chairman's Office, Securities Commission of Malaysia*

9.50 am **PANEL SESSION**

MANAGING CRISIS: BOARD OVERSIGHT IN THE AGE OF COVIDONOMICS

The double crisis of Covidonomics presents not only economic risks but also pandemic risks, which place increased pressure and challenges on Boards in driving long-term value creation. This panel will focus on how Boards can enhance their oversight in a challenging Covidonomics world by:

- » Managing crisis,
- » Preparing for economic recovery,
- » Seeking opportunities to benefit all stakeholders,
- » Responding to shareholder activism and increasing shareholder demands, and
- » Incorporating data as a driver for deliberation and judgement in Boardroom strategy.

MODERATOR

DATUK NIK MOHD HASYUDEEN YUSOFF *Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director, Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad*

PANELLISTS

DATUK WIRA AZHAR ABDUL HAMID *Chairman, MRT Corp*
CHEN LI-KAI *Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company, Kuala Lumpur*
DATUK NORIPAH KAMSO *Independent Non-Executive Director, Top Glove Corp. Berhad*

10.55 am BREAK

11.10 am **PANEL SESSION**

DISRUPTIVE INNOVATION: DIGITAL FINANCE TRANSFORMATION

The Malaysian Digital Economy Blueprint (MyDIGITAL) aspires to drive digitalisation for a more connected nation. Spurred by this initiative, there will be a concomitant push for automation and increasing use of data-backed insights that will lead to digital finance transformation. This discussion will provide direction on:

- » The urgent need to modernise the current financial architecture,
- » Competencies needed for the adoption of digital finance transformation, and
- » The impact of digital transformation on Boardroom decision-making.

MODERATOR

LIM FEN NEE *Chair, Digital Technology Implementation Committee (DTIC), Malaysian Institute of Accountants*

PANELLISTS

CHEANG KIAT CHEONG *Chief Financial Officer, Lazada Malaysia*
MARZIDA MOHD NOOR *Independent Non-Executive Director, Affin Bank Berhad*
NORA JUNITA HUSSAINI *Chief Financial Officer, Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation*

12.15 pm **PANEL SESSION**

SUSTAINABILITY & ESG DISCLOSURE: THE ROLE OF THE BOARD

The demand for non-financial information, including ESG and sustainability reporting, is on the rise as investors seek insights into the impact of social and environmental issues on business models. The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) explicitly referenced the organisation's governance around climate-related risks and opportunities as one of the four core pillars of good practice. This panel will discuss:

- » Effective reporting on climate based on the TCFD recommendations,
- » Assessing sustainable strategies – financial impacts on climate-related risks and opportunities,
- » How the Board should monitor and oversee progress against goals and targets for addressing climate-related issues.

MODERATOR

DR NURMAZILAH DATO' MAHZAN *Chief Executive Officer, Malaysian Institute of Accountants*

PANELLIST

NURUL A'IN ABDUL LATIF *Markets Leader and Assurance Partner, PwC Malaysia*
ROBERTO BENETTELLO *Executive Director, BCSD Malaysia Berhad*
DR KALANITHI NESARETNAM *Independent Non-Executive Director, FGV Holdings Bhd*

1.15 pm END OF DAY 1

DAY 2

8.30 am PARTICIPANTS LOG IN TO JOIN THE SYMPOSIUM

9.00 am **TAX GOVERNANCE DEVELOPMENTS FOR CORPORATIONS**
Tax compliance is subject to increasing scrutiny by regulators, authorities, investors and stakeholders as the business environment becomes more complex and volatile. This session focusses on the crucial and fundamental need for tax transparency among corporations, which has been included as a factor to be considered under the Governance aspect of ESG Ratings, and guides corporations on how to integrate Tax Governance into their current scope of oversight.

SPEAKER

DR VEERINDERJEET SINGH *President, Malaysian Institute of Accountants*

9.50 am **PANEL SESSION**

BOARD ASSESSMENT: ADVANTAGE OF INTERNAL VS EXTERNAL FACILITATION

Board assessment exercises are meant to take Board members and the organisation to the next level. However, self-assessment can be prone to biases compared to engaging an external independent expert or consultant to facilitate a more objective Board evaluation process. This session will look into:

- » Board Assessment and how it facilitates strategic board refreshment and succession planning,
- » The advantage of internal vs externally facilitated evaluations, and
- » Virtual Board evaluations, their efficacy and outcomes.

MODERATOR

REZA GHAZALI *Client Partner, Head of ASEAN & Board Services, Pedersen & Partners*

PANELLISTS

BEVERLY BEHAN *President, Board Advisor LLC*
PHILIP TAN PUAY KOON *Independent Non-Executive Director, SP Setia Berhad*
DATUK DR SYED MUHAMAD SYED ABDUL KADIR *Chairman, Sun Life Malaysia Assurance Berhad*

10.55 am BREAK

11.05 am **PANEL SESSION**

ADEQUATE PROCEDURES: WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

Pursuant to the enforcement of Section 17A of the MACC Act, the first case was charged on 18 March 2021. The burden of proof now lies with directors and the management to show that they implemented proper adequate procedures in defence against the charges being placed on the commercial organisation. This session will look at some of the policies and procedures that need to be in place in compliance with the act, with reference to a real-life case study. Participants will be able to take away hands-on information that can be applied in their respective organisations.

MODERATOR

TEH CHAU CHIN *Founder & Director, VisionEthics Advisory Services*

PANELLIST

NORHISHAM ABD BAHRAIN *Partner, Azmi & Associates*
DATO' SUTINAH SUTAN *Independent Consultant on Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption*
V. MASLAMANI VATHARAJOO *Chief Compliance Officer, Al Rajhi Bank*

12.10 pm **PANEL SESSION**

TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH INTEGRATED REPORTING

The principles of transparency and accountability are integral to best practices for good corporate governance. However, manipulating financial data can strain the company's relationship with shareholders thus leading towards regulatory scrutiny and fines. Integrated Reporting can help to restore transparency and accountability in corporate disclosure by providing an authentic view of the company's current and future value to shareholders. This panel session will look at:

- » The challenges in corporate reporting in the age of Covidonomics,
- » Integrated information architecture – its role in value creation through integrated thinking,
- » What should companies do to get their transparency and disclosures right?

MODERATOR

SIMON TAY PIT EU *Executive Director, Professional Practices and Technical, Malaysian Institute of Accountants*

PANELLIST

AZIZAN ABD AZIZ *Group Chief Financial Officer, BIMB Holdings Berhad*
CHIEW CHUN WEE *Member, IR Steering Committee, Malaysian Institute of Accountants*
FARINA FARIKHULLAH KHAN *Chair, Audit Committee, Petronas Gas Berhad*

1.15 pm END OF SYMPOSIUM

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DATUK WIRA AZHAR ABDUL HAMID

Datuk Wira Azhar is the Chairman of MRT Corp, and had previously served as its first Chief Executive Officer (2011-2014) when it was newly established. Prior to his current position, he was Chairman of FGV Holdings Berhad and MSM Malaysia Holdings Berhad. Before moving to FGV Holdings in 2017, he was the Group Managing Director of Malakoff Corporation Berhad, and Chairman of Tradewinds Corporation where he had previously served as President/Group Managing Director. Prior to joining MRT Corp in 2011, he was with the Sime Darby Group and held several positions: Executive Vice President/Head of Plantation & Agri-Business Division, Managing Director of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd, Director of the Plantations & Food Division, Managing Director of Sime Plantations Sdn Bhd, Director of the Heavy Equipment Division Asia Pacific, Managing Director of Tractors Malaysia Holdings and Business Development Director of Sime Darby Plantations Sdn Bhd. His first stint in the Sime Darby Group was between 1994 and 2001 where he held the positions of Group General Manager of its Engineering, Oil & Gas Division, Business Development Director of Sime Conoco Sdn Bhd and Financial Controller of Sime Tyres International Sdn Bhd. Datuk Wira Azhar is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountant.



AZIZAN ABD AZIZ

Azizan is the Group Chief Financial Officer at BIMB Holdings Berhad, whereby integrated reporting and stakeholders management have been part of his responsibilities. Prior to this, he had served as Chief Financial Officer at Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad, Equity Partner at Deloitte Southeast Asia and headed the M&A Transaction Services practice for Deloitte Malaysia, Executive Director of Financial Advisory Services at KPMG Malaysia, and Senior Manager of Financial Services Division at KPMG United Kingdom and Channel Islands. He had been involved in multiple corporate exercises and led projects involving technology and fintech companies acquisitions in the past. These include ride hailing, payment platforms and robotic technology entities. He also advised clients in due diligence and valuation exercises. Azizan holds a Bachelor of Accounting and Finance from the University of Plymouth. He is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a Member of Malaysian Institute of Accountants.



BEVERLY BEHAN

Beverly is Founder and President of Board Advisor LLC., based in New York. She began working with Boards of Directors in 1996 with Mercer Consulting in Canada. Her first major client was the board of a large Canadian bank, which received numerous awards and recognition for her work with them. In 2000, Beverly was transferred to New York and became a partner in the Governance Practice of Mercer Delta Consulting. During that time, she co-authored "Building Better Boards: A Blueprint for Effective Governance" (Jossey-Bass, 2005). In 2006 she became Managing Director of the Global Board Effectiveness Practice of the Hay Group, which enabled her to expand her work internationally. She also became a regular columnist on board issues for BusinessWeek.com. She left Hay in 2009 to found Board Advisor, LLC. Her last book, "Great Companies Deserve Great Boards" (Palgrave MacMillan, 2011) was named Governance Book of the Year by Directors & Boards magazine. During the 2020 COVID lockdowns she wrote two new books, "New CEOs and Boards: How to Build a Great Board Relationship—and a Great Board", and "Board and Director Evaluations: Innovations for 21st Century Governance Committees".



CHEANG KIAT CHEONG

KC is the Chief Financial Officer of Lazada Malaysia and is responsible for all aspects of financial operations of the company, both internally and externally. He has over 22 years of experience in finance with a proven track record in delivering strategic financial initiatives that drive business growth across departments, functions and overall business. Prior to Lazada, he held senior financial roles in various international and multinational companies, including Group CFO for Malaysian Flour Mills Berhad and Regional CFO of Mars Wrigley Confectionery Developing Asia. He was also Head of Finance for PepsiCo and Sara Lee. His early career included a variety of financial positions across various industries including Ernst & Young China and Procter & Gamble Malaysia. KC is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountant, a Certified Internal Auditor, and a Chartered Accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.



CHEN LI-KAI

Li-Kai is a Senior Partner and the Managing Partner of McKinsey & Company in Malaysia and advises private and public sector clients on large-scale organisational and performance transformation programmes. He works with executives, leaders, and Boards on modernising organisations and building successful, sustainable institutions in the face of industry or economic discontinuity. Prior to this, he was the global leader of McKinsey's Education Practice. In this role, he advised school systems, vocational and higher-education institutions on improving student learning outcomes, day-to-day experiences, and employment prospects. He has experience in the education sector in more than 30 countries across Asia, North America, the Middle East, Oceania, and Europe. He has served clients in a range of industries—including financial services, telecommunications, retail, private equity, agriculture, education—on issues such as strategy, corporate finance, corporate governance, and talent development. Li-Kai serves on the board of trustees of Teach For Malaysia—a partner of the Teach For All global network. Before joining McKinsey, he worked in the investment banking sector with Barclays Capital and as a quantity surveyor with Balfour Beatty.



CHIEW CHUN WEE

Chun Wee is the regional head of policy for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), tasked with supporting its professional insights, advocacy and policy work across Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand. He works with key stakeholders to identify and drive new research initiatives that provide evidence-based policy and thinking impacting the business community and profession, demonstrating ACCA's regional and global reach and public values. He has over a decade of experience in public accounting and has worked in audits of and special assignments for multinationals and local listed companies. Prior to ACCA he was a key member of the Professional Practice Department of a Big Four accounting practice. He is a board member on the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB), and is a taskforce member on several key IAASB projects including the quality management standard (firm level) and audits of less complex entities. An advocate of integrated reporting, he had served on the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) Working Group and its <IR> Training Advisory Group, and is currently a member of the <IR> Steering Committee under the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. He is a regular speaker on topics ranging from evolution of corporate reporting, integrated thinking, the evolving role and skillset of finance leaders, talent strategy to the value of audit.



FARINA FARIKHULLAH KHAN

Farina is Independent Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Audit Committee at PETRONAS Gas Berhad. She sits on the Boards of PETRONAS Gas Bhd, KLCC Property Holdings Bhd, AMMB Holdings Bhd, Icon Offshore Bhd, and EnQuest Plc, a UK listed company. She serves as a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of PETRONAS Gas Bhd and KLCC Property Holdings Bhd; Chairman of Group Nomination and Remuneration Committee and member of the Audit Examination Committee of AMMB Holdings Bhd; member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee of Icon Offshore Bhd; and member of the Audit Committee, Safety, Climate & Risk Committee, and the Remuneration and Social Responsibility Committee of EnQuest Plc. She started her career in 1994 with Coopers & Lybrand in Perth, Australia, before returning to Malaysia in 1997 to join PETRONAS where she held various senior positions. This includes serving as Chief Financial Officer of PETRONAS Carigali Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of PETRONAS with operations in over 20 countries; Chief Financial Officer at PETRONAS Exploration and Production Business; and Chief Financial Officer of PETRONAS Chemical Group Berhad. She left PETRONAS at the end of 2015 to pursue non-executive opportunities. Farina is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.



FOO LEE MEI

Lee Mei is Managing Director of the Chairman's Office at Securities Commission (SC), where she oversees the SC's Enterprise Risk Management & Risk Analysis, Market Regulations, Corporate Governance, Internal Compliance, Anti-Money Laundering policies and initiatives involving the National Financial Crime Centre. Lee Mei assists the Chairman across key areas of work with oversight on selected operational matters and lead special projects that have organisation-wide impact and outcomes. Prior to this, she was the SC's Chief Regulatory Officer, where she managed a wide spectrum of SC's initiatives including policy and regulatory reforms and complex litigation involving the SC. She also has 22 years of experience in enforcement related work, having served in SC's Enforcement Division and the Attorney-General's Chambers as a Deputy Public Prosecutor. She is a trained assessor of the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering and was appointed as World Bank's consultant in its project on modernising the capital market's regulatory framework for Sri Lanka in 2011. She currently represents SC Malaysia in the OECD Corporate Governance Committee. Lee Mei holds an LLB (Honours 1st Class) from University Malaya and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1993.



DR KALANITHI NESARETNAM

Dr Kalanithi is currently an Independent Non-Executive Director of FGV Holdings Berhad, a public listed company. She is co-founder and deputy chairperson of Climate Governance Malaysia (CGM) which is the country chapter of the World Economic Forum's Climate Governance Initiative. She is also on the Steering Committee of the CEO's Action Network (CAN), a coalition of leaders for sustainability action and leadership. She holds a PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Reading, UK. She has a comprehensive knowledge of the palm oil sector having been involved in research and market development. She is familiar with international markets having worked and travelled extensively in Europe, Australia and Asia. She held the position of Director, Product Development and Advisory Services at the Malaysian Palm Oil Board and subsequently as Minister in the Embassy of Malaysia and Mission to the European Union.



LIM FEN NEE

Fen Nee is a Council Member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA), and is currently the Chair of the ACCA Malaysian Advisory Committee (MAC). Fen Nee was previously a partner with Deloitte Southeast Asia. She was also the former Head of Audit Oversight Board (AOB), Securities Commission Malaysia and was one of the founding management team members of the AOB. In addition, she also served as a Project Advisor to the Securities Commission covering various capital market projects and actively involved in international and ASEAN audit oversight activities. Fen Nee holds a Masters in E-Commerce from Charles Sturt University, Australia. She is a Chartered Accountant; a member of MIA, ASEAN CPA, and the Financial Planning Association Malaysia; and a Fellow member of ACCA UK.

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MARZIDA MOHD NOOR

Marzida is an Independent Non-Executive Director of Affin Bank Berhad and Heriot-Watt University Malaysia. She has extensive experience in leading IT business change and transformation, IT strategy, management and operations, programme management, and management consulting. She is also Chairperson of Affin Bank's Group Board IT Committee responsible for IT and Business Transformation agenda underpinned by a digital strategy focused on four priorities: Reinventing the customer journey, leveraging on the power of data, redefining the operating model, and building a digital driven organisation and culture. She has held various leadership and management positions including as the Chief Information Officer at Malaysia Airlines, and at Shell as Head of IT Strategy and Planning, and Global Head of Delivery, SAP HR Programme and Projects. Marzida is the Activate Pillar Lead of the 30% Club Malaysia whose mission is to promote gender balance on Boards and C-Suites.



DATUK NIK MOHD HASYUDEEN YUSOFF

Nik is a non-independent and non-executive director at Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad, BMB Holdings Berhad, and TH Plantations Berhad, and is a director at Al Hijrah Media Corporation. He was also the Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Lembaga Tabung Haji, Independent Non-Executive Chairman at Cagamas Holdings Berhad and BMB Investment Management Berhad, Public-Interest Director of the Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia, board member of Universiti Utara Malaysia, and member of the Corporate Debt Restructuring Committee set up by Bank Negara Malaysia. Nik had served as Executive Director of Market and Corporate Supervision at the Securities Commission Malaysia, Executive Chairman of the Audit Oversight Board, member of Bursa Malaysia Listing Committee, and served on the Operational Review Panel of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission. A FCPA of CPA Australia, he was very involved with the accountancy profession in Malaysia and the region. He was President of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, former Vice-President of the ASEAN Federation of Accountants and served on the Executive and Strategy committees of the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants. He was also chairman of the Committee to Strengthen the Accountancy Profession which recommended measures to reform the Malaysian accountancy profession.



NORA JUNITA HUSSAINI

Nora Junita is Chief Financial Officer of the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) and brings with her over 2 decades of experience and expertise, to further strengthen MDEC's resolve in leading Malaysia's digital economy forward. She has led the finance, regulatory, strategy, supply chain management and other corporate functions and teams at organisations such as Webe Digital Sdn Bhd (unifi mobile) under Telekom Malaysia Berhad, Packet One Networks Malaysia Sdn Bhd and Robi Axiata Limited (Bangladesh) under Axiata Group Berhad. Her extensive experience also includes M&A, business turnaround and change management, especially in telecommunications and digital services. Nora Junita is a Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) and Business and Finance Professional (BFP) with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. She also has Board of Directors experience with private limited and public listed companies and is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM) and Lead Women.



NORHISHAM ABD BAHRIN

Norhisham is a Partner at Azmi & Associates, a legal firm in Kuala Lumpur. His practice focusses on investments, corporate reorganisation, corporate governance and aviation. With over 20 years of corporate experience, he advises large Malaysian companies as well as notable global players on transactions relating to M&As, foreign investments, takeovers, JVs (both local and throughout Asia Pacific) as well as offshore fund investments. He was formally an in-house counsel for a listed oil & gas company as well as a plantation conglomerate. Norhisham is an Advocate & Solicitor at the High Court of Malaya and graduated from the International Islamic University Malaysia with LLB (Hons.) in 1999. He also holds an MBA in International Business from the Royal Docks Business School of the University of East London.



DATUK NORIPAH KAMSU

Datuk Noripah is a Director of Top Glove Corporation Berhad, and was formerly the Chairman of Bank Kerjasama Rakyat Malaysia (Bank Rakyat). She is also a Global Advisory Board member of Islamic Finance News, Joint-Chairman of Islamic Finance Industry Council, Malaysia US Chamber of Commerce, Past President of the Malaysian Futures Brokers Association, and an Appeal Committee member of the Securities Commission Malaysia. A banker for 30 years, her role includes as Advisor to CIMB Islamic and founding Chief Executive of CIMB-Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd. She was a Visiting Fellow in Islamic Finance at Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, and a Global Practitioner in Residence at the Centre for Global Citizenship of Principal Financial Group, USA. She is an Adjunct Professor of the School of Economic, Finance & Banking at Universiti Utara Malaysia and UITM, and lectures the Fundamentals of Islamic Finance Contracts at St Joseph University Beirut, Lebanon. Datuk Noripah's many accolades include being ranked amongst the top 300 globally of the most Influential Women in Islamic Business and Finance by Cambridge International Financial Advisory, Top 50 of the World's Most Prominent and Influential Personalities in Islamic Finance & Economy by ISLAMICA 500, Top 10 Women in Islamic Finance by Islamic Business & Finance, a two-time winner of the "Marketing Personality of the Year" by Asia Asset Management, CEO of The Year for Malaysia, and Personal Achievement award for contribution to Islamic asset management by International Takaful Summit, London. She authored the acclaimed book "Investing in Islamic Funds. A Practitioner's Perspective."



DR NURMAZILAH DATO' MAHZAN

Dr Nurmazilah is Chief Executive Officer of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) and leads the Institute's value creation, regulatory and nation building agenda. She is a member of the framework review panel of the International Integrated Reporting Council and a technical advisor of the Public Accountants in Business Advisory Group of the International Federation of Accountants. Prior to being appointed CEO of MIA, she had served as a Council member of MIA, a Member of the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board, an elected member of the Board of Governors for the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia, a Council member of The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and Honorary Treasurer with Persatuan Ekonomi Malaysia. She started her career with Arthur Andersen in 1993 and later joined KUB Malaysia Berhad as Group Accounts Manager. Her extensive work experience spans across public practice, industry, academia and regulation, covering various industries including property development and construction, banking, unit trusts, trading and manufacturing. In higher education, she last held the post of Director of University Malaya Graduate School of Business. An accountancy graduate of the International Islamic University of Malaysia, Dr Nurmazilah holds a PhD in accounting from the University of Birmingham, UK, and the Certified Risk Management and Assurance qualification, and is a Certified Internal Auditor. She has conducted research projects in the areas of auditing, financial reporting and corporate governance throughout her academic career, and continues to take a deep interest in applied research, especially in digital and technological issues affecting the profession.



NURUL A'IN ABDUL LATIF

Nurul is Markets Leader and an Assurance Partner of PwC Malaysia. She has over 20 years of experience in providing audit and business advisory services, and has significant experience serving clients from a diverse range of industries. She has assisted clients on a number of assignments including cross border transactions involving mergers and acquisitions. Her present and past clients include a major conglomerate in Malaysia, the national utility group, airline companies, a local automobile manufacturer and a number of local telecommunications groups. She is also involved in a number of major government initiatives, in particular, the implementation of accrual accounting and also led the validation of National Key Performance Indicators (NKPIs) results initiative for PEMANDU based on an Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) approach. Nurul is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. She has a Bachelor of Accounting (Hons) Degree from University Malaya and speaks Mandarin.



PHILIP TAN PUAY KOON

Philip is a career banker with close to three decades of banking and finance experience. He has served in various regional and local leadership roles as a Managing Director in Citigroup where he held the post of Chief Financial Officer of Asia-Pacific Emerging Market (EM) Sales & Trading business of Citibank NA and had led the team at Citibank Bhd as Financial Markets Head and Country Treasurer. Over a period of 14 years from 1982, he held various senior management capacities with the MUI Group in Malaysia in MUI Bank and MUI Finance. Presently, he serves as an Independent Director on the Boards of Citibank Bhd, Payments Network Malaysia Sdn Bhd and SP Setia Bhd, with previous directorships in Danajamin Nasional Bhd, MIDF Amanah Investment Bank Bhd and Cagamas Bhd. He is a member of the Corporate Debt Restructuring Committee and a Non-Public Interest Director of Private Pension Administrator Malaysia. Philip holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree (CNA) in Business Studies (Accounting and Finance) from North-East London Polytechnic, United Kingdom. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia, an Associate Fellow of the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers and an adjunct faculty of the Iclif Executive Education Centre, Asia School of Business (in collaboration) with MIT Sloan.



REZA GHAZALI

Reza is a Client Partner and Head of ASEAN & Board Services at Pedersen & Partners. He has 27 years of experience in Executive/Board Search, Board/Leadership Assessment, and Business Consulting to multinationals and local conglomerates, with a focus on Government Linked Companies across various industry sectors including Technology, Industrial, Financial Services, and Professional Advisory. He has over 30 years of professional experience in Hospitality, Human Capital, Business Consulting and Executive Search/Leadership & Talent Management. His experience dealing with corporates at board and senior management level allowed him to understand complex business, industry and functional issues to build confidence and trust to assist clients in transformational, growth or at steady state stages. Prior to joining Pedersen & Partners he was the Office Managing Director for a leading international Executive Search firm in Malaysia, and previously with Accenture as a Senior Consultant in the Change Management and Strategic Services Practices. Reza is Independent Non-Executive Director for a then Mesdaq-listed IT services company, and recently as INED and NRC member for Shangri-La Malaysia Berhad. Reza holds a double Diploma from the Hotel Management School, Bluche-Sur-Sierre, and a B.A. in Economics from Northern Illinois University, United States. He is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia, the KL Business Club, and is a Major with the Malaysian Reserve Army.

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ROBERTO BENETELLO

Roberto's genuine passion and commitment to sustainability and his eagerness to act as catalyst in helping business in the transition to a sustainable world, have led him to take the role of Executive Director of the Business Council for Sustainable Development Malaysia Berhad (BCSD), a Global Network Partner of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). BCSD is a CEO-led, action oriented, collaboration and advocacy platform that convenes members and stakeholders in a safe pre-competitive collaborative space to develop tools, methodologies and to share best practice. Roberto led the EU-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry for almost four years and during his tenure the Chamber became one of the most influential organisations and advocacy platforms in Malaysia. He has held several senior general management positions in the private sector, working for Fortune-500 companies and start-ups in countries such as Italy, UK, Spain. Roberto holds an MBA from SDA Bocconi in Italy and an MA in Marketing from Lincoln University, UK.



SIMON TAY PIT EU

Simon is Executive Director of the Professional Practices and Technical Division of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA), where he directs and contributes to the technical activities of MIA on areas such as integrated reporting, financial reporting, audit and assurance and taxation and provides technical support to 14 boards/ committees. He has also been involved in numerous speaking engagements on these topics and also on the competency requirements of CFOs and finance functions. Previously, he was an Executive Director at PwC Malaysia and has over 20 years of experience in auditing. He has been involved in instructing courses on audit methodology and conducting public and company-specific workshops on the application of accounting standards during his tenure with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Simon is a member of MIA and CPA Australia.



DATO' SUTINAH SUTAN

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