

**Principle 1**

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1	Every company should be headed by an effective Board to lead and control the company. The Board is collectively responsible for the long-term success of the company. The Board works with Management to achieve this objective and Management remains accountable to the Board.	Principle 1
1.1	The Board's role is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) provide entrepreneurial leadership, set strategic objectives, and ensure that the necessary financial and human resources are in place for the company to meet its objectives;</li> <li>(b) establish a framework of prudent and effective controls which enables risks to be assessed and managed, including safeguarding of shareholders' interests and the company's assets;</li> <li>(c) review management performance;</li> <li>(d) identify the key stakeholder groups and recognise that their perceptions affect the company's reputation;</li> <li>(e) set the company's values and standards (including ethical standards), and ensure that obligations to shareholders and other stakeholders are understood and met; and</li> <li>(f) consider sustainability issues, e.g. environmental and social factors, as part of its strategic formulation.</li> </ul>	Practice Guidance 1, on Board's role (with edits)
1.2	All directors must objectively discharge their duties and responsibilities at all times as fiduciaries in the interests of the company.	Provision 1.1
1.3	The Board may delegate the authority to make decisions to any board committee but without abdicating its responsibility. Any such delegation should be disclosed.	Provision 1.3, Provision 1.4, Practice Guidance 1, on Board organisation and support
1.4	The Board should meet regularly and as warranted by particular circumstances, as deemed appropriate by the board members. Companies are encouraged to amend their Articles of Association (or other constitutive documents) to provide for telephonic and video-conference meetings.	Deleted
	The number of meetings of the Board and board committees held in the year, as well as the attendance of every board member at these meetings, should be disclosed in the company's Annual Report.	Provision 1.5

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1.5	<p>Every company should prepare a document with guidelines setting forth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the matters reserved for the Board's decision; and</li> <li>(b) clear directions to Management on matters that must be approved by the Board.</li> </ul> <p>The types of material transactions that require board approval under such guidelines should be disclosed in the company's Annual Report.</p>	Provision 1.3
1.6	<p>Incoming directors should receive comprehensive and tailored induction on joining the Board. This should include his duties as a director and how to discharge those duties, and an orientation program to ensure that they are familiar with the company's business and governance practices. The company should provide training for first-time director<sup>1</sup> in areas such as accounting, legal and industry-specific knowledge as appropriate.</p> <p>It is equally important that all directors should receive regular training, particularly on relevant new laws, regulations and changing commercial risks, from time to time.</p> <p>The company should be responsible for arranging and funding the training of directors. The Board should also disclose in the company's Annual Report the induction, orientation and training provided to new and existing directors.</p>	SGX Mainboard Rule 210(5)(a) / Catalist Rule 406(3)(a), Provision 1.2
1.7	<p>Upon appointment of each director, the company should provide a formal letter to the director, setting out the director's duties and obligations.</p>	Deleted

#	New Provisions in revised CG Code
1.1	<p>Directors are fiduciaries who act objectively in the best interests of the company and hold Management accountable for performance. The Board puts in place a code of conduct and ethics, sets appropriate tone-from-the-top and desired organisational culture, and ensures proper accountability within the company. Directors facing conflicts of interest recuse themselves from discussions and decisions involving the issues of conflict.</p>

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2	<p>There should be a strong and independent element on the Board, which is able to exercise objective judgement on corporate affairs independently, in particular, from Management and substantial</p>	Principle 2, Provision 2.1, Introduction

<sup>1</sup> A first time director is a director who has no prior experience as a director of a listed company.

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	shareholders <sup>2</sup> . A Board should embody and encourage diversity, including diversity of thought and background. No individual or small group of individuals should be allowed to dominate the Board's decision making.	
2.1	There should be a strong and independent element on the Board, with independent directors making up at least one-third of the Board.	SGX Mainboard Rule 210(5)(c)/ Catalist Rule 406(3)(c)
2.2	The independent directors should make up at least half of the Board where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Chairman of the Board (the "Chairman") and the chief executive officer (or equivalent) (the "CEO") is the same person;</li> <li>(b) the Chairman and the CEO are immediate family<sup>3</sup> members;</li> <li>(c) the Chairman is part of the management team; or</li> <li>(d) the Chairman is not an independent director.</li> </ul>	Provision 2.2 (changed to "majority")
2.3	An "independent" director is one who has no relationship with the company, its related corporations <sup>4</sup> , its 10% shareholders or its officers that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of the director's independent business judgement with a view to the best interests of the company.	Provision 2.1 (changed to "substantial shareholder")
	The Board should identify in the company's Annual Report each director it considers to be independent.	Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 1207(10B) / Proposed Catalist Rule 1204(10B)
	The Board should determine, taking into account the views of the Nominating Committee ("NC"), whether the director is independent in character and judgement and whether there are relationships or circumstances which are likely to affect, or could appear to affect, the director's judgement. Directors should disclose to the Board any such relationship as and when it arises. The Board should state its	Provision 4.4

<sup>2</sup> The term "**substantial shareholder**" shall refer to a person who has an interest or interests in one or more voting shares in the company and the total votes attached to that share, or those shares, is not less than 5% of the total votes attached to all the voting shares in the company. "Voting shares" exclude treasury shares.

<sup>3</sup> The term "**immediate family**" shall have the same meaning as currently defined in the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange (the "**Listing Manual**"), i.e. the person's spouse, child, adopted child, step-child, brother, sister and parent.

<sup>4</sup> The term "**related corporation**", in relation to the company, shall have the same meaning as currently defined in the Companies Act, i.e. a corporation that is the company's holding company, subsidiary or fellow subsidiary.

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	reasons if it determines that a director is independent notwithstanding the existence of relationships or circumstances which may appear relevant to its determination, including the following:	
	(a) a director being employed by the company or any of its related corporations for the current or any of the past three financial years;	SGX Proposed Mainboard Rule 210(5)(d) / Proposed Catalist Rule 406(3)(d)
	(b) a director who has an immediate family member who is, or has been in any of the past three financial years, employed by the company or any of its related corporations and whose remuneration is determined by the remuneration committee;	SGX Proposed Mainboard Rule 210(5)(d) / Proposed Catalist Rule 406(3)(d)
	(c) a director, or an immediate family member, accepting any significant compensation from the company or any of its related corporations for the provision of services, for the current or immediate past financial year, other than compensation for board service;	Provision 2.1, Provision 4.4, Practice Guidance 2, on director independence
	(d) a director: (i) who, in the current or immediate past financial year, is or was; or (ii) whose immediate family member, in the current or immediate past financial year, is or was, a 10% shareholder of, or a partner in (with 10% or more stake), or an executive officer of, or a director of, any organisation to which the company or any of its subsidiaries made, or from which the company or any of its subsidiaries received, significant payments or material services (which may include auditing, banking, consulting and legal services), in the current or immediate past financial year. As a guide, payments <sup>5</sup> aggregated over any financial year in excess of S\$200,000 should generally be deemed significant;	Provision 2.1, Provision 4.4, Practice Guidance 2, on director independence (changed to "substantial shareholder")
	(e) a director who is a 10% shareholder or an immediate family member of a 10% shareholder of the company; or	Provision 2.1 (changed to "substantial shareholder")

<sup>5</sup> Payments for transactions involving standard services with published rates or routine and retail transactions and relationships (for instance credit card or bank or brokerage or mortgage or insurance accounts or transactions) will not be taken into account, unless special or favourable treatment is accorded.

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	(f) a director who is or has been directly associated with <sup>6</sup> a 10% shareholder of the company, in the current or immediate past financial year.	Provision 2.1, Provision 4.4, Practice Guidance 2, on director independence (changed to “substantial shareholder”)
	The relationships set out above are not intended to be exhaustive, and are examples of situations which would deem a director to be not independent. If the Board wishes, in spite of the existence of one or more of these relationships, to consider the director as independent, it should disclose in full the nature of the director's relationship and bear responsibility for explaining why he should be considered independent.	Provision 4.4
2.4	The independence of any director who has served on the Board beyond nine years from the date of his first appointment should be subject to particularly rigorous review. In doing so, the Board should also take into account the need for progressive refreshing of the Board. The Board should also explain why any such director should be considered independent.	SGX Proposed Mainboard Rule 210(5)(d) / Proposed Catalist Rule 406(3)(d) (changed to two-tier vote)
2.5	The Board should examine its size and, with a view to determining the impact of the number upon effectiveness, decide on what it considers an appropriate size for the Board, which facilitates effective decision making. The Board should take into account the scope and nature of the operations of the company, the requirements of the business and the need to avoid undue disruptions from changes to the composition of the Board and board committees. The Board should not be so large as to be unwieldy.	Provision 2.4
2.6	The Board and its board committees should comprise directors who as a group provide an appropriate balance and diversity of skills, experience, gender and knowledge of the company. They should also provide core competencies such as accounting or finance, business or management experience, industry knowledge, strategic planning experience and customer-based experience or knowledge.	Provision 2.4 (new disclosure of board diversity policy)
2.7	Non-executive directors should:	Practice Guidance 1,

<sup>6</sup> A director will be considered "directly associated" with a 10% shareholder when the director is accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of the 10% shareholder in relation to the corporate affairs of the corporation. A director will not be considered "directly associated" with a 10% shareholder by reason only of his or her appointment having been proposed by that 10% shareholder.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) constructively challenge and help develop proposals on strategy; and</li> <li>(b) review the performance of Management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance.</li> </ul>	on scope of director duties
2.8	To facilitate a more effective check on Management, non-executive directors are encouraged to meet regularly without the presence of Management.	Provision 2.5

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2.3	Non-executive directors make up a majority of the Board.

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3	There should be a clear division of responsibilities between the leadership of the Board and the executives responsible for managing the company's business. No one individual should represent a considerable concentration of power.	Principle 3
3.1	The Chairman and the CEO should in principle be separate persons, to ensure an appropriate balance of power, increased accountability and greater capacity of the Board for independent decision making. The division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the CEO should be clearly established, set out in writing and agreed by the Board.	Provision 3.1, Provision 3.2, Practice Guidance 3, on role of Chairman and CEO
	In addition, the Board should disclose the relationship between the Chairman and the CEO if they are immediate family members.	Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 1207(10)(A) / Proposed Catalyst Rule 1204(10)(A)
3.2	The Chairman should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) lead the Board to ensure its effectiveness on all aspects of its role;</li> <li>(b) set the agenda and ensure that adequate time is available for discussion of all agenda items, in particular strategic issues;</li> <li>(c) promote a culture of openness and debate at the Board;</li> <li>(d) ensure that the directors receive complete, adequate and timely information;</li> </ul>	Introduction, Practice Guidance 3, on role of Chairman and CEO

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	<p>(e) ensure effective communication with shareholders;</p> <p>(f) encourage constructive relations within the Board and between the Board and Management;</p> <p>(g) facilitate the effective contribution of non-executive directors in particular; and</p> <p>(h) promote high standards of corporate governance.</p> <p>The responsibilities set out above provide guidance and should not be taken as a comprehensive list of all the duties and responsibilities of a Chairman.</p>	
3.3	<p>Every company should appoint an independent director to be the lead independent director where:</p> <p>(a) the Chairman and the CEO is the same person;</p> <p>(b) the Chairman and the CEO are immediate family members;</p> <p>(c) the Chairman is part of the management team; or</p> <p>(d) the Chairman is not an independent director.</p> <p>The lead independent director (if appointed) should be available to shareholders where they have concerns and for which contact through the normal channels of the Chairman, the CEO or the chief financial officer (or equivalent) (the "CFO") has failed to resolve or is inappropriate.</p>	Provision 3.3
3.4	<p>Led by the lead independent director, the independent directors should meet periodically without the presence of the other directors, and the lead independent director should provide feedback to the Chairman after such meetings.</p>	Provision 2.5

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4	<p>There should be a formal and transparent process for the appointment and re-appointment of directors to the Board.</p>	Principle 4
4.1	<p>The Board should establish a NC to make recommendations to the Board on all board appointments, with written terms of reference which clearly set out its authority and duties. The NC should comprise at least three directors, the majority of whom, including the NC Chairman, should be independent. The lead independent director, if any, should be a member of the NC. The Board should disclose in the company's Annual Report the names of the members of the NC and the key terms of reference of the NC, explaining its role and the authority delegated to it by the Board.</p>	Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 210(5)(e) / Proposed Catalist Rule 406(3)(e) Provision 1.4, Provision 4.2
4.2	<p>The NC should make recommendations to the Board on relevant matters relating to:</p> <p>(a) the review of board succession plans for directors, in particular, the Chairman and for the CEO;</p>	Provision 4.1

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	<p>(b) the development of a process for evaluation of the performance of the Board, its board committees and directors;</p> <p>(c) the review of training and professional development programs for the Board; and</p> <p>(d) the appointment and re-appointment of directors (including alternate directors, if applicable).</p>	
	<p>Important issues to be considered as part of the process for the selection, appointment and re-appointment of directors include composition and progressive renewal of the Board and each director's competencies, commitment, contribution and performance (e.g. attendance, preparedness, participation and candour) including, if applicable, as an independent director.</p>	<p>Principle 4, Practice Guidance 4, on selection, appointment and re-appointment process</p>
	<p>All directors should be required to submit themselves for re-nomination and re-appointment at regular intervals and at least once every three years.</p>	<p>Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 720(5) / Proposed Catalist Rule 720(5)</p>
4.3	<p>The NC is charged with the responsibility of determining annually, and as and when circumstances require, if a director is independent, bearing in mind the circumstances set forth in Guidelines 2.3 and 2.4 and any other salient factors. If the NC considers that a director who has one or more of the relationships mentioned therein can be considered independent, it shall provide its views to the Board for the Board's consideration. Conversely, the NC has the discretion to consider that a director is not independent even if he does not fall under the circumstances set forth in Guideline 2.3 or Guideline 2.4, and should similarly provide its views to the Board for the Board's consideration.</p>	<p>Provision 4.4</p>
4.4	<p>When a director has multiple board representations, he must ensure that sufficient time and attention is given to the affairs of each company. The NC should decide if a director is able to and has been adequately carrying out his duties as a director of the company, taking into consideration the director's number of listed company board representations and other principal commitments<sup>7</sup>. Guidelines should be adopted that address the competing time commitments that are faced when directors serve on multiple boards. The Board</p>	<p>Provision 1.5, Provision 4.5 (new Provision on NC and Board's assessment</p>

<sup>7</sup> The term "**principal commitments**" shall include all commitments which involve significant time commitment such as full-time occupation, consultancy work, committee work, non-listed company board representations and directorships and involvement in non-profit organisations. Where a director sits on the boards of non-active related corporations, those appointments should not normally be considered principal commitments.



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	should determine the maximum number of listed company board representations which any director may hold, and disclose this in the company's Annual Report.	where director holds a significant number of directorships & principal commitments), Practice Guidance 4, on multiple directorships
4.5	Boards should generally avoid approving the appointment of alternate directors. Alternate directors should only be appointed for limited periods in exceptional cases such as when a director has a medical emergency. If an alternate director is appointed, the alternate director should be familiar with the company affairs, and be appropriately qualified. If a person is proposed to be appointed as an alternate director to an independent director, the NC and the Board should review and conclude that the person would similarly qualify as an independent director, before his appointment as an alternate director. Alternate directors bear all the duties and responsibilities of a director.	Practice Guidance 4, on appointment of alternate directors
4.6	A description of the process for the selection, appointment and re-appointment of directors to the Board should be disclosed in the company's Annual Report. This should include disclosure on the search and nomination process.	Provision 4.3
4.7	Key information regarding directors, such as academic and professional qualifications, shareholding in the company and its related corporations, board committees served on (as a member or chairman), date of first appointment as a director, date of last re-appointment as a director, directorships or chairmanships both present and those held over the preceding three years in other listed companies, and other principal commitments, should be disclosed in the company's Annual Report. In addition, the company's annual disclosure on corporate governance should indicate which directors are executive, non-executive or considered by the NC to be independent. The names of the directors submitted for appointment or re-appointment should also be accompanied by details and information to enable shareholders to make informed decisions. Such information, which should also accompany the relevant resolution, would include: (a) any relationships including immediate family relationships between the candidate and the directors, the company or its 10% shareholders;	SGX Mainboard Rules Appendix 7.4.1/ Catalist Rules Appendix 7F  Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 1207(10B) / Proposed Catalist Rule 1204(10B)

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	<p>(b) a separate list of all current directorships in other listed companies; and</p> <p>(c) details of other principal commitments.</p>	<p>(changed to information to be disclosed with each resolution on proposed appointment /re-appointment of directors – Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 720(6) / Proposed Catalist Rule 720(6))</p>

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5	There should be a formal annual assessment of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and its board committees and the contribution by each director to the effectiveness of the Board.	Principle 5
5.1	Every Board should implement a process to be carried out by the NC for assessing the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and its board committees and for assessing the contribution by the Chairman and each individual director to the effectiveness of the Board. The Board should state in the company's Annual Report how the assessment of the Board, its board committees and each director has been conducted. If an external facilitator has been used, the Board should disclose in the company's Annual Report whether the external facilitator has any other connection with the company or any of its directors. This assessment process should be disclosed in the company's Annual Report.	Provision 5.1, Provision 5.2
5.2	The NC should decide how the Board's performance may be evaluated and propose objective performance criteria. Such performance criteria, which allow for comparison with industry peers, should be approved by the Board and address how the Board has enhanced long-term shareholder value. These performance criteria should not be changed from year to year, and where circumstances deem it necessary for any of the criteria to be changed, the onus should be on the Board to justify this decision.	Provision 5.1, Practice Guidance 5, on board performance

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5.3	Individual evaluation should aim to assess whether each director continues to contribute effectively and demonstrate commitment to the role (including commitment of time for meetings of the Board and board committees, and any other duties). The Chairman should act on the results of the performance evaluation, and, in consultation with the NC, propose, where appropriate, new members to be appointed to the Board or seek the resignation of directors.	Practice Guidance 5, on board performance

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6	In order to fulfil their responsibilities, directors should be provided with complete, adequate and timely information prior to board meetings and on an on-going basis so as to enable them to make informed decisions to discharge their duties and responsibilities.	Provision 1.6
6.1	Management has an obligation to supply the Board with complete, adequate information in a timely manner. Relying purely on what is volunteered by Management is unlikely to be enough in all circumstances and further enquiries may be required if the particular director is to fulfil his duties properly.	Practice Guidance 1, on Board organisation and support
	Hence, the Board should have separate and independent access to Management.	Provision 1.7
	Directors are entitled to request from Management and should be provided with such additional information as needed to make informed decisions. Management shall provide the same in a timely manner.	Practice Guidance 1, on Board organisation and support
6.2	Information provided should include board papers and related materials, background or explanatory information relating to matters to be brought before the Board, and copies of disclosure documents, budgets, forecasts and monthly internal financial statements. In respect of budgets, any material variance between the projections and actual results should also be disclosed and explained.	Practice Guidance 1, on Board organisation and support
6.3	Directors should have separate and independent access to the company secretary.	Provision 1.7
	The role of the company secretary should be clearly defined and should include responsibility for ensuring that board procedures are followed and that applicable rules and regulations are complied with. Under the direction of the Chairman, the company secretary's responsibilities include ensuring good information flows within the Board and its board committees and between Management and non-executive directors, advising the Board on all governance matters, as well as facilitating orientation and assisting with	Practice Guidance 1, on Board organisation and support

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	professional development as required. The company secretary should attend all board meetings.	
6.4	The appointment and the removal of the company secretary should be a matter for the Board as a whole.	Provision 1.7
6.5	The Board should have a procedure for directors, either individually or as a group, in the furtherance of their duties, to take independent professional advice, if necessary, and at the company's expense.	Provision 1.7

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7	There should be a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy on executive remuneration and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual directors. No director should be involved in deciding his own remuneration.	Principle 6
7.1	The Board should establish a Remuneration Committee (" <b>RC</b> ") with written terms of reference which clearly set out its authority and duties.	Provision 6.1,  Practice Guidance 6, on procedures for developing remuneration policies  Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 210(5)(e) / Proposed Catalist Rule 406(3)(e)
	The RC should comprise at least three directors, the majority of whom, including the RC Chairman, should be independent. All of the members of the RC should be non-executive directors. This is to minimise the risk of any potential conflict of interest.	Provision 6.2,  Practice Guidance 6, on procedures for developing

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		remuneration policies
	The Board should disclose in the company's Annual Report the names of the members of the RC and the key terms of reference of the RC, explaining its role and the authority delegated to it by the Board.	Practice Guidance 6, procedures for developing remuneration policies
7.2	The RC should review and recommend to the Board a general framework of remuneration for the Board and key management personnel.	Provision 6.1(a)
	The RC should also review and recommend to the Board the specific remuneration packages for each director as well as for the key management personnel.	Provision 6.1(b)
	The RC's recommendations should be submitted for endorsement by the entire Board.	Practice Guidance 6, procedures for developing remuneration policies
	The RC should cover all aspects of remuneration, including but not limited to director's fees, salaries, allowances, bonuses, options, share-based incentives and awards, and benefits in kind.	Provision 6.3  Practice Guidance 6, on procedures for developing remuneration policies
7.3	If necessary, the RC should seek expert advice inside and/or outside the company on remuneration of all directors. The RC should ensure that existing relationships, if any, between the company and its appointed remuneration consultants will not affect the independence and objectivity of the remuneration consultants.	Provision 6.4  Practice Guidance 6, procedures for developing remuneration policies
	The company should also disclose the names and firms of the remuneration consultants in the annual remuneration report, and	Provision 6.4

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	include a statement on whether the remuneration consultants have any such relationships with the company.	
7.4	The RC should review the company's obligations arising in the event of termination of the executive directors' and key management personnel's contracts of service, to ensure that such contracts of service contain fair and reasonable termination clauses which are not overly generous. The RC should aim to be fair and avoid rewarding poor performance.	Practice Guidance 6, procedures for developing remuneration policies

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8	The level and structure of remuneration should be aligned with the long-term interest and risk policies of the company, and should be appropriate to attract, retain and motivate (a) the directors to provide good stewardship of the company, and (b) key management personnel to successfully manage the company.	Principle 7  Provision 7.3
	However, companies should avoid paying more than is necessary for this purpose.	Provision 7.2
8.1	A significant and appropriate proportion of executive directors' and key management personnel's remuneration should be structured so as to link rewards to corporate and individual performance. Such performance-related remuneration should be aligned with the interests of shareholders and promote the long-term success of the company.	Provision 7.1
	It should take account of the risk policies of the company, be symmetric with risk outcomes and be sensitive to the time horizon of risks. There should be appropriate and meaningful measures for the purpose of assessing executive directors' and key management personnel's performance.	Practice Guidance 7, on level and mix of remuneration
8.2	Long-term incentive schemes are generally encouraged for executive directors and key management personnel. The RC should review whether executive directors and key management personnel should be eligible for benefits under long-term incentive schemes. The costs and benefits of long-term incentive schemes should be carefully evaluated. In normal circumstances, offers of shares or grants of options or other forms of deferred remuneration should vest over a period of time. The use of vesting schedules, whereby only a portion of the benefits can be exercised each year, is also strongly encouraged. Executive directors and key	Practice Guidance 7, on level and mix of remuneration

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	management personnel should be encouraged to hold their shares beyond the vesting period, subject to the need to finance any cost of acquiring the shares and associated tax liability.	
8.3	The remuneration of non-executive directors should be appropriate to the level of contribution, taking into account factors such as effort and time spent, and responsibilities of the directors.	Provision 7.2
	Non-executive directors should not be over-compensated to the extent that their independence may be compromised.	Provision 7.2
	The RC should also consider implementing schemes to encourage non-executive directors to hold shares in the company so as to better align the interests of such non-executive directors with the interests of shareholders.	Practice Guidance 7, on level and mix of remuneration
8.4	Companies are encouraged to consider the use of contractual provisions to allow the company to reclaim incentive components of remuneration from executive directors and key management personnel in exceptional circumstances of misstatement of financial results, or of misconduct resulting in financial loss to the company.	Practice Guidance 7, on level and mix of remuneration

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9	Every company should provide clear disclosure of its remuneration policies, level and mix of remuneration, and the procedure for setting remuneration, in the company's Annual Report.	Principle 8
	It should provide disclosure in relation to its remuneration policies to enable investors to understand the link between remuneration paid to directors and key management personnel, and performance.	Practice Guidance 8, on disclosure on remuneration
9.1	The company should report to the shareholders each year on the remuneration of directors, the CEO and at least the top five key management personnel (who are not also directors or the CEO) of the company.	Provision 8.1
	This annual remuneration report should form part of, or be annexed to the company's annual report of its directors. It should	Practice Guidance 8,

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	be the main means through which the company reports to shareholders on remuneration matters.	on disclosure on remuneration
	The annual remuneration report should include the aggregate amount of any termination, retirement and post-employment benefits that may be granted to directors, the CEO and the top five key management personnel (who are not directors or the CEO).	Practice Guidance 8, on disclosure on remuneration
9.2	The company should fully disclose the remuneration of each individual director and the CEO on a named basis. For administrative convenience, the company may round off the disclosed figures to the nearest thousand dollars.	Provision 8.1, Practice Guidance 8, on disclosure on remuneration
	There should be a breakdown (in percentage or dollar terms) of each director's and the CEO's remuneration earned through base/fixed salary, variable or performance-related income/bonuses, benefits in kind, stock options granted, share-based incentives and awards, and other long-term incentives.	Provision 8.1(a), Practice Guidance 8, on disclosure on remuneration
9.3	The company should name and disclose the remuneration of at least the top five key management personnel (who are not directors or the CEO) in bands of S\$250,000. Companies need only show the applicable bands.	Provision 8.1(b)
	There should be a breakdown (in percentage or dollar terms) of each key management personnel's remuneration earned through base/fixed salary, variable or performance-related income/bonuses, benefits in kind, stock options granted, share-based incentives and awards, and other long-term incentives.	Provision 8.1(b)
	In addition, the company should disclose in aggregate the total remuneration paid to the top five key management personnel (who are not directors or the CEO).	Provision 8.1(b)
	As best practice, companies are also encouraged to fully disclose the remuneration of the said top five key management personnel.	Deleted
9.4	For transparency, the annual remuneration report should disclose the details of the remuneration of employees who are immediate family members of a director or the CEO, and whose remuneration	Provision 8.2



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	exceeds S\$50,000 during the year. This will be done on a named basis with clear indication of the employee's relationship with the relevant director or the CEO. Disclosure of remuneration should be in incremental bands of S\$50,000. The company need only show the applicable bands.	
9.5	The annual remuneration report should also contain details of employee share schemes to enable their shareholders to assess the benefits and potential cost to the companies.	Provision 8.3  Practice Guidance 8, on disclosure on remuneration
	The important terms of the share schemes should be disclosed, including the potential size of grants, methodology of valuing stock options, exercise price of options that were granted as well as outstanding, whether the exercise price was at the market or otherwise on the date of grant, market price on the date of exercise, the vesting schedule, and the justifications for the terms adopted.	Practice Guidance 8, on disclosure on remuneration
9.6	For greater transparency, companies should disclose more information on the link between remuneration paid to the executive directors and key management personnel, and performance.	Deleted.
	The annual remuneration report should set out a description of performance conditions to which entitlement to short-term and long-term incentive schemes are subject, an explanation on why such performance conditions were chosen, and a statement of whether such performance conditions are met.	Practice Guidance 8, on disclosure on remuneration

### **Principle 10**

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10	The Board should present a balanced and understandable assessment of the company's performance, position and prospects.	Principle 11
10.1	The Board's responsibility to provide a balanced and understandable assessment of the company's performance, position and prospects extends to interim and other price sensitive public reports, and reports to regulators (if required).	Practice Guidance 11, on shareholder rights and engagement (changed to

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		encourage management to make presentation to shareholders on the company's performance, position and prospects at general meetings)
10.2	The Board should take adequate steps to ensure compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, including requirements under the listing rules of the securities exchange, for instance, by establishing written policies where appropriate.	Deleted
10.3	Management should provide all members of the Board with management accounts and such explanation and information on a monthly basis and as the Board may require from time to time to enable the Board to make a balanced and informed assessment of the company's performance, position and prospects.	Provision 1.6

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P10.1(c)	The duties of the AC include: c) reviewing the assurance from the CEO and CFO on the financial records and financial statements.
P10.3	The AC does not comprise former partners or directors of the company's existing auditing firm or auditing corporation: (a) within a period of two years commencing on the date of their ceasing to be a partner of the auditing firm or director of the auditing corporation; and in any case (b) for as long as they have any financial interest in the auditing firm or auditing corporation.

### **Principle 11**

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11	The Board is responsible for the governance of risk. The Board should ensure that Management maintains a sound system of risk management and internal controls to safeguard shareholders' interests and the company's assets, and should determine the nature and extent of the significant risks which the Board is willing to take in achieving its strategic objectives.	Principle 9, Provision 9.1
11.1	The Board should determine the company's levels of risk tolerance and risk policies, and oversee Management in the design, implementation and monitoring of the risk management and internal control systems.	Principle 9

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11.2	The Board should, at least annually, review the adequacy and effectiveness of the company's risk management and internal control systems, including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls. Such review can be carried out internally or with the assistance of any competent third parties.	Deleted, currently in SGX Listing Rule 610(5)
11.3	<p>The Board should comment on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal controls, including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls, and risk management systems, in the company's Annual Report. The Board's commentary should include information needed by stakeholders to make an informed assessment of the company's internal control and risk management systems.</p> <p>The Board should also comment in the company's Annual Report on whether it has received assurance from the CEO and the CFO:</p> <p>(a) that the financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the company's operations and finances; and</p> <p>(b) regarding the effectiveness of the company's risk management and internal control systems.</p>	<p>Deleted, currently in SGX Mainboard Rule 610(5) / Catalist Rule 407(4)(b)</p> <p>Provision 9.2</p>
11.4	The Board may establish a separate board risk committee or otherwise assess appropriate means to assist it in carrying out its responsibility of overseeing the company's risk management framework and policies.	<p>Principle 9</p> <p>Provision 9.1</p>

## **Principle 12**

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12	The Board should establish an Audit Committee ("AC") with written terms of reference which clearly set out its authority and duties.	Principle 10, Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 210(5)(e) / Proposed Catalist Rule 406(3)(e)
12.1	The AC should comprise at least three directors, the majority of whom, including the AC Chairman, should be independent. All of the members of the AC should be non-executive directors. The Board should disclose in the company's Annual Report the names of the members of the AC and the key terms of reference of the AC, explaining its role and the authority delegated to it by the Board.	Provision 10.2, Provision 1.3

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12.2	The Board should ensure that the members of the AC are appropriately qualified to discharge their responsibilities. At least two members, including the AC Chairman, should have recent and relevant accounting or related financial management expertise or experience, as the Board interprets such qualification in its business judgement.	Provision 10.2
12.3	The AC should have explicit authority to investigate any matter within its terms of reference, full access to and co-operation by Management and full discretion to invite any director or executive officer to attend its meetings, and reasonable resources to enable it to discharge its functions properly.	Practice Guidance 10, on Audit Committees
12.4	The duties of the AC should include:	Provision 10.1
	(a) reviewing the significant financial reporting issues and judgements so as to ensure the integrity of the financial statements of the company and any announcements relating to the company's financial performance;	Provision 10.1(a), Practice Guidance 10, on Audit Committees
	(b) reviewing and reporting to the Board at least annually the adequacy and effectiveness of the company's internal controls, including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls (such review can be carried out internally or with the assistance of any competent third parties);	Practice Guidance 10, on Audit Committees, SGX Mainboard Rule 610(5) / Catalist Rule 407(4)(b)
	(c) reviewing the effectiveness of the company's internal audit function;	Provision 10.1(e), Practice Guidance 10, on Audit Committees, SGX Mainboard Rule 610(5) / Catalist Rule 407(4)(b)

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	(d) reviewing the scope and results of the external audit, and the independence and objectivity of the external auditors; and	Provision 10.1(e), ACRA's Ethics Code
	(e) making recommendations to the Board on the proposals to the shareholders on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the external auditors, and approving the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditors.	Provision 10.1(d), Practice Guidance 10, on Audit Committees
12.5	The AC should meet (a) with the external auditors, and (b) with the internal auditors, in each case without the presence of Management, at least annually.	Provision 10.5
12.6	The AC should review the independence of the external auditors annually and should state (a) the aggregate amount of fees paid to the external auditors for that financial year, and (b) a breakdown of the fees paid in total for audit and non-audit services respectively, or an appropriate negative statement, in the company's Annual Report. Where the external auditors also supply a substantial volume of non-audit services to the company, the AC should keep the nature and extent of such services under review, seeking to maintain objectivity.	Provision 10.1(e), Practice Guidance 10, on Audit Committees
12.7	The AC should review the policy and arrangements by which staff of the company and any other persons may, in confidence, raise concerns about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting or other matters. The AC's objective should be to ensure that arrangements are in place for such concerns to be raised and independently investigated, and for appropriate follow-up action to be taken. The existence of a whistle-blowing policy should be disclosed in the company's Annual Report, and procedures for raising such concerns should be publicly disclosed as appropriate.	Provision 10.1(f)
12.8	The Board should disclose a summary of all the AC's activities in the company's Annual Report. The Board should also disclose in the company's Annual Report measures taken by the AC members to keep abreast of changes to accounting standards and issues which have a direct impact on financial statements.	Provision 1.4
12.9	A former partner or director of the company's existing auditing firm or auditing corporation should not act as a member of the company's AC: (a) within a period of 12 months commencing on the date of his ceasing to be a partner of the auditing firm or director of	Provision 10.3

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	the auditing corporation; and in any case (b) for as long as he has any financial interest in the auditing firm or auditing corporation.	

### **Principle 13**

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13	The company should establish an effective internal audit function that is adequately resourced and independent of the activities it audits.	Principle 9
13.1	The Internal Auditor's primary line of reporting should be to the AC Chairman although the Internal Auditor would also report administratively to the CEO. The AC approves the hiring, removal, evaluation and compensation of the head of the internal audit function, or the accounting / auditing firm or corporation to which the internal audit function is outsourced. The Internal Auditor should have unfettered access to all the company's documents, records, properties and personnel, including access to the AC.	Provision 10.4 [removed IA's reporting administratively to CEO]
13.2	The AC should ensure that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the company. For the avoidance of doubt, the internal audit function can be in-house, outsourced to a reputable accounting/auditing firm or corporation, or performed by a major shareholder, holding company or controlling enterprise with an internal audit staff.	Provision 10.1(e), Provision 10.4, Practice Guidance 10, on Audit Committees, Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 719(3), 1207(10C) / Catalist Rule 719(3), 1204(10C)
13.3	The internal audit function should be staffed with persons with the relevant qualifications and experience.	Provision 10.1(d), Provision 10.4, Practice Guidance 10,

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		on Audit Committees, Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 719(3), 1207(10C) / Catalist Rule 719(3), 1204(10C)
13.4	The Internal Auditor should carry out its function according to the standards set by nationally or internationally recognised professional bodies including the Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing set by The Institute of Internal Auditors.	Practice Guidance 10, on Audit Committees, Proposed SGX Mainboard Rule 719(3), 1207(10C) / Catalist Rule 719(3), 1204(10C)
13.5	The AC should, at least annually, review the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit function.	Provision 10.1(c)

#### **Principle 14**

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<b>Principles</b>		
14	Companies should treat all shareholders fairly and equitably, and should recognise, protect and facilitate the exercise of shareholders' rights, and continually review and update such governance arrangements.	Principle 11
<b>Guidelines</b>		
14.1	Companies should facilitate the exercise of ownership rights by all shareholders. In particular, shareholders have the right to be sufficiently informed of changes in the company or its business which would be likely to materially affect the price or value of the company's shares.	Deleted, currently in SGX Listing Rule 703(1)(b)
14.2	Companies should ensure that shareholders have the opportunity to participate effectively in and vote at general meetings of shareholders. Shareholders should be informed of the rules, including voting procedures, that govern general meetings of	Provision 11.1

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	shareholders.	
14.3	Companies should allow corporations which provide nominee or custodial services to appoint more than two proxies so that shareholders who hold shares through such corporations can attend and participate in general meetings as proxies.	Deleted

### Principle 15

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<b>Principles</b>		
15	Companies should actively engage their shareholders and put in place an investor relations policy to promote regular, effective and fair communication with shareholders.	Principle 12/Provision 12.2
<b>Guidelines</b>		
15.1	Companies should devise an effective investor relations policy to regularly convey pertinent information to shareholders.	Provision 12.2
	In disclosing information, companies should be as descriptive, detailed and forthcoming as possible, and avoid boilerplate disclosures.	Deleted, currently in SGX Listing Rule 710, Introduction
15.2	Companies should disclose information on a timely basis through SGXNET and other information channels,	Deleted, currently in SGX Mainboard Rule 703(4)(a) read with Appendix 7.1 / Catalist Rule 703(4)(a) read with Appendix 7A
	including a well-maintained and updated corporate website.	Provision 13.3
	Where there is inadvertent disclosure made to a select group, companies should make the same disclosure publicly to all others as promptly as possible.	Deleted, currently SGX Mainboard Rule 703(4)(a) read with



		Appendix 7.1 / Catalyst Rule 703(4)(a) read with Appendix 7A states that information must not be divulged to any person (outside of the issuer and its advisers) in such a way as to place in a privileged dealing position any person.
15.3	The Board should establish and maintain regular dialogue with shareholders, to gather views or inputs, and address shareholders' concerns.	Provision 12.1
15.4	The Board should state in the company's Annual Report the steps it has taken to solicit and understand the views of the shareholders e.g. through analyst briefings, investor roadshows or Investors' Day briefings.	
15.5	Companies are encouraged to have a policy on payment of dividends and should communicate it to shareholders.	Provision 11.6
	Where dividends are not paid, companies should disclose their reasons	SGX Mainboard Rule 704(24) / Catalyst Rule 704(23)

### **Principle 16**

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<b>Principles</b>		
16	Companies should encourage greater shareholder participation at general meetings of shareholders, and allow shareholders the opportunity to communicate their views on various matters affecting the company.	Principle 12

<b>Guidelines</b>		
16.1	Shareholders should have the opportunity to participate effectively in and to vote at general meetings of shareholders.	Provision 11.1
	Companies should make the appropriate provisions in their Articles of Association (or other constitutive documents) to allow for absentia voting at general meetings of shareholders.	Provision 11.4
16.2	There should be separate resolutions at general meetings on each substantially separate issue. Companies should avoid "bundling" resolutions unless the resolutions are interdependent and linked so as to form one significant proposal.	Provision 11.2, Practice Guidance 11, on shareholder rights and engagement
16.3	All directors should attend general meetings of shareholders. In particular, the Chairman of the Board and the respective Chairman of the AC, NC and RC should be present and available to address shareholders' queries at these meetings. The external auditors should also be present to address shareholders' queries about the conduct of audit and the preparation and content of the auditors' report.	Provision 11.3, Practice Guidance 11, on shareholder rights and engagement
16.4	Companies should prepare minutes of general meetings that include substantial and relevant comments or queries from shareholders relating to the agenda of the meeting, and responses from the Board and Management, and to make these minutes available to shareholders upon their request.	Provision 11.5
16.5	Companies should put all resolutions to vote by poll and make an announcement of the detailed results showing the number of votes cast for and against each resolution and the respective percentages. Companies are encouraged to employ electronic polling.	Deleted, currently in SGX Listing Rules 730A

#	<b>New Principle and Provisions in revised CG Code</b>
Principle 11	The company treats all shareholders fairly and equitably in order to enable them to exercise shareholders' rights and have the opportunity to communicate their views on matters affecting the company. The company gives shareholders a balanced and understandable assessment of its performance, position and prospects.
11.2	The company tables separate resolutions at general meetings of shareholders on each substantially separate issue unless the issues are interdependent and

#	New Principle and Provisions in revised CG Code
	linked so as to form one significant proposal. Where the resolutions are “bundled”, the company explains the reasons and material implications in the notice of meeting.
11.3	All directors attend general meetings of shareholders, and the external auditors are also present to address shareholders’ queries about the conduct of audit and the preparation and content of the auditors’ report. Directors’ attendance at such meetings held during the financial year is disclosed in the company’s annual report.
11.5	The company publishes minutes of general meetings of shareholders on its corporate website as soon as practicable. The minutes record substantial and relevant comments or queries from shareholders relating to the agenda of the general meeting, and responses from the Board and Management.
11.6	The company has a dividend policy and communicates it to shareholders.
12.3	The company’s investor relations policy sets out the mechanism through which shareholders may contact the company with questions and through which the company may respond to such questions.

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Principle 13	The Board adopts an inclusive approach by considering and balancing the needs and interests of material stakeholders, as part of its overall responsibility to ensure that the best interests of the company are served.
13.1	The company has arrangements in place to identify and engage with its material stakeholder groups and to manage its relationships with such groups.
13.2	The company discloses in its annual report its strategy and key areas of focus in relation to the management of stakeholder relationships during the reporting period.
13.3	The company maintains a current corporate website to communicate and engage with stakeholders.