

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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COMPANY NAME : Malayan Cement Berhad
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OUTLINE:

SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PURSUANT CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

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SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Intended Outcome

Every company is headed by a board, which assumes responsibility for the company's leadership and is collectively responsible for meeting the objectives and goals of the company.

Practice 1.1

The board should set the company's strategic aims, ensure that the necessary resources are in place for the company to meet its objectives and review management performance. The board should set the company's values and standards, and ensure that its obligations to its shareholders and other stakeholders are understood and met.

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Board of Directors ("Board") of Malayan Cement Berhad ("MCB" or "Company") remains firmly committed to ensuring an appropriate and sound system of corporate governance throughout the Company and its subsidiaries ("MCB Group" or "Group"). The MCB Group is guided by the corporate culture of its parent company, YTL Corporation Berhad ("YTL Corp"), which has a longstanding commitment to corporate governance and protection of stakeholder value that has been integral to the achievements and strong financial profile of the YTL Group of Companies ("YTL Group") to date.</p> <p>The MCB Group's corporate governance structure is a fundamental part of the Board's responsibility to protect and enhance long-term shareholder value and the financial performance of the MCB Group, whilst taking into account the interests of all stakeholders.</p> <p>MCB is led and managed by an experienced Board with a wide and varied range of expertise to address and manage the complexity and scale of the MCB Group's operations.</p> <p>This broad spectrum of skills and experience ensures the MCB Group is under the guidance of an accountable and competent Board. The Directors recognise the key role they play in charting the strategic direction, development and control of the MCB Group.</p> <p>Key elements of the Board's stewardship responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring that the strategic plans for the MCB Group support long-term value creation for the benefit of its stakeholders and include strategies on economic, environmental and social considerations underpinning sustainability; ▪ Promoting good corporate governance culture within the MCB Group which reinforces ethical, prudent and professional behaviour; ▪ Overseeing the conduct of the MCB Group's businesses to evaluate and assess management performance to determine whether businesses are being properly managed;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring there is a framework of prudent and effective internal control and risk management systems which enable risks to be identified, assessed and managed; ▪ Succession planning for the Board and senior management; ▪ Overseeing the development and implementation of a shareholder/stakeholder communications policy; ▪ Reviewing the adequacy and integrity of the MCB Group's management information and internal control systems; and ▪ Ensuring the integrity of the MCB Group's financial and non-financial reporting. 	
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Intended Outcome

Every company is headed by a board, which assumes responsibility for the company's leadership and is collectively responsible for meeting the objectives and goals of the company.

Practice 1.2

A Chairman of the board who is responsible for instilling good corporate governance practices, leadership and effectiveness of the board is appointed.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board is led by the Executive Chairman who is responsible for instilling good corporate governance practices, leadership and effectiveness of the Board.</p> <p>The Executive Chairman is responsible for leadership of the Board in ensuring the effectiveness of all aspects of its role, and is primarily responsible for leading the Board in setting the values and standards of the Company, including good corporate governance practices, the orderly and effective conduct of the meetings of the Board and shareholders, leading discussions, encouraging active and open participation, managing the interface and encouraging constructive relations between the Board and management, ensuring the provision of accurate, timely and clear information to Directors and effective communications with stakeholders and facilitating the effective contribution of Non-Executive Directors.</p>
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Intended Outcome

Every company is headed by a board, which assumes responsibility for the company's leadership and is collectively responsible for meeting the objectives and goals of the company.

Practice 1.3

The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>There is a clear balance of power, authority and accountability between the Executive Chairman, Tan Sri (Sir) Francis Yeoh Sock Ping, and the Managing Director, Dato' Sri Michael Yeoh Sock Siong, between the running of the Board and the Company's business respectively. The positions of Executive Chairman and Managing Director are separate and clearly defined, and are held by different members of the Board.</p> <p>The Managing Director is responsible for, amongst others, overseeing the day-to-day running of the business, developing and implementing Board policies and strategies, making operational decisions, serving as the conduit between the Board and the management in ensuring the success of the Company's governance and management functions, ensuring effective communication with shareholders and relevant stakeholders, providing strong leadership, i.e., effectively communicating the vision, management philosophy and business strategy to employees, and keeping the Board informed of salient aspects and issues concerning the Group's operations.</p>
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Intended Outcome

Every company is headed by a board, which assumes responsibility for the company's leadership and is collectively responsible for meeting the objectives and goals of the company.

Practice 1.4

The Chairman of the board should not be a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee

<i>Note: If the board Chairman is not a member of any of these specified committees, but the board allows the Chairman to participate in any or all of these committees' meetings, by way of invitation, then the status of this practice should be a 'Departure'.</i>	
Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice :	In accordance with the Code, the Executive Chairman is not a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee (" ARMC ") or Remuneration and Nomination Committee (" RNC "), all of which are chaired by and comprise Independent Non-Executive Directors. This promotes objectivity in the Board's deliberations and ensures there are effective checks and balances, as well as objective review by the Board of recommendations put forth by the committees.
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Intended Outcome

Every company is headed by a board, which assumes responsibility for the company's leadership and is collectively responsible for meeting the objectives and goals of the company.

Practice 1.5

The board is supported by a suitably qualified and competent Company Secretary to provide sound governance advice, ensure adherence to rules and procedures, and advocate adoption of corporate governance best practices.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board is supported by a professionally qualified and competent Company Secretary. The Company Secretary, Ms Ho Say Keng, is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, a registered member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and an affiliate member of the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, and is qualified to act as Company Secretary under Section 235(2)(a) of the Companies Act 2016.</p> <p>The Company Secretary ensures that Board procedures are adhered to at all times during meetings and advises the Board on matters including corporate governance issues and the Directors' responsibilities in complying with relevant legislation and regulations. The Company Secretary works very closely with management for timely and appropriate information, which will then be passed on to the Directors. In accordance with the Board's procedures, deliberations and conclusions in Board meetings are recorded by the Company Secretary, who ensures that accurate and proper records of the proceedings of Board meetings and resolutions passed are recorded and kept in the statutory register at the registered office of the Company.</p> <p>During the financial year under review, the Company Secretary attended training, seminars and regulatory briefings and updates relevant for the effective discharge of her duties. The Company Secretary carries out ongoing reviews of existing practices in comparison with any new measures introduced in the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") ("Listing Requirements") and/or legislation, regulations and codes applicable to the governance of the Company and updates the Board accordingly.</p>
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Practice 1.6

Directors receive meeting materials, which are complete and accurate within a reasonable period prior to the meeting. Upon conclusion of the meeting, the minutes are circulated in a timely manner.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>Board meetings are scheduled with due notice in advance at least 5 times in a year in order to review and approve the annual and interim financial results. Additional meetings may also be convened on an ad-hoc basis when significant issues arise relating to the MCB Group and when necessary to review the progress of its operating subsidiaries in achieving their strategic goals. Meetings of the Board's committees are conducted separately from those of the main Board to enable objective and independent discussions. The Board met 5 times during the financial year ended 30 June 2023.</p> <p>The Directors have full and unrestricted access to all information pertaining to the MCB Group's business and affairs to enable them to discharge their duties. At least one week prior to each Board meeting, all Directors receive the agenda together with a comprehensive set of Board papers encompassing qualitative and quantitative information relevant to the business of the meeting. This allows the Directors to obtain further explanations or clarifications, where necessary, in order to be properly briefed before each meeting.</p> <p>Board papers are presented in a consistent, concise and comprehensive format, and include, where relevant to the proposal put forward for the Board's deliberation, approval or knowledge, progress reports on the MCB Group's operations and detailed information on corporate proposals, major fund-raising exercises and significant acquisitions and disposals. Where necessary or prudent, professional advisers may be on hand to provide further information and respond directly to Directors' queries. In order to maintain confidentiality, Board papers on issues that are deemed to be price-sensitive may be handed out to Directors during the Board meeting.</p> <p>The minutes of the Board and/or Board committee meetings are circulated and confirmed at the next meeting. Once confirmed, the minutes of the Board committee meetings are subsequently presented to the Board for notation.</p>
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Intended Outcome

There is demarcation of responsibilities between the board, board committees and management.

There is clarity in the authority of the board, its committees and individual directors.

Practice 2.1

The board has a board charter which is periodically reviewed and published on the company's website. The board charter clearly identifies–

- the respective roles and responsibilities of the board, board committees, individual directors and management; and
- issues and decisions reserved for the board.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board's functions are governed and regulated by, the Constitution of the Company, and the laws, rules and regulations governing companies in Malaysia, including the Companies Act 2016 and the Listing Requirements.</p> <p>The Board has a Board Charter, a copy of which can be found under the "Governance" section on the Company's website at www.ytlcement.my.</p> <p>The Board Charter serves several important functions, including as a primary reference to the Board of its role, fiduciary duties and responsibilities, its governance processes and legal framework within which it operates and as an induction tool for new Directors. The Board Charter clearly identifies the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, Board committees, Directors and management and the issues and decisions reserved for the Board.</p> <p>The Board Charter was most recently updated and adopted on 27 June 2022 to include, amongst others, the fit and proper policy for Directors and prohibition for an active politician to be a member of the Board in compliance with the Listing Requirements and the Code, respectively.</p> <p>The Board Charter is reviewed as and when changes arise and updated in accordance with the needs of the Company and any new regulations that impact the discharge of the Board's responsibilities.</p>
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Intended Outcome

The board is committed to promoting good business conduct and maintaining a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.

The board, management, employees and other stakeholders are clear on what is considered acceptable behaviour and practice in the company.

Practice 3.1

The board establishes a Code of Conduct and Ethics for the company, and together with management implements its policies and procedures, which include managing conflicts of interest, preventing the abuse of power, corruption, insider trading and money laundering.

The Code of Conduct and Ethics is published on the company's website.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>MCB is guided by the corporate culture of its parent company, YTL Corp. Key guidance is contained in the Code of Conduct and Business Ethics and the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy of the YTL Group.</p> <p>A copy of the Code of Conduct and Business Ethics and the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy can be found on the Company's website at www.ytlcement.my.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct and Business Ethics sets out the acceptable general practices and ethics for the MCB Group and includes policies and measures to address conflicts of interest, abuse of power, corruption, insider trading, money laundering and data protection.</p> <p>Training modules and other methods of communication are employed on an ongoing basis to familiarise employees with their duties and obligations in this area. Training carried out during the financial year under review focused on areas including data security and protection, cybersecurity awareness and an anti-bribery and corruption refresher course.</p> <p>The Directors also observe and adhere to the Code of Ethics for Company Directors established by the Companies Commission of Malaysia, which encompasses the formulation of corporate accountability standards in order to establish an ethical corporate environment.</p>
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Intended Outcome

The board is committed to promoting good business conduct and maintaining a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.

The board, management, employees and other stakeholders are clear on what is considered acceptable behaviour and practice in the company.

Practice 3.2

The board establishes, reviews and together with management implements policies and procedures on whistleblowing.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	MCB is guided by the corporate culture of its parent company, YTL Corp. Key guidance is contained in the Code of Conduct and Business Ethics of the YTL Group, which also set out the whistleblowing policy and procedures, and the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy. A copy of the Code of Conduct and Business Ethics and the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy can be found on the Company's website at www.ytlcement.my .	
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Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.1

The board together with management takes responsibility for the governance of sustainability in the company including setting the company's sustainability strategies, priorities and targets.

The board takes into account sustainability considerations when exercising its duties including among others the development and implementation of company strategies, business plans, major plans of action and risk management.

Strategic management of material sustainability matters should be driven by senior management.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The MCB Group has a long-standing commitment to ensuring that its businesses are viable and sustainable on a long-term basis. The Board oversees governance of the MCB Group's sustainability matters which includes setting its environmental, social and governance ("ESG") strategies, priorities and targets, overseeing the progress of ESG strategy and performance and reviewing and addressing the MCB Group's material ESG risks and opportunities.</p> <p>MCB's Sustainability Committee is chaired by the Group Managing Director, Dato' Sri Michael Yeoh Sock Siong, supported by the Head of Sustainability and senior management with responsibility for ESG matters. The Sustainability Committee supports the Board to set the high-level ESG direction and strategic focus, oversees the implementation of ESG strategies and related matters and reviews, and monitors and provides the MCB Group's ESG strategic plans and initiatives across its value chain. The Sustainability Committee reports to the Board on an annual basis or more frequently, as and when needed.</p> <p>The Board is ultimately responsible for MCB's sustainability matters. The Board ensures MCB performance and long-term strategy include consideration for ESG issues to ensure MCB remains resilient and able to deliver sustainable value for its stakeholders.</p> <p>Further information can be found in the Sustainability Report 2023 and the section entitled "Reports" on the Company's website at www.ytlcement.my.</p>
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Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.2

The board ensures that the company’s sustainability strategies, priorities and targets as well as performance against these targets are communicated to its internal and external stakeholders.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company’s key methods for communicating its sustainability strategies, priorities and targets as well as performance against these targets to internal and external stakeholders include the Annual Report, Sustainability Report and the “Sustainability” section on YTL Cement Berhad’s website at https://ytlcement.com/sustainability.</p> <p>As part of the YTL Group, information on the MCB’s Group’s ESG performance is also included in the YTL Group Sustainability Report, which is issued annually and can be accessed from the YTL Group’s Sustainability website at www.ytl.com/sustainability.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.3

The board takes appropriate action to ensure they stay abreast with and understand the sustainability issues relevant to the company and its business, including climate-related risks and opportunities.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Directors are kept apprised of the key ESG issues relevant and specific to the MCB Group through briefings from the Sustainability Committee and management on performance, targets and operational updates, and also stay abreast with more general developments in the ESG arena through training programmes, further details of which are disclosed in the Remuneration and Nomination Committee Statement in the Annual Report.	
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Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.4

Performance evaluations of the board and senior management include a review of the performance of the board and senior management in addressing the company’s material sustainability risks and opportunities.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board’s evaluation process includes criteria for addressing and managing significant risks that may have a considerable impact on the Company, and ESG risks are incorporated into this process as they form part of the overall risk management framework.</p> <p>Further details are set out in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement and Remuneration and Nomination Committee Statement in the Annual Report.</p>	
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Measure	:		
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Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.5- Step Up

The board identifies a designated person within management, to provide dedicated focus to manage sustainability strategically, including the integration of sustainability considerations in the operations of the company.

Note: The explanation on adoption of this practice should include a brief description of the responsibilities of the designated person and actions or measures undertaken pursuant to the role in the financial year.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	MCB's Sustainability Committee is chaired by the Group Managing Director, Dato' Sri Michael Yeoh Sock Siong, supported by the Head of Sustainability and senior management with responsibility for ESG matters.

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.1

The Nomination Committee should ensure that the composition of the board is refreshed periodically. The tenure of each director should be reviewed by the Nomination Committee and annual re-election of a director should be contingent on satisfactory evaluation of the director's performance and contribution to the board.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>Annual evaluation of the Board as a whole, Board committees and the individual Directors is carried out by the RNC. The evaluation carried out during the financial year under review involved an annual assessment of the effectiveness of each individual Director, the Board's committees and the Board as a whole with the objectives of assessing whether the Board, its committees and the Directors had effectively performed its/their roles and fulfilled its/their responsibilities, and devoted sufficient time commitment to the Company's affairs, in addition to recommending areas for improvement.</p> <p>The assessment exercise was facilitated by the Company Secretary and took the form of completion of questionnaires/evaluation form comprising a Board and Board Committee Effectiveness Evaluation Form, Director's Performance Evaluation Form, Director's Confirmation of Independence Form, ARMC Effectiveness Evaluation Form and ARMC Members Evaluation by RNC Form.</p> <p>The results of the annual evaluation carried out form the basis of the RNC's recommendations to the Board for the re-election of Directors. As recommended in the Code, the Board will endeavour to utilise independent experts to facilitate the evaluation process, as and when appropriate.</p> <p>Further information on the activities of the RNC can be found in the Remuneration and Nomination Committee Statement set out in the Annual Report. This information is also available under the "Governance" section on the Company's website at www.ytlcement.my.</p>
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Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.2

At least half of the board comprises independent directors. For Large Companies, the board comprises a majority independent directors.

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	<p>The following changes to the composition of the Board took place during the financial year under review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tan Sri Datuk Asmat Bin Kamaludin, Dato' Tan Guan Cheong, Dato' Yoogalingam A/L Vyrarnuttu and Mr Yeoh Khooon Cheng resigned from the Board on 30 May 2023;▪ Professor Datuk Ts. Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah Binti Tapsir, Mr Yap Seng Chong and Ms Fong Yee Mei were appointed to the Board on 30 May 2023. <p>The Board has 8 Directors, comprising 5 executive members and 3 independent non-executive members. The Independent Directors comprise 37.5% of the Board, providing an effective check and balance in the functioning of the Board, and in compliance with the Listing Requirements, which require one-third of the Board to be independent.</p> <p>The Directors are cognisant of the recommendation in the Code for the Board to comprise a majority of independent directors, and will assess the composition and size of the Board on an ongoing basis to ensure the needs of the Company are met.</p> <p>MCB is 78.58%-owned by YTL Cement Berhad, which is in turn 98.04% owned by YTL Corp (as at 30 June 2023). The Executive Directors are appointed by the major shareholder in accordance with its rights under the Companies Act 2016 and the Constitution of the Company.</p> <p>MCB is majority-owned by a single shareholder, unlike other listed companies that may have a dispersed shareholder base which enables a shareholder to exercise control despite holding a minority stake. The interests of the major shareholder are fully aligned with those of all shareholders of the Company.</p> <p>The expertise and experience in both the day-to-day running of the Group's businesses and the determination and setting of its broader strategy lies with the Executive Directors in order to ensure the ongoing ability to fulfil their roles and responsibilities as stewards of the Group's businesses.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the Company has in place appropriate and rigorous governance structures and internal controls necessary to safeguard the assets of the Group and protect shareholder value. There is robust</p>

	<p>oversight in the form of the ARMC and RNC, both of which are chaired by and comprise solely Independent Non-Executive Directors.</p> <p>The Board is of the view that the current Independent Non-Executive Directors have the experience and business acumen necessary to carry sufficient weight in the Board's decisions, and act in the best interests of the shareholders.</p>	
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Measure	: Ongoing review of the composition of the board.	
Timeframe	: Others	Ongoing

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.3

The tenure of an independent director does not exceed a cumulative term limit of nine years. Upon completion of the nine years, an independent director may continue to serve on the board as a non-independent director.

If the board intends to retain an independent director beyond nine years, it should provide justification and seek annual shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	There are currently no Independent Non-Executive Directors who have served on the Board for a period exceeding the nine-year term limit as recommended in the Code.	
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Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.4 - Step Up

The board has a policy which limits the tenure of its independent directors to nine years without further extension.

Note: To qualify for adoption of this Step Up practice, a listed issuer must have a formal policy which limits the tenure of an independent director to nine years without further extension i.e. shareholders' approval to retain the director as an independent director beyond nine years.

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.5

Appointment of board and senior management are based on objective criteria, merit and with due regard for diversity in skills, experience, age, cultural background and gender.

Directors appointed should be able to devote the required time to serve the board effectively. The board should consider the existing board positions held by a director, including on boards of non-listed companies. Any appointment that may cast doubt on the integrity and governance of the company should be avoided.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The RNC is responsible for assessing suitable candidates for appointment to the Board for approval, with due regard for diversity, taking into account the required mix of skills, experience, age, gender, ethnicity, time commitment, background and perspective of members of the Board before submitting its recommendation to the Board for decision.</p> <p>In accordance with the Listing Requirements, members of the Board do not hold not more than five directorships in public listed companies. This ensures that their commitment, resources and time are focused on the affairs of the MCB Group thereby enabling them to discharge their duties effectively.</p> <p>Presently, each Board member is required to assess (via the annual assessment process) whether he/she devotes the necessary time and energy to fulfilling his/her commitments to the Company. The Board recognises that an individual's capacity for work varies depending on various factors that weigh very much on his/her own assessment. Hence, having rigid protocols in place before any new directorships may be accepted is not practical. Each Board member is also expected to inform the Board whenever he/she is appointed as an officer of a corporation.</p> <p>In accordance with the Board Charter and guidance in the Code, none of the Directors are active politicians.</p>
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Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.6

In identifying candidates for appointment of directors, the board does not solely rely on recommendations from existing board members, management or major shareholders. The board utilises independent sources to identify suitably qualified candidates.

If the selection of candidates was based on recommendations made by existing directors, management or major shareholders, the Nominating Committee should explain why these source(s) suffice and other sources were not used.

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	<p>The RNC is responsible for assessing suitable candidates for appointment to the Board for approval with due regard for diversity, taking into account the required mix of skills, experience, age, gender, ethnicity, time commitment, background and perspective of members of the Board before submitting its recommendation to the Board for decision.</p> <p>The RNC is chaired by and comprises solely Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Chairman of the RNC is Professor Datuk Ts. Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah Binti Tapsir. This complies with the recommendation under the Code that the chairman of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee should not be the chairman of the Board.</p> <p>Whilst it has, to date, not been necessary to do so given the expertise of the Independent Non-Executive Directors, the Board will also endeavour to utilise independent sources including external human resources consultants and specialised databases, as appropriate.</p>	
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Measure	:	As stated above	
Timeframe	:	Others	Ongoing

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.7

The board should ensure shareholders have the information they require to make an informed decision on the appointment and reappointment of a director. This includes details of any interest, position or relationship that might influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence, in a material respect their capacity to bring an independent judgement to bear on issues before the board and to act in the best interests of the listed company as a whole. The board should also provide a statement as to whether it supports the appointment or reappointment of the candidate and the reasons why.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The names of Directors seeking re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) are disclosed in the Notice of Annual General Meeting in the Annual Report, whilst the review of Directors proposed for re-election and their profiles can be found in the Remuneration and Nomination Committee Statement and the Profile of the Board of Directors , respectively. This information is also available under the “ Governance ” section on the Company’s website at www.ytlcement.my .
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Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.8

The Nominating Committee is chaired by an Independent Director or the Senior Independent Director.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The RNC is chaired by an Independent Director, Professor Datuk Ts. Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah Binti Tapsir.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board recognises the importance of encouraging and developing female talent at all levels. Currently, there are three female directors on the Board comprising 37.5% of the Board which is in compliance with the target of 30% women directors set out in the Code.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.10

The board discloses in its annual report the company's policy on gender diversity for the board and senior management.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>As the Board's overriding aim is to maintain a strong and effective Board, it seeks to ensure that all appointments are made on merit, taking into account the collective balance of elements such as skills, experience, age, gender, ethnicity, background and perspective. The Board recognises the importance of encouraging and developing female talent at all levels.</p> <p>Currently, there are three female directors on the Board comprising 37.5% of the Board which is in compliance with the target of 30% women directors set out in the Code.</p> <p>Meanwhile, members of senior management are selected based on relevant industry experience, with due regard for diversity in skills, experience, age, gender, ethnicity, background and perspective, and are appointed by the Executive Chairman and/or the Managing Director following recommendation by the Executive Director in charge of the relevant division.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

Stakeholders are able to form an opinion on the overall effectiveness of the board and individual directors.

Practice 6.1

The board should undertake a formal and objective annual evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the board, its committees and each individual director. The board should disclose how the assessment was carried out its outcome, actions taken and how it has or will influence board composition.

For Large Companies, the board engages an independent expert at least every three years, to facilitate objective and candid board evaluation.

<i>Note: For a Large Company to qualify for adoption of this practice, it must undertake annual board evaluation and engage an independent expert at least every three years to facilitate the evaluation.</i>	
Application	: Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:
Explanation for departure	: <p>Annual evaluation of the Board as a whole, Board committees and the individual Directors is carried out by the RNC. The evaluation carried out during the financial year under review involved an annual assessment of the effectiveness of each individual Director, the Board's committees and the Board as a whole with the objectives of assessing whether the Board, its committees and the Directors had effectively performed its/their roles and fulfilled its/their responsibilities, and devoted sufficient time commitment to the Company's affairs, in addition to recommending areas for improvement.</p> <p>The assessment exercise was facilitated by the Company Secretary and took the form of completion of questionnaires/evaluation form comprising a Board and Board Committee Effectiveness Evaluation Form, Director's Performance Evaluation Form, Director's Confirmation of Independence Form, ARMC Effectiveness Evaluation Form and ARMC Members Evaluation by RNC Form.</p> <p>The results of the annual evaluation carried out form the basis of the RNC's recommendation to the Board for the re-election of Directors.</p> <p>As recommended in the Code, the Board will endeavour to utilise independent experts to facilitate the evaluation process, as and when appropriate. Further information on the activities of the RNC can be found in the Remuneration and Nomination Committee Statement set out in the Annual Report. This information is also available under the "Governance" section on the Company's website at www.ytlcement.my.</p>
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Measure	:	As stated above	
Timeframe	:	Others	Ongoing

Intended Outcome

The level and composition of remuneration of directors and senior management take into account the company's desire to attract and retain the right talent in the board and senior management to drive the company's long-term objectives.

Remuneration policies and decisions are made through a transparent and independent process.

Practice 7.1

The board has remuneration policies and procedures to determine the remuneration of directors and senior management, which takes into account the demands, complexities and performance of the company as well as skills and experience required. The remuneration policies and practices should appropriately reflect the different roles and responsibilities of non-executive directors, executive directors and senior management. The policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and made available on the company's website.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>Directors' remuneration is decided in line with the objective recommended by the Code to determine the remuneration for Directors so as to attract, retain, motivate and incentivise Directors of the necessary calibre to lead the MCB Group successfully.</p> <p>In general, the remuneration of the Directors is reviewed against the performance of the individual and the MCB Group. Where applicable, the Executive Directors' remuneration consists of basic salary, other emoluments and other customary benefits as appropriate to a senior management member, whilst the Non-Executive Directors' remuneration comprises Directors' fees and other benefits.</p> <p>The component parts of remuneration are structured so as to link rewards to performance. Directors do not participate in decisions regarding their own remuneration packages, Directors' fees and other benefits must be approved by shareholders at the AGM.</p> <p>A copy of the <i>Remuneration Policy and Procedures for Directors and Senior Management</i> is available under the "Governance" section on the Company's website at www.ytlcement.my.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

The level and composition of remuneration of directors and senior management take into account the company's desire to attract and retain the right talent in the board and senior management to drive the company's long-term objectives.

Remuneration policies and decisions are made through a transparent and independent process.

Practice 7.2

The board has a Remuneration Committee to implement its policies and procedures on remuneration including reviewing and recommending matters relating to the remuneration of board and senior management.

The Committee has written Terms of Reference which deals with its authority and duties and these Terms are disclosed on the company's website.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company has in place a RNC to assist in the implementation of the remuneration policy and procedures, including reviewing and recommending matters relating to the remuneration of the Directors and senior management to the Board. Further information can be found in the Remuneration and Nomination Committee Statement set out in the Annual Report.</p> <p>This information and the terms of reference of the RNC are available under the "Governance" section on the Company's website at www.ytlcement.my.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.1

There is detailed disclosure on named basis for the remuneration of individual directors. The remuneration breakdown of individual directors includes fees, salary, bonus, benefits in-kind and other emoluments.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Details of the individual Directors' remuneration categorised into appropriate components can be found in <i>Note 6</i> in the Notes to the Financial Statements in the Annual Report.

No	Name	Directorate	Company ('000)							Group ('000)						
			Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in-kind	Other emoluments	Total	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in-kind	Other emoluments	Total
1	Tan Sri (Sir) Francis Yeoh Sock Ping, PSM, KBE	Executive Director	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Dato' Sri Michael Yeoh Sock Siong	Executive Director	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,088	848	31	714	6.681
3	Dato' Yeoh Seok Kian	Executive Director	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Dato' Yeoh Seok Hong	Executive Director	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Dato' Yeoh Soo Keng	Executive Director	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,218	203	16	172	1.609
6	Tan Sri Datuk Asmat Bin Kamaludin <i>(Resigned from the Board on 30 May 2023)</i>	Independent Director	220	11	-	-	-	-	231	220	11	-	-	-	-	231
7	Dato' Tan Guan Cheong <i>(Resigned from the Board on 30 May 2023)</i>	Independent Director	220	15	-	-	-	-	235	220	15	-	-	-	-	235
8	Dato' Yoogalingam A/L Vynamuttu <i>(Resigned from the Board on 30 May 2023)</i>	Independent Director	220	15	-	-	-	-	235	220	15	-	-	-	-	235
9	Yeoh Khoon Cheng <i>(Resigned from the Board on 30 May 2023)</i>	Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	183	6	-	-	-	-	189	183	6	-	-	-	-	189
10	Professor Datuk Ts. Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah	Independent Director	20	1	-	-	-	-	21	20	1	-	-	-	-	21

	Binti Tapsir <i>(Appointed to the Board on 30 May 2023)</i>															
11	Yap Seng Chong <i>(Appointed to the Board on 30 May 2023)</i>	Independent Director	20	1	-	-	-	-	21	20	1	-	-	-	-	21
12	Fong Yee Mei <i>(Appointed to the Board on 30 May 2023)</i>	Independent Director	20	1	-	-	-	-	21	20	1	-	-	-	-	21
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Intended Outcome

Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.2

The board discloses on a named basis the top five senior management's remuneration component including salary, bonus, benefits in-kind and other emoluments in bands of RM50,000.

Application	:	Not applicable - all members of senior management are members of the board	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

No	Name	Position	Company					
			Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total
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Intended Outcome

Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.3 - Step Up

Companies are encouraged to fully disclose the detailed remuneration of each member of senior management on a named basis.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The Executive Chairman and Managing Director who are members of the Board also comprise the senior management of the Company.

No	Name	Position	Company ('000)					
			Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total
1	Tan Sri (Sir) Francis Yeoh Sock Ping, PSM, KBE	Executive Chairman	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Dato' Sri Michael Yeoh Sock Siong	Managing Director	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations.
The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 9.1

The Chairman of the Audit Committee is not the Chairman of the board.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Chairman of the ARMC is Mr Yap Seng Chong who is an Independent Non-Executive Director who is not the Chairman of the Board.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations.
The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 9.2

The Audit Committee has a policy that requires a former partner of the external audit firm of the listed company to observe a cooling-off period of at least three years before being appointed as a member of the Audit Committee.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The ARMC's <i>Auditor Independence Policy</i> guides its assessment of the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditors. This policy was updated during the last financial year to, amongst others, extend the cooling off period to three years (from two years previously) for appointment of a former audit partner of the external audit firm as a member of the ARMC, and to include additional assessment criteria based on information presented in the <i>Annual Transparency Report</i> of the external auditors, in line with the Code. None of the ARMC members were formerly audit partners of MCB's external auditors.
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations. The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 9.3

The Audit Committee has policies and procedures to assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditor to safeguard the quality and reliability of audited financial statements.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The ARMC has established formal and professional arrangements for maintaining an appropriate relationship with the Company's external auditors, HLB Ler Lum Chew PLT ("HLB"). The external auditors also attend each AGM in order to address clarifications sought pertaining to the audited financial statements by shareholders.</p> <p>The ARMC <i>Auditor Independence Policy</i> guides its assessment of the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditors. This policy was updated during the last financial year to, amongst others, extend the cooling off period to three years (from two years previously) for appointment of a former audit partner of the external audit firm as a member of the ARMC, and to include additional assessment criteria based on information presented in the <i>Annual Transparency Report</i> of the external auditors, in line with the Code.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations.
The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The ARMC comprises solely Independent Directors.

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations. The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 9.5

Collectively, the Audit Committee should possess a wide range of necessary skills to discharge its duties. All members should be financially literate, competent and are able to understand matters under the purview of the Audit Committee including the financial reporting process.

All members of the Audit Committee should undertake continuous professional development to keep themselves abreast of relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The members of the ARMC possess a wide range of necessary skills to discharge their duties, and are financially literate and able to understand matters under the purview of the ARMC including the financial reporting process.</p> <p>The members of the ARMC also intend to continue to undertake professional development by attending training to keep themselves abreast of relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

The board is provided with reasonable assurance that adverse impact arising from a foreseeable future event or situation on the company's objectives is mitigated and managed.

Practice 10.1

The board should establish an effective risk management and internal control framework.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board has established an effective risk management and internal control framework, further details of which are disclosed in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and Audit and Risk Management Committee Report in the Annual Report.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

The board is provided with reasonable assurance that adverse impact arising from a foreseeable future event or situation on the company's objectives is mitigated and managed.

Practice 10.2

The board should disclose the features of its risk management and internal control framework, and the adequacy and effectiveness of this framework.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The principal features for the MCB Group's system of internal control and risk management framework are disclosed in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in the Annual Report.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

The board is provided with reasonable assurance that adverse impact arising from a foreseeable future event or situation on the company's objectives is mitigated and managed.

Practice 10.3 - Step Up

The board establishes a Risk Management Committee, which comprises a majority of independent directors, to oversee the company's risk management framework and policies.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The Company has in place an ARMC which comprises solely Independent Non-Executive Directors.

Intended Outcome

Companies have an effective governance, risk management and internal control framework and stakeholders are able to assess the effectiveness of such a framework.

Practice 11.1

The Audit Committee should ensure that the internal audit function is effective and able to function independently.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>MCB's internal audit function is carried out by the Internal Audit department within the YTL Corp Group ("YTLIA"), which reports directly to the ARMC. A description of the work of the internal audit function can be found in the <i>Audit and Risk Management Committee Report</i> set out in the Annual Report. This information is also available under the "Governance" section on the Company's website at www.ytlcement.my.</p> <p>YTLIA operates independently of the work it audits and provides periodic reports to the ARMC, reporting on the outcome of the audits conducted which highlight the efficiency and effectiveness of the system of internal control and significant risks. The ARMC reviews and evaluates the key concerns and issues raised by YTLIA and ensures that appropriate and prompt remedial action is taken by management.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

Companies have an effective governance, risk management and internal control framework and stakeholders are able to assess the effectiveness of such a framework.

Practice 11.2

The board should disclose–

- whether internal audit personnel are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest, which could impair their objectivity and independence;
- the number of resources in the internal audit department;
- name and qualification of the person responsible for internal audit; and
- whether the internal audit function is carried out in accordance with a recognised framework.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>MCB's internal audit function is carried out by YTLIA, which reports directly to the ARMC. The Head of YTLIA, Mr Choong Hon Chow, is a registered member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) UK. He started his career with the external audit division of a large public accounting firm before moving on to the internal audit profession in public listed companies and gained valuable and extensive internal audit experience covering many areas of diversified commercial businesses and activities. He has a total of 40 years of internal and external audit experience.</p> <p>During the financial year ended 30 June 2023, YTLIA comprised 9 full-time personnel. The personnel of YTLIA are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest which could impair their objectivity and independence.</p> <p>The internal audit function adopts the framework based on the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors.</p> <p>Further details of the MCB Group's internal audit function are contained in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and the Audit and Risk Management Committee Report as set out in the Annual Report.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

Stakeholders are able to make informed decisions with respect to the business of the company, its policies on governance, the environment and social responsibility.

Practice 12.1

The board ensures there is effective, transparent and regular communication with its stakeholders.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The MCB Group values dialogue with its stakeholders and constantly strives to improve transparency by maintaining channels of communication that enable the Board to convey information about performance, corporate strategy and other matters affecting stakeholders' interests. The Board believes that a constructive and effective investor relationship is essential in enhancing stakeholder value and recognises the importance of timely dissemination of information to stakeholders.</p> <p>The Board ensures that shareholders are kept well-informed of any major development of the MCB Group. Such information is communicated through the Annual Report, the various disclosures and announcements to Bursa Securities, including quarterly and annual results, and corporate websites. Corporate information, annual financial results, governance information, business reviews and future plans are disseminated through the Annual Report, whilst current corporate developments are communicated via the Company's corporate website at www.ytlcement.my and the YTL Group's community website at www.ytlcommunity.com, in addition to prescribed information, including its interim financial results, announcements, circulars, prospectuses and notices, which is released through the official website of Bursa Securities.</p> <p>The Executive Chairman, Managing Director and/or the Executive Directors meet with analysts, institutional shareholders and investors throughout the year not only to promote the dissemination of the MCB Group's financial results but to provide updates on strategies and new developments to ensure better understanding of the MCB Group's operations and activities. Presentations based on permissible disclosures are made to explain the MCB Group's performance and major development programs.</p> <p>Whilst efforts are made to provide as much information as possible to its shareholders and stakeholders, the Directors are cognisant of the legal and regulatory framework governing the release of material and sensitive information so as to not mislead its shareholders. Therefore, the information that is price-sensitive or that may be regarded as undisclosed material information about the MCB Group is not disclosed to any party until after the prescribed announcement to Bursa Securities has been made.</p>

Explanation for departure :		
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Measure :		
Timeframe :		

Intended Outcome

There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

Stakeholders are able to make informed decisions with respect to the business of the company, its policies on governance, the environment and social responsibility.

Practice 12.2

Large companies are encouraged to adopt integrated reporting based on a globally recognised framework.

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	It is the view of the Company that the current format of the Annual Report provides shareholders with the necessary information on the business of the Company and the Group, and policies on governance, risk management and internal control and sustainability in a comprehensive and understandable manner.	
		However, the Company reviews the contents and format of its annual reports on an ongoing basis to improve and enhance its disclosure to shareholders.	
		As stated above	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	As stated above	
Timeframe	:	Others	Ongoing

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.1

Notice for an Annual General Meeting should be given to the shareholders at least 28 days prior to the meeting.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Notice of the AGM is sent to shareholders at least 28 days prior to the AGM in accordance with the Code, which also meets the criteria of the Listing Requirements and Companies Act 2016, which require the Notice of AGM to be sent 21 days prior to the AGM.</p> <p>The Notice for the forthcoming 73rd AGM of the Company to be held on 5 December 2023 has been sent on 31 October 2023.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:		
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<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.2

All directors attend General Meetings. The Chair of the Audit, Nominating, Risk Management and other committees provide meaningful response to questions addressed to them.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Directors are mindful of the recommendation under the Code that all directors must attend general meetings and fully appreciate the need for their attendance at all such meetings. All Directors attended the Company's 72nd AGM held on 6 December 2022.</p> <p>The Executive Chairman, Managing Director and Executive Directors take the opportunity to present a comprehensive review of the financial and non-financial performance of the MCB Group as well as progress and long-term strategies. The Directors provide appropriate answers in response to shareholders' questions during the meeting, thereby ensuring a high level of accountability, transparency and identification with the MCB Group's business operations, strategy and goals.</p> <p>The Independent Non-Executive Directors who chair the ARMC and RNC provide meaningful responses to any questions addressed to them.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.3

Listed companies should leverage technology to facilitate–

- voting including voting in absentia; and
- remote shareholders' participation at general meetings.

Listed companies should also take the necessary steps to ensure good cyber hygiene practices are in place including data privacy and security to prevent cyber threats.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and as part of the safety measures to curb its spread, the 72nd AGM of the Company was conducted as a fully virtual meeting through live streaming and online remote participation and voting using the TIIH Online System at https://tiih.com.my provided by the appointed share registrar and poll administrator, Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn Bhd.</p> <p>Where general meetings are held on a virtual basis, the Board utilises available platforms and technologies that support meaningful engagement with shareholders by ensuring smooth broadcast of the general meeting and enabling interactive participation by shareholders via facilities to submit questions before and during the general meeting. Questions posed by shareholders are made visible to all meeting participants during the meeting.</p> <p>The Company engages professional service providers to manage and administer its general meetings who have in place the necessary data privacy and protection and cybersecurity policies and procedures to safeguard the information of the Company and its shareholders.</p> <p>The forthcoming 73rd AGM will be held on a fully virtual basis, the details of which can be found in the Notice of Annual General Meeting in the Annual Report.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
<p><i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i></p>		
Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.4

The Chairman of the board should ensure that general meetings support meaningful engagement between the board, senior management and shareholders. The engagement should be interactive and include robust discussion on among others the company's financial and non-financial performance as well as the company's long-term strategies. Shareholders should also be provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions during the general meeting and all the questions should receive a meaningful response.

<i>Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to.</i>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: <p>The AGM is the principal forum for dialogue with shareholders. The Board provides opportunities for shareholders to raise questions pertaining to issues in the Annual Report, corporate developments in the MCB Group, the resolutions being proposed and the business of the MCB Group in general at every general meeting of the Company.</p> <p>The Executive Chairman, Managing Director and Executive Directors take the opportunity to present a comprehensive review of the financial and non-financial performance of the MCB Group, as well as progress and long-term strategies. The Directors provide appropriate answers in response to shareholders' questions during the meeting, thereby ensuring a high level of accountability, transparency and identification with the MCB Group's business operations, strategy and goals.</p> <p>The Directors are mindful of the recommendation under the Code that all directors must attend general meetings and fully appreciate the need for their attendance at all such meetings.</p> <p>All Directors attended the Company's 72nd AGM held on 6 December 2022.</p> <p>Extraordinary general meetings are held as and when required to seek shareholders' approval. The Executive Chairman, Managing Director and Executive Directors take the opportunity to fully explain the rationale for proposals put forth for approval and the implications of such proposals for the Company, and to reply to shareholders' questions.</p>
Explanation for departure	:
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>	

Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.5

The board must ensure that the conduct of a virtual general meeting (fully virtual or hybrid) support meaningful engagement between the board, senior management and shareholders. This includes having in place the required infrastructure and tools to support among others, a smooth broadcast of the general meeting and interactive participation by shareholders. Questions posed by shareholders should be made visible to all meeting participants during the meeting itself.

<i>Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to. Further, a listed issuer should also provide brief reasons on the choice of the meeting platform.</i>	
Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice :	Where general meetings are held on a virtual basis, the Board utilises available platforms and technologies that support meaningful engagement with shareholders by ensuring smooth broadcast of the general meeting and enabling interactive participation by shareholders via facilities to submit questions before and during the general meeting. Questions posed by shareholders are made visible to all meeting participants during the meeting.
Explanation for departure :	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>	
Measure :	
Timeframe :	

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.6

Minutes of the general meeting should be circulated to shareholders no later than 30 business days after the general meeting.

<i>Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting.</i>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: Minutes of general meetings are posted on the Company's website under the " Meetings " page at https://www.ytlcement.my/meetings no later than 30 business days after the general meeting.
Explanation for departure	:
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>	
Measure	:
Timeframe	:

**SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PURSUANT
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA**

Disclosures in this section are pursuant to Appendix 4 (Corporate Governance Disclosures) of the Corporate Governance Guidelines issued by Bank Negara Malaysia. This section is only applicable for financial institutions or any other institutions that are listed on the Exchange that are required to comply with the above Guidelines.

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