Corporate Governance at PETRONAS

Board Governance and Structure

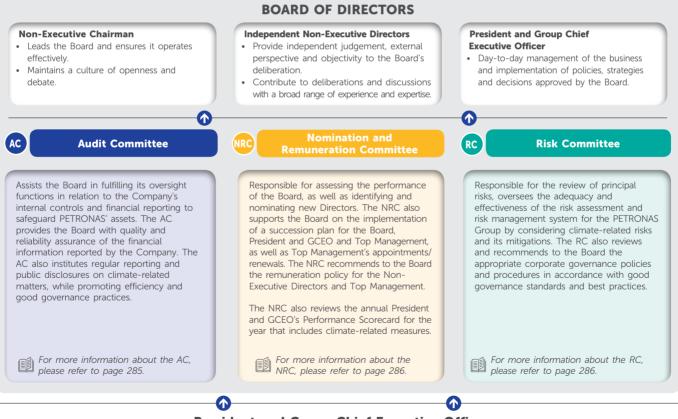
PETRONAS has resolutely demonstrated a progressive and resilient performance despite the challenging global business environment. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a significant economic contraction, putting corporate governance practices of organisations worldwide to the test. PETRONAS, has remained resilient in its commitment to apply the best corporate governance principles across the Group.

Corporate governance plays a crucial role in promoting sustainability by providing the necessary framework for accountability, transparency and structure within the Group. In building a sustainable business, the Board is fully aware of its responsibility towards its shareholders and stakeholders. The Board firmly upholds effective leadership and unwavering ethical standards by providing the framework which serves as a basis for sustainable decision-making.

PETRONAS is led by a Board whose Directors are collectively responsible for creating and delivering long-term sustainable value for the business. A key responsibility of the Board is to balance the interests of the Group and our stakeholders including employees and the wider communities we serve. Our governance structure ensures role clarity by clearly delineating roles and areas of accountability and recognises the independent roles and duties required to effectively govern the Company. The governance structure aims to promote strategic alignment across the Group whilst facilitating efficient decision-making at all levels.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The governance structure illustrates the oversight role of the Board and the various components of governance which facilitate the interaction and flow between the Board and the Management. The table below describes the Group's governance structure, an overview of the key committees of the Board and Management.



President and Group Chief Executive Officer

Executive Leadership Team (ELT)

The ELT was established to assist the President and GCEO in managing the business affairs of the Company and is responsible for providing a holistic approach to all business strategies as well as high impact and high value investments including mergers and acquisitions. The ELT discusses specific matters which include HSSE, technology and people development.

Board Leadership

The Board provides effective stewardship and is responsible for the Group's strategic direction and control of the Company. The Board exercises this control by way of a governance framework, effective delegation, risk management and a system of assurances regarding financial reporting and internal controls. The Board is accountable to its shareholders and towards a wider range of stakeholders such as employees, suppliers, community and the authorities.

Each Director has the duty to act in good faith and in the best interest of the Company. In discharging its roles and duties effectively, the Board is guided by the Board Charter, a document which sets out the authority, responsibilities and operations of the Board.

The differing roles of the Chairman and the President and GCEO are acknowledged and provided for in the Board Charter. The Chairman of the Board is not a member of any of the Board Committees.

The Board exercises collective oversight at all times. In delegating its authority to the Board Committees, the Board does not abdicate its responsibilities. The Board further ensures that such delegation does not hinder or reduce the Board's ability to discharge its functions. In this regard, the Board clearly sets out the division of responsibilities in the respective Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Board Committees.

Together with Management, the Board upholds good corporate governance culture within the Company by ensuring ethical leadership, prudence and professional behaviour in the conduct of its business and in all aspects of its operations.

How the Board Functions

The Board meets regularly, and additional meetings are arranged as and when circumstances dictate. Each meeting is conducted in accordance with a formal and structured agenda and Board papers are circulated on time to ensure that Directors are well-informed and that debates and decisions are constructive and robust.

Access to Board papers by the Board members is carried out online through a collaborative software, with the aim of enhancing the efficiency of the Board process. Going digital allows the Directors to access, read and review the Board papers, as well as enables the Board members to confer with each other and with the Company Secretaries, electronically. Board Papers and presentations by the Management to the Board are prepared and delivered in a manner that ensures clarity and provide sufficient understanding of the subject matter. In 2022, the Board met on 23 occasions of which almost all meetings were conducted physically. Although the quorum for the Board meeting is two, majority of the Board meetings were attended by all Directors.

Each Director has full access to the services of the Company Secretaries, who play an advisory role to the Board by providing guidance on corporate governance, ethical business practices, compliance to the Company's Constitution, policies and procedures and the relevant regulatory requirements, guidelines and legislation.

The Board may from time to time and if deemed appropriate, consider and approve urgent matters via Directors' circular resolution. All circular resolutions passed by the Board are tabled at the next Board meeting for notation.

The Board practises active and open discussions at its meetings so as to ensure that opportunities are given to all Directors to participate and contribute to the decision-making process. Robust discussions and vigorous deliberations at the Board meetings ensure that the process of effective and healthy dialogue is achieved.

The respective Chairmen of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Risk Committee provide regular updates to the Board subsequent to the proceedings of their respective Committee meetings.

All proceedings of Board meetings are duly minuted, confirmed and signed. Minutes of each Board meeting accurately reflect the deliberations and decisions of the Board, including any dissenting views and if any Director had abstained from voting or deliberating on a particular matter. Minutes of the Board meetings are properly kept by the Company Secretary.

Matters Reserved for the Board

The Board has an approved and documented schedule of matters reserved for its decision as follows:

- 1. **Strategy and Management** Strategy, policies, annual budgets and major investment decisions which include capital projects, mergers and acquisitions and funding requirements.
- 2. **Financial, Governance and Risk** Financial reporting and control, and risk management.
- Corporate Matters Reputation and stakeholder management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE), Board and Board Committees' memberships, Directors' remuneration and succession planning.

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