# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT**

STOCK CODE : 9814

**COMPANY NAME**: BERTAM ALLIANCE BERHAD

FINANCIAL YEAR : December 31, 2023

#### OUTLINE:

**SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**Disclosures in this section are pursuant to Paragraph 15.25 of Bursa Malaysia Listing Requirements.

# SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PERSUANT 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.

#### 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	The Board of Bertam Alliance Berhad is committed to exhibiting high standards of corporate governance. In fulfilling its role as stewards of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the Group), the Board is dedicated to discharging its duties with due care, skill, and diligence. The Board assumes full responsibility for the overall performance of the Group.  In discharging their fiduciary responsibilities, the board sets the business direction and oversees the conduct of the Group based on the periodic performance of the Group reported by management in the quarterly financial results and has full access to all operational information together with the explanation provided by Management.  Executive Directors are responsible to the Board for implementing operational and corporate decisions while the Non-Executive Directors are responsible for providing independent views, advice, and judgment in consideration of the interests of shareholders at large in order to effectively check and balance the Board's decision-making process.  The details of the roles and responsibilities of the Board are clearly defined in the Board Charter published on the corporate website	
	at www.bertamalliance.my.	
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# 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 :	Departure	
Explanation on : application of the practice		
Explanation for : departure	Since 31 October 2021, the Company has yet to identify a new Chairman.  The Chairman acts as a facilitator at meetings of Directors and ensures the smooth functioning of the Board in the interest of good corporate governance practice. The Chairman is responsible to provide leadership for the Board so that the Board can perform its responsibilities effectively. The responsibilities of the Chairman are clearly defined in the Board Charter.	
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**Practice 1.3**The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	Since 31 October 2021, the Company has yet to identify a new Chairman.	
pradice	However, the Executive Director, Mr Liew Chee Keong is responsible for managing is responsible for ensuring the due execution of strategic goals, and effective operation within the Company, and for explaining, clarifying and informing the Board on matters pertaining to the Company.	
	The ED, who are employees of the Company, are tasked to develop, in conjunction with the Board, the Group's strategic plans and are responsible for its implementation. There is a clear division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the ED to ensure the balance of power and authority.	
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# Practice 1.4

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

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'.		
Application :	Applied	
Explanation on :	The Company has yet to identify a new Board Chairman since 31	
application of the practice	October 2021.	
•	Mr Lee Kok Toong @ Lee Ming Heng was the Chairman of the Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee ("ARMC") until 31 July 2023. From 31 July 2023, Ms Juliet Lo Young Tze was the Chairperson of the Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee ("ARMC").	
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#### 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	All Board Members are authorised to seek advice and services of the Company Secretaries for the purposes of the Board's affairs and the business. Presently, the company secretarial function is outsourced to a company secretarial firm.  The appointment and removal of the Company Secretaries of the Board is the prerogative of the Board as a whole. The appointed Company Secretaries shall be qualified and competent professionals in order to be able to support the Board in carrying out its role and responsibilities.  The Company Secretaries are responsible for ensuring that Board procedures are followed, the applicable rules and regulations for the conduct of the affairs of the Board are complied with and all matters associated with the maintenance of the Board are performed effectively. New regulatory rules and requirements are brought up and disseminated by the Company Secretaries to the Board immediately while periodic disclosure on related party transactions, share trading, quarterly announcements on provision of financial assistance, quarterly financial results, various deadlines for filing and reporting as well as semi-annual return by directors are followed up by the Company Secretaries to ensure compliance with the deadlines.  In addition, the Company Secretaries ensure minutes are duly entered into the books for all resolutions and proceedings of all	
	meetings of the Board and Board Committees. These minutes of meetings record the decisions taken and the views of individual Board Members. Such minutes are confirmed by the respective Board Committees and signed by the respective Chairmen of the meetings.	
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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.

**Applied** 

# Explanation on application of the practice

**Application** 

Unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time, date, and agenda of the meeting together with relevant Board papers shall be forwarded to each director no later than seven (7) days before the date of the meeting. This is to ensure that Board papers comprising of due notice of issues to be discussed and supporting information and documentations are provided to the Board sufficiently in advance. Furthermore, Directors are given sufficient time to read the Board papers and seek for any clarification or further explanation from advisers, Management and Company Secretaries. The deliberations of the Board in terms of the issues discussed during the meetings and the Board's conclusions or decisions made are recorded in the minutes of meetings by the Company Secretaries.

The Board has access to all information within the Company in order to enable them to discharge their duties and responsibilities. The Board is supplied in a timely basis with information and reports on financial, regulatory and audit matters by way of Board papers for informed decision making and meaningful discharge of its duties.

In addition, all Directors have direct access to the advice and services of the Company Secretaries who are responsible for ensuring the Board meetings procedures are adhered to and that applicable rules and regulatory are complied with. External advisers are invited to attend meetings to provide insights and professional views, advice, and explanation on specific items on the meeting agenda, when required. Senior management team from different business units will also be invited to participate in the Board meetings to enable all Board members to have equal access to the latest updates and developments of business operations of the Group presented by the senior management team. The Chairman of the Board Committees, namely, the Audit and Risk Management Committee. Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee brief the Board on matters discussed as well as decisions taken at the meetings of their respective Board Committees meetings.

When necessary, Directors may either as a full Board or in their individual capacity, seek independent professional advice, including the internal and external auditors, at the Company's expense to enable the Directors to discharge their duties with

	adequate knowledge on the matters being deliberated and depending on the quantum of the fees involved.		
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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	The Board Charter sets out among others, the roles and responsibilities of the Board, delegation of authorities, strategic and financial functions including risk management and internal controls, human resource, evaluations and structures of the Board and Board Committees, as well as the relationship between the Board with Management and shareholders of the Company. The Board Charter is made available to the public at the corporate website at www.bertamalliance.my.  In accordance with Paragraph 15 of the Board Charter, the Board will review the Board Charter at least once every three years.	
	Besides that, the Board Charter is reviewed periodically as and when the need arises to ensure the dynamic needs of the Group are consistently met.	
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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	This Code of Ethics is formulated to enhance the standard of corporate governance and corporate behaviour with the intention of achieving the following aims:  (i) provide guidance to stakeholders on the ethical behaviours to be expected from the Group; and (ii) communicate, measure, and monitor its values and performance designed to achieve objectives and to instil values.	
	The Code of Ethics is made available at the corporate website at www.bertamalliance.my.	
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#### 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	The Board always encourages employees and stakeholders to report any grievances and raise concerns about misconduct, wrongdoings, and malpractices involving the Company. The Board is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Whistle Blowing Policy for Directors. The Board will review the Whistle Blowing Policy when necessary to ensure it remains relevant and appropriate. The Whistle Blowing Policy is available on the Company's website at www.bertamalliance.my.  We trust that every whistle-blower must conduct themselves with high integrity and responsibility. To establish a sound relationship of trust, individuals who make disclosures are encouraged to identify themselves and their contact (phone number/email). This is especially so when more detailed information is required. Whenever necessary, the whistle-blower may be required to stand as a witness for the Company for the appropriate disciplinary action to be effective.	
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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	<ul> <li>i. identify and prioritise sustainability.</li> <li>ii. include sustainability as part of the Board agenda in the risk management process.</li> <li>iii. define and agree on criteria to assess the feasibility of sustainability projects and initiatives.</li> <li>iv. approve the budget for sustainability initiatives.</li> <li>v. set management KPIs on sustainability; and</li> <li>vi. formalise sustainability reporting and communicate sustainability targets and metrics to stakeholders; and ix. Review the result of assurance with management and</li> </ul>
	identify areas for improvement.  whereas, the main responsibilities of the management in sustainability management include ensuring alignment of the Group's sustainability initiatives with the Company's overall strategy; identifying resources that are essential to achieve sustainability goals, clearly defining persons-in-charge and their roles and responsibilities; updating job descriptions and key performance index; assessing the feasibility of sustainability projects; reviewing key sustainability initiatives and recommend improvements; and reporting and recommending to the board on the course of action needed to promote sustainability in business.
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# 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	The Board takes into consideration of the impacts of the business and management processes on the 3 elements of environment, people and profit and evaluate its magnitude before deciding on the course of action. In this respect, the Company is committed to continuously improving safety and health at the workplace; ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements; reducing environment damages to the minimum; creating a happy and harmony workplace for the employees; improving efficiency of materials, water, power and papers usages and reducing and recycling wastages; practicing ethical and fair business principles and approaches.	
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# 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 Board focuses on the sustainability issues relevant to the Company's business and discusses the issues at the board meetings when necessary. The Board will attend trainings or seminars or participate briefing relating to sustainability or climate change from time to time in order to stay abreast and understand the sustainability issues relevant to the Company's business.
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# 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 :	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	
Explanation for : departure	A detailed study is required for developing the criteria for the performance evaluations of the Board and the Management to address the material sustainability risks and opportunities.  The Company is currently developing the ESG policy by the management and the external consultant to further enhance the strategy and structure of the Company's ESG policies.
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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.

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	n adoption of this practice should include a brief description of the	
	esignated person and actions or measures undertaken pursuant to	
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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	The Nomination Committees continue to discharge their functions and ensure that the board composition and tenure of each director are reviewed periodically.  The Nomination Committee will review the tenure and performance of each director, where annual re-election of a director would be contingent on satisfactory evaluation of the director's performance and contribution to the Board.
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# 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	As of 31 December 2023, the Board is made up of four (4) members comprising one (1) Executive Director, two (2) Independent Non-Executive Directors and one (1) Non-Independent Non-Executive Director.  Presently, the Board views that its current composition is balanced and effective, with a good mix of skillsets and experience from the varied backgrounds of both Executive and Non-Executive Directors.  The Board will review its composition and size from time to time.
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#### 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.

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Application	Not applicable - No independent director(s) serving beyond 9 years
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# 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.		
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#### 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	Appointments of Board and senior management are based on objective criteria, merit and besides gender diversity, due regard are placed for diversity in skills, experience, age, and cultural background.
	The Board pursues diversity at both the Board level and senior management level and recognises a diverse Board in the Company could offer greater depth and breadth compared to a non-diverse Board whilst the diversity at senior management will lead to better decisions.
	The Board would also ensure that the Directors appointed will devote sufficient time to carry out their responsibilities. The Directors appointed are expected to have active participation in meetings of the Board and the Board's committees of which he/she is a member, and not have other personal or professional commitments that would interfere with or limit his/her ability to do so.
	To ensure that Directors are able to devote the required time to serve the Board effectively, Directors are required to notify the Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Nomination Committee and the Company Secretary including an indication of the time that will be spent on the new appointment before accepting any new directorship in public listed companies.
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#### 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 :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	In determining the process for the identification of suitable new candidates, the Nomination Committee does not solely rely on recommendations from existing Board members, Management, or major shareholders. The Board will ensure that an appropriate review or search is undertaken by an independent third party to ensure the requirements and qualifications of the candidate nominated.
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#### 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 profiles of the Directors, including their professional qualifications, work experiences and interest in the Company (if any) are set out in the Annual Report for the shareholders' purview.  The Board's statement of support on the appointment or reappointment of the Directors is set out in the explanatory note of the notice of AGM.
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# 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	Mr Chui Vui Leong @ Chiew Vui Leong, the Chairman of the Nomination Committee is the Independent Non-Executive Director.
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# Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

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Application :	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	
Explanation for : departure	The Board acknowledges the recommendation of Practice 5.9 of the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 ("MCCG") with regard to the 30% women representation on the Board.  As of 31 December 2023, our Board members comprise 3 male Directors and 1 female Director. The Board may consider appointing more suitable female Directors on the Board in the near future.
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# 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	
Explanation for departure	The Board recognises the importance of diversity in its composition and senior management in ensuring its effectiveness and good corporate governance to establish any diversity policy. On 31 July 2023, the Board appointed Ms Juliet Lo Young Tze to the Board and on 4 September 2023 recruited Ms Erna Chan as its Group Accountant to the Company to bring about a more diverse perspective.  On boardroom and senior management diversity, the Board will continue to review the appropriate skills, experience and knowledge required of the Board members and senior management, in the context of the needs of the Group. The Board will review its composition and size from time to time to ensure its appropriateness.
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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.

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.								
Application :	Applied							
Explanation on application of the practice	The Nomination Committee is responsible for reviewing annually the effectiveness, contribution, and performance of the Board as a whole, the Board Committees and each individual Board member as well as the independence of the Independent Directors.							
	The results of the evaluation were tabled to the Nomination Committee and the Board to determine measures to deal with any identified issues or recommendations. Independent Directors are also evaluated to ensure they continue to bring independent and objective judgement to board deliberations.							
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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	The Remuneration Committee is authorised by the Board to establish a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy on executive remuneration and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual Directors and senior management.  The Board believes the remuneration policy fairly supports the Directors and senior management responsibilities and fiduciary duties in steering the Group to achieve its long-term goals and enhance shareholders' value. The Board offers a competitive remuneration package in order to attract, develop and retain talented individuals to serve as directors and senior management.  The Remuneration Policy is made available at the corporate website at www.bertamalliance.my.
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#### 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	The Board has set up a Remuneration Committee which comprises two (2) members and both are Independent Non-Executive Directors in order to assist the Board in determining the Directors' remuneration.  The Remuneration Committee evaluates the remuneration packages of senior management executives and recommends for the Board's approval, the framework of executive remuneration of the Executive Directors' remuneration package.  Non-Executive Directors' fees are determined by the Board as a whole with the Director concerned abstaining from deliberations and voting on decisions in respect of his fee.  The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee outline the roles and responsibilities in relation to the remuneration matters, as provided in the terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee and are made available to the public at the corporate website at www.bertamalliance.my.
Explanation for : departure	
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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	The summary in name remuneration of the Company for the final follows: -	Directors (in	ncluding benefit-i	n-kind) in the						
	Directors	Total (RM)								
	Lim Nyuk Foh (resigned on 24 March 2023)	9,000.00	-	9,000.00						
	Liew Chee Keong	36,000.00	2,000.00	38,000.00						
	Koo Jenn Man	36,000.00	2,000.00	38,000.00						
	Lee Kok Toong @ Lee Ming Heng (resigned on 31 July 2023)	14,000.00	-	14,000.00						
	Chui Vui Leong @ Chiew Vui Leong	36,000.00	2,000.00	38,000.00						
	Juliet Lo Young Tze (appointed on 31 July 2023 and resigned on 8 January 2024)	14,000.00	500.00	14,500.00						
	*Other emoluments in attendance in Board at		•	the Directors'						

				Company ('000)					Group ('000)							
No	Name	Directorate	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in- kind	Other emoluments	Total	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in- kind	Other emoluments	Total
1	Lim Nyuk Foh (resigned on 24 March 2023)	Managing Director	9,000	-	-	-	-	-	9,000	9,000	-	-	-	-	-	9,000
2	Liew Chee Keong	Executive Director	-	-	36,000	-	-	2,000	38,000	-	-	36,000	-	-	2,000	38,000
3	Koo Jenn Man	Non- Independent Non-Executive Director	36,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	38,000	36,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	38,000
4	Lee Kok Toong @ Lee Ming Heng (resigned on 31 July 2023)	Independent Non-Executive Director	14,000	-	-	-	-	-	14,000	14,000	-	-	-	-	-	14,000
5	Chui Vui Leong @ Chiew Vui Leong	Independent Non-Executive Director	36,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	38,000	36,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	38,000
6	Juliet Lo Young Tze (appointed on 31 July 2023 and resigned on 8 January 2024)	Independent Director	15,000	-	-	-	-	500	15,500	15,000	-	-	-	-	500	15,500

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		Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	•	
Explanation for departure		The remunerations of the top 5 Senior Management are not disclosed on named basis for confidentiality reason as it may be detrimental to the interest of the Company and individuals.
Large companies are encouraged to complete		quired to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are the columns below.
Measure	:	
Timeframe		

		Position	Company								
No	Name		Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total			
1	Input info here	Input info here	Managing Director	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.			
2	Input info here	Input info here	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.			
3	Input info here	Input info here	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.			
4	Input info here	Input info here	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.			
5	Input info here	Input info here	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.			

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	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

			Company ('000)								
No	Name	Position	Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total			
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3	Input info here	Input info here									
4	Input info here	Input info here									
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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	Mr Lee Kok Toong @ Lee Ming Heng was the Chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee since 15 April 2021 until 31 July 2023. On 31 July 2023, Ms Juliet Lo Young Tze was appointed as Chairperson of the ARMC until 8 January 2024.	
Explanation for : departure		
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure :		
Timeframe :		

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## 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 :	The Group recognises the importance of independence of its		
application of the practice	external auditors and that no possible conflict of interest whatsoever should arise.		
	None of the ARMC members were former partners of the Company's external auditors. The Group will observe a cooling-off period of at least three (3) years in the event any potential candidate to be appointed as a member of the ARMC.		
Explanation for :			
departure			
	quired to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are		
encouraged to complete	the columns below.		
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Timeframe :			

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## 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	The Company has a policy for assessing the suitability and independence of External Auditors. The ARMC reviews the appointment, performance, and remuneration of the External Auditors annually before recommending them to the Board to put forward to the shareholders for re-appointment in the AGM.
Explanation for : departure	
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Measure :	
Timeframe :	

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	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

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	All ARMC members are financially literate and are able to understand matters under the purview of the ARMC including financial reporting process. The qualification and experience of the individual Audit Committee members are disclosed in the Profile of Board of Directors in the Annual Report 2023.
	All members of the ARMC undertake continuous professional development to ensure that they are abreast of relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices, and rules. A summary of training programmes, conferences and seminars attended by Audit Committee members during the financial year under review is set out in the Annual Report 2023.
Explanation for : departure	
Large companies are re encouraged to complete	equired to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are the columns below.
Measure :	
Timeframe :	

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 details of the Group's systems of risk management and internal control are reported in the ARMC Report and Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control of the Annual Report 2023 respectively.	
Explanation for : departure		
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure :		
Timeframe :		

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## 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		•		gement and internal control
application of the practice				ment on Risk Management port 2023, which has been
practice		y the External A		port 2023, which has been
Explanation for				
departure				
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encouraged to complete	e columns	below.		
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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# 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 :	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	

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	:	The internal audit function of the Company is effective and		
application of the practice		remains independent all the time. The internal audit function is set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and ARMC Report.		
		Internal Auditors report functionally to ARMC and have unrestricted access to the ARMC. Its function is independent of the activities or operations of other operating units. Internal Auditors periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the risk management process, review the operating effectiveness of the internal controls system and compliance control within the Group. The Head of Internal Audit is invited to attend the ARMC meetings to facilitate the deliberation of audit reports. The minutes of the ARMC meetings are tabled to the Board for information and serves as a reference especially when there are pertinent points should any of the Board members wish to highlight or seek clarification.		
Explanation for departure	:			
Large companies are encouraged to complete		quired to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are the columns below.		
Measure	:			
Timeframe	:			

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	The Group has appointed an established external professional Internal Audit firm, Governance Advisory & Solutions Sdn Bhd which reports to the Audit Committee and assists the Audit Committee in reviewing the effectiveness of the internal control systems whilst ensuring that there is an appropriate balance of controls and risks throughout the Group in achieving its business objectives. The audit personnel are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest, which could impair objectivity and independence.		
	At present, there are 5 internal auditors within the external internal audit firm. The head of the internal audit firm updates the name and qualification of the internal audit personnel to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis to ensure competency of the internal audit function.		
Explanation for : departure			
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.			
Measure :			
Timeframe :			

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	The Annual General Meeting is the principal forum for dialogue and interaction with the shareholders. The Board is committed to provide shareholders with comprehensive and timely information about the Group's activities and performance to enable investors make informed decisions. Shareholders are encouraged to attend Annual General Meetings and use the opportunity to ask questions on resolutions being proposed. The Chairman and the Board members with the assistance of the external auditors, are responsible to respond and provide explanations on matters raised.		
	The Company encourages shareholders and investors to access online the Company's Annual Report and up to date announcements, which are made available at the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") website and the Company's website.		
Explanation for departure			
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Measure			
Timeframe			

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	Not applicable – Not a Large Company
Explanation on application of the practice	
Explanation for departure	
Large companies are	required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are
encouraged to complete	•
Measure	
Timeframe	

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	The Notice of the 29 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("29 <sup>th</sup> AGM") was circulated at least 28 days prior to the date of the 29 <sup>th</sup> AGM, well in advance of the notice period of 21 days as required under Section 316(2) of the Companies Act, 2016 and paragraph 7.15 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities.	
	The Notice of Annual General Meeting is also posted on the Company's website on the same day as the Notice is despatched to the shareholders. It is also being advertised in a nationally circulated newspapers alongside an announcement on the Bursa Securities.	
Explanation for departure		
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure		
Timeframe		

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	All the Board members attended the 29 <sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company held on 21 June 2023.	
pruduce	The Executive Directors together with other Board members and relevant key management staff will personally present at each AGM of the Company to engage directly with the shareholders and to account for their stewardship of the Company.	
	Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Directors have confirmed their attendance for the forthcoming 30 <sup>th</sup> AGM to be held on 28 June 2024.	
Explanation for departure		
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure		
Timeframe		

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	The 29 <sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company was held on 21 June 2023 by way of a physical meeting at Avangio Hotel Kota Kinabalu, Jalan Metro 2, Off, Jalan Lintas, Metro Town, 88300 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.  However, the forthcoming 30th AGM is to be held on 28 June 2024 via an online platform provided by Digerati Technologies Sdn. Bhd. in Malaysia at https://bertam-agm.digerati.com.my (Domain registration number D1A119533) which has leveraged on technology by conducting a meeting virtually through Remote Participation and Voting Facilities ("RPV").	
Explanation for : departure		
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure :		
Timeframe :		

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.

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			
	pose questions and the questions are responded to.		
Application :	Applied		
Application .	Applied		
Explanation on :	The 29 <sup>th</sup> AGM was held on 21 June 2023 by way of a physical		
application of the	meeting at Avangio Hotel Kota Kinabalu, Jalan Metro 2, Off, Jalan		
practice	Lintas, Metro Town, 88300 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.		
practice	Elitad, Moto Town, Good Nota Nilabaia, Gaban.		
	The Commence of faith consider 20th ACM askedulad to be held as		
	The Company's forthcoming 30th AGM scheduled to be held on		
	28 June 2024 virtually through the online platform provided by		
	Digerati Technologies Sdn. Bhd. in Malaysia at https://bertam-		
	agm.digerati.com.my (Domain registration number D1A119533).		
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	Charabaldara ware siven sufficient apportunity to page their		
	Shareholders were given sufficient opportunity to pose their		
	questions before the AGM and during the AGM. The Company		
	had ensured that all the questions were answered. Questions		
	received after the close of the Q&A session were answered via		
	email.		
	enan.		
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departure			
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encouraged to complete	the columns below.		
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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.

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. **Application** : Applied **Explanation on** The Company conducted its 29th AGM physically on 21 June application of the 2023. practice The Company will conduct its 30th AGM virtually via live streaming and online remote voting to be held on 28 June 2024. The 30th AGM was strictly for the purpose of complying with Section 327(2) of the Companies Act, 2016 which requires the Chairman of the meeting to be at the main venue. The details of the virtual 30th AGM and guidance notes on the conduct of AGM were stated explicitly in the Administrative Guide together with the Notice of AGM. Step 1: To register as an user using the registrar website: https://agm.digerati.com.my/bertam-online Step 2: To request for RPV Step 3: On the day of AGM Our shareholders were guided accordingly for their participation in the AGM. The proceedings of the AGM were live broadcasted and the shareholders were able to join the live streamed AGM via web portal which was facilitated by Digerati. The questions and the corresponding replies were also read out by the Chairman during the virtual AGM. **Explanation for** departure Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below. Measure Timeframe

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.

Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting.		
Application :	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	Minutes of the 29 <sup>th</sup> AGM held on 21 June 2023 has been made available to shareholders on the Corporate website at www.bertamalliance.com.	
Explanation for : departure		
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encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure :		
Timeframe :		

# SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PERSUANT 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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