

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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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 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.

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	:	Board has overall responsibility for the strategic direction of the Group. The Board meets regularly to review corporate strategies, operations and performance of business units within the Group. All Board members bring their independent judgement to bear on issues of strategy, performance, resources and standards of conduct. The roles and responsibilities of the Board as set out in the Board Charter are clear and distinct from that of the Managing Director ("MD"). The matters reserved for the deliberation and collective decision of the Board to ensure the direction and control of the Group's businesses are listed in the Board Charter which is available on the corporate website: www.wegmans.com.my. The Board has oversight on matters delegated to the Management whereby updates are periodically reported. All Board authority conferred on Management is delegated through the MD so that the authority and accountability of management is considered to be the authority and accountability of the MD so far as the Board is concerned. Other than the MD, the Board also facilitates its principal responsibilities which include reviewing and adopting a strategic plan, overseeing the conduct of business, risk management, succession planning, developing and implementing investor relations and reviewing internal controls. Towards this, the Board has delegated specific responsibilities to the following Board committees:- i. Audit and Risk Management Committee ("ARMC") ii. Nominating Committee ("NC") iii. Remuneration Committee ("RC") The powers delegated to the Board Committees are set out in the Terms of Reference ("ToR") of each of the Committees as approved by the Board and set out in the Board Charter.

	The Board Committees review matters within their ToRs and make recommendations to the Board for approval. The Board is kept apprised of the activities of the Board Committees through circulation meeting minutes of the Board Committees and updated on meeting deliberations and outcomes by the respective chairmen and/or chairpersons of the Board Committees at meetings. The ultimate responsibility for the final decision on the recommendations lies with the entire Board.	
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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	:	The Chairman of the Board holds a Non-Executive position and is primarily responsible for matters pertaining to the Board and the overall conduct of the Group. He is committed to good corporate governance practices and to lead the Board towards a high performing culture. The Chairman will act as facilitator at meetings of the Board and ensure that no Board member, whether Executive or Non-Executive, dominates the discussion, and that appropriate discussion takes place and that the relevant opinions among the members of the Board are forthcoming. Together with the other Non-Executive and Independent Directors, he leads the discussion on the strategies and policies recommended by the Management. He also chairs the meetings of the Board and the shareholders.	
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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	:	The positions of Chairman and MD are held by two different individuals. The distinct and separate roles of the Chairman and MD, with a clear division of responsibilities, ensure a balance of power and authority, such that no one individual has unfettered powers of decision-making. The MD oversees the day-to-day management and running of the Group and the implementation of the Board’s decisions and policies. The key roles and accountabilities of the Chairman and MD are set out in the Board Charter which is available on the corporate website: www.wegmans.com.my.	
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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 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	:	The Company Secretaries of Wegmans have the requisite credentials, and are suitably qualified to act as company secretaries under Section 235(2) of the Companies Act 2016 ("the Act"). The Company Secretaries play a significant role in supporting the Board to ensure that all governance matters and Board procedures are followed and that the applicable laws and regulations and the Code are complied with. These include obligations of Directors relating to disclosure of interests and disclosure of any conflicts of interest in transactions with the Group. The key roles of the Company Secretaries are set out in the Board Charter which is available on the corporate website: www.wegmans.com.my.
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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

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	:	The Directors have individual and independent access to the advice and dedicated support services of the Company Secretaries as well as to all information within the Group. Senior Management provides Directors with the required information or updates either personally or at meetings. All Directors are furnished with a comprehensive Board paper including the meeting agenda usually 1 week before each Board meeting. Sufficient time is given to enable the Directors to solicit further explanations and/or information, where necessary, so that deliberations at the meeting are focused and constructive. The Board paper includes, amongst others, financial results and forecasts, status of major projects (if any), minutes of meetings of the Board and of the ARMC and other major operational, financial, compliance and legal issues. In addition, there is a schedule of matters reserved specifically for the Board's decision. In the intervals between Board meetings, for exceptional matters requiring urgent Board decisions, approvals will be obtained via circular resolutions which are supported with information necessary for an informed decision. Individual Directors may also obtain independent professional or other advice in furtherance of their duties at the Company's expense on specific issues, subject to approval by the Chairman or the Board, depending on the quantum of the fees involved. Wherever necessary, consultants and experts will be invited to brief the Board on their areas of expertise or their reports.
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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	:	The Board Charter was adopted by the Board on 29 May 2017. Any subsequent amendment to the Board Charter can only be approved by the Board. Apart from setting out the roles and responsibilities, authorities, procedures, evaluations and structures of the Board and Board Committees, the Board Charter also outlines the membership guidelines, procedures for Board Meetings, Directors’ remuneration, Board and member assessment and shareholders’ communication. The Board Charter would be periodically reviewed and updated in accordance with the needs of the Company and any new regulations that may have an impact on the discharge of the Board’s responsibilities. The Board Charter was last reviewed on 11 March 2021 and is available on the corporate website: www.wegmans.com.my.	
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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	:	The Board is committed to maintain a corporate culture which engenders ethical conduct. A Code of Ethics is formalised through the Company’s Code of Conduct, which summarises what the Company must endeavour to do proactively in order to increase corporate value, and which describes the areas in daily activities that require caution in order to minimise any risks that may occur. The Code of Ethics will be reviewed periodically. The Code of Ethics is set out in the Board Charter and is available on the corporate website: www.wegmans.com.my.	
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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 3.2

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board has a separate Whistle-Blowing Policy stating the appropriate communication and feedback channels to facilitate whistleblowing. The implementation of such policy is in line with Section 587 of the Act where provisions have been made to protect Wegmans's officers or stakeholders who make disclosures on breach or non-observance of any requirement or provision of the Act or on any serious offence involving fraud and dishonesty. The Whistle-Blowing Policy is set out in the Board Charter and is available on the corporate website: www.wegmans.com.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 4.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board comprises a majority of Independent Directors, representing 60% of the Board. In addition, the Company also complies with the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") for Independent Non-Executive Directors to make up at least one-third (1/3) of the Board membership. This fairly reflects the investment by minority shareholders through Independent Directors. The Board comprises members from various professions with individual personalised quality, expertise, skills and relevant market and industry knowledge and ensures at all times that necessary financial and human resources are in place for the Company to meet its strategic objectives. With the age of the Directors ranging from 49 to 67, the Board believes that this creates an environment where each generation brings different skills, experience and talents to the Board. The Board will continue to monitor and review the Board size and composition as may be needed.
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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 4.2

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 justify and seek annual shareholders' approval. If the board continues to retain the independent director after the twelfth year, the board should seek annual shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process.

Application	:	Not applicable - No independent director(s) serving beyond 9 years	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
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 4.3 - Step Up

The board has a policy which limits the tenure of its independent directors to nine years.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The Board has implemented a nine-year policy for Independent Non-Executive Directors. Upon completion of the 9 years, an Independent Director may continue to serve on the Board subject to the Director's re-designation as a Non-Independent Director. In the event such Director was to be retained as an Independent Director, the Board would have to justify in the notice convening the AGM and seek shareholders' approval the retention of such Independent Director at every AGM. The Board should seek annual shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process if the retention of such Independent Director was after the twelfth year.

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.4

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.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Appointment of Board and Senior Management is based on objective criteria, merit and besides gender diversity, due regard is placed for diversity in skills, experience, age and cultural background.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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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 4.5

The board discloses in its annual report the company's policies on gender diversity, its targets and measures to meet those targets. For Large Companies, the board must have at least 30% women directors.

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	The Board is supportive of the gender boardroom diversity recommended by the Code. The Board currently has 20% female representation, i.e. 1 female director who are the Independent Director. The Board, through the NC will continuously review the proportion of the female and male Board members during the annual assessment of the Directors' performance taking into consideration the appropriate skills, experience and characteristics required by the members of the Board, in the context of the needs of the Company.	
		The Board shall be responsible for recommending its members for election by the Shareholders.	
		Please provide an alternative practice and explain how the alternative practice meets the intended outcome.	
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Measure	:	Please explain the measure(s) the company has taken or intend to take to adopt the practice.	
Timeframe	:	Choose an item.	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.6

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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The screening and evaluation process for potential candidates to be nominated as Directors are delegated to the NC. The process involves the NC's consideration and submission to the Board of its recommendation of suitable candidates from either the Management, the existing Board member(s) or major shareholder(s) for the proposed appointment as Directors of the Company. The NC may also obtain and rely upon independent sources such as a directors' registry, open advertisement or use of independent search firms in furtherance of their duties at the Company's expense, subject to approval by the Chairman or the Board, depending on the quantum of the fees involved. If the selection of candidates was solely based on the recommendations made by the Management, the existing Board member(s) or major shareholder(s), the NC will explain why other sources were not used. The criteria to be used in the appointment process to the Board of Directors largely focuses on ensuring a good mix of skills, experience and strength in the qualities that are relevant for the Board to discharge its responsibilities in an effective and competent manner. The other factors considered by the NC in its review include the candidates' ability to spend sufficient time and commitment on the Company's matters, the ability to satisfy the test of independence taking into account the candidate's character, integrity and professionalism, as well as having a balanced mix of age and diversity of Directors on the Board. The Board diversity factor as reviewed by the NC includes experience, skills, competence, race, gender, culture and nationality, to facilitate optimal decision-making by harnessing different insights and perspectives. The shortlisted candidates who are not known to the existing Board members, will be interviewed by the NC and thereafter, will met with the Board of Directors for endorsement of appointment.
Explanation for departure	:	

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Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.7

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The NC was established on 29 May 2017 with clearly defined ToR, and comprises 3 Non-Executive Directors of whom all are Independent Directors. The ToR of the NC is set out in the Board Charter and is available on the corporate website: www.wegmans.com.my. The NC's key responsibilities are: • Formulate the nomination, selection and succession policies for the members of the Board and Senior Management; • Make recommendations to the Board on re-election of Directors to the Board; • Review the required mix of skills, experience and other qualities of the Board as well as boardroom diversity; • Review the term of office and performance of the ARMC and each of its members and other Board Committees established by the Board; • Establish a set of quantitative and qualitative performance criteria to evaluate the performance of each member of the Board, and reviewing the performance of the members of the Board; • Assess the independence of Independent Directors; as well as • Review the Directors' continuing education programmes.
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 5.1

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 and its outcome.

For Large Companies, the board engages independent experts periodically to facilitate objective and candid board evaluations.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board's effectiveness will be assessed in the following key areas of composition, administration and process, accountability and responsibility, Board conduct, communication and relationship with Management, performance of the Chairman and MD, the time commitment in discharging their role and responsibilities through attendance at their respective meetings as well as the application of good governance principles to create sustainable shareholder's value. The Board will undertake an annual assessment of Independent Directors as to justify whether they continue to bring independent and objective judgement to board deliberations. Peer and self-assessment will be carried out by the Directors and the ARMC members once every year. The results, in particular the key strengths and weaknesses identified from the evaluation, will be shared with the Board to allow enhancements to be undertaken. The Company Secretaries will facilitate the NC in carrying out the annual assessment exercise. Given the evaluation and annual assessment exercise will be extensively conducted via the ARMC evaluation questionnaire, Independent Directors' evaluation form, board and board committees evaluation form, board members' self and peer evaluation form, directors' evaluation form. Based on the annual assessment conducted, the NC was satisfied that the existing Board composition and each Director possess requisite competence and capability to serve on the Board. Save for the NC members who are also members of the Board and have abstained from assessing their own individual performance as Director of the Company, each of the NC members view that all the Directors have good personal attributes and possess sufficient experience and knowledge in various fields that are vital to the Company's industry. As for the Board evaluation, the NC agreed that all the Directors have discharged their stewardship duties and responsibilities towards the Company as a Director effectively.

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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 6.1

The board has in place 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 policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and made available on the company's website.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The objective of the Group's remuneration policy is to attract and retain the Directors and Senior Management required to lead and control the Group effectively. In the case of Executive Directors and Senior Management, the components of the remuneration package are linked to corporate and individual performance. For Non-Executive Directors, the level of remuneration is reflective of their experience and level of responsibilities. The remuneration policy is set out in the Board Charter and is available on the corporate website: www.wegmans.com.my. The remuneration payable to Non-Executive Directors is in respect of Directors' fees paid to Independent Non-Executive Directors only and also includes fees for the Chairman/Chairperson and members of the Board Committees, who are Independent Directors.
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 6.2

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 RC was established on 29 May 2017 with clearly defined ToR and comprises 3 Non-Executive Directors of whom all are Independent Directors. It is chaired by an Independent Non-Executive Director. The ToR of the RC is set out in the Board Charter and is available on the corporate website: www.wegmans.com.my. The RC is responsible for setting and reviewing policies and procedures on matters relating to the remuneration of the Board and Senior Management. The RC evaluates the remuneration packages of Senior Management and recommends for the Board's approval, the framework of executive remuneration of the Executive Director's remuneration package. To uphold the corporate governance and public confidence in the Company, Executive Directors should not be involved in deciding their own remuneration. In addition, Directors who are shareholders should abstain from voting at general meetings to approve their fees. 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/her fee.
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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 7.1

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 detail disclosure on named basis for the remuneration of individual directors are disclosed in the Company’s CG Overview Statement of the Annual Report.	
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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 7.2

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 Group is aware of the importance of transparency in disclosing the remuneration of its senior management. However, in view of the confidentiality and sensitivity of each remuneration package, and concerns over poaching by competitors and head hunters, to the best interest of the Group, the Board opt not to disclose the remuneration of senior management.	
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Timeframe	:	Choose an item.	

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 7.3 - 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	:	

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 8.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The positions of Chairperson of the ARMC and the Board are held by 2 different individuals. Hence, the objectivity of the Board's review of the ARMC's findings and recommendations will be preserved. The Board is of the view that the chairperson of the ARMC has performed the duties as defined and his judgment was not impaired as he is sufficiently independent from Management in leading the discussion on the matters being deliberated and findings as well as recommendations made by the ARMC objectively in the Board meetings.	
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Intended Outcome

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Practice 8.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The ARMC has adopted a 2-year cooling-off period policy for a candidate who is a former audit partner before being appointed as a member of the ARMC. However, the said policy currently does not apply to the ARMC given that none of the ARMC nor Board members is a former audit partner as at the date of the CG Overview Statement.	
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Intended Outcome

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Practice 8.3

The Audit Committee has policies and procedures to assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditor.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The ARMC maintains a transparent and professional relationship with the external auditors of the Company. The external auditors fill an essential role by enhancing the reliability of the Company's annual audited financial statements and giving assurance to stakeholders of the reliability of the annual audited financial statements. The external auditors have an obligation to bring any significant defects in the Company's system of control and compliance to the attention of the Management; and if necessary, to the ARMC and the Board. The ARMC is empowered by the Board to review any matters concerning the appointment and re-appointment, resignations or dismissals of external auditors and review and evaluate factors relating to the independence of the external auditors. The terms of engagement for services provided by the external auditors are reviewed by the ARMC prior to submission to the Board for approval. Feedback based on the assessment areas is obtained from the ARMC, the Executive Director, the internal auditors and Senior Management and the Heads of Department ("HoD"). The ARMC undertakes an annual assessment of the suitability and independence of the external auditors in accordance with the independence criteria set out by the International Federation of Accountants and the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("MIA"). Only non-audit services which are able to provide clear efficiencies and value-added benefits to the Group and do not impede the external auditors' audit works will be accepted by the ARMC. On the other hand, the ARMC also seeks written assurance from the external auditors, confirming that they are, and have been, independent throughout the conduct of the audit engagement with the Company in accordance with the independence criteria set out by the MIA. The external auditors provide such declaration in their annual audit plan presented to the ARMC prior to the commencement of audit for a particular financial year. Further details on the activities undertaken by the ARMC are set out in the ARMC Report of the Annual Report on pages 41 to 44.

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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 8.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The ARMC comprises 3 Non-Executive Directors of whom all are Independent Directors. On the composition, please refer to the Corporate Information of the Annual Report on page 2. The Board is of the view that the ARMC is able to assist the Board in reviewing and scrutinising the information in terms of accuracy, adequacy and completeness for disclosure to ensure reliability and compliance with applicable financial reporting standards.

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 8.5

Collectively, the Audit Committee should possess a wide range of necessary skills to discharge its duties. All members should be financially literate 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	:	The ARMC chairperson, Faam Chang Pooh together with all ARMC members, reviewed the Company's financial statements and annual audited financial statements in the presence of external auditors, prior to recommending them for the Board's approval and issuance to stakeholders. To assist the Board in reviewing and scrutinising the information in terms of accuracy, adequacy and completeness for disclosure to ensure reliability and compliance with applicable financial reporting standards, all the ARMC members will undertake continuous professional development to keep abreast of relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules. The Board, through the recommendation of the NC and with the exception of the Directors who are also ARMC members is generally satisfied that all the ARMC members are financially literate and have sufficient understanding of the Company's business. Further details on the external programs attended by the ARMC are set out in the CG Overview Statement of the Annual Report on pages 27 to 28.
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	

Timeframe	:		
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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 9.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board is updated on the Group's internal controls system which encompasses risk management practices as well as financial, operational and compliance controls on a quarterly basis. On-going reviews are performed throughout the year on a quarterly basis to identify, evaluate, monitor and manage significant risks affecting the business and ensure that adequate and effective controls are in place. Such continuous review processes are conducted by the Company's Management Team as well as the Group's independent and sufficiently resourced internal audit function. The findings of the internal audit function are regularly reported to the ARMC. Details of the main features of the Company's risk management and internal controls framework are further elaborated in the ARMC Report and the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control of the Annual Report on pages 41 to 44 and pages 45 to 48 respectively.
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 9.2

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 responsibilities of identifying and managing risks are delegated to the HoD. The ARMC is responsible to review the effectiveness of the processes. Any material risk identified will be discussed and appropriate actions or controls will be implemented. This is to ensure the risk is properly monitored and managed to an acceptable level. The ARMC will assist the Board in implementing and overseeing the risk management framework of the Group and reviewing the risk management policies formulated by Management and to make relevant recommendations to the Board for approval.	
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 9.3 - 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 Audit and Risk Management Committee ("ARMC") comprises 3 Non-Executive Directors of whom all are Independent Directors. The ARMC is responsible to review the effectiveness of the processes. The ARMC will assist the Board in implementing and overseeing the risk management framework of the Group and reviewing the risk management policies formulated by Management and to make relevant recommendations to the Board for approval.

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 10.1

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	:	The Board of Directors has always placed significant emphasis on sound internal controls which are necessary to safeguard the Group's assets and shareholders' investment. To this end, the Board affirms its overall responsibility to the ARMC for the Group's internal controls system which encompasses risk management practices as well as financial, operational and compliance controls. However, it should be noted that such system, by its nature, manages but not eliminates risks and therefore can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement, loss or fraud. On-going reviews will be performed by ARMC throughout the year to identify, evaluate, monitor and manage significant risks affecting the business and ensure that adequate and effective controls are in place. The Company also outsources the internal audit function to an independent assurance provider ("Internal Auditors") to provide an independent appraisal over the system of internal control of the Group to the ARMC.	
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

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

Practice 10.2

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 internal auditors, Tricor Axcelasia Sdn Bhd which is led by Mr Chang Ming Chew (CIA (USA), CMIIA, CCA(UK)). The internal auditors carry out the internal audit reviews independently in accordance with a recognised framework. Prior to the commencement of internal audit assignments, the internal auditors also seek written assurance from those involved, confirming that they do not have any relationships or conflict of interest with the Company, which could impair their independence and objectivity throughout the conduct of the audit engagement. The internal auditors provide such declaration in their annual audit plan presented to the ARMC prior to the commencement of internal audit assignment for the ensuing year. Premised on such declaration, feedback from the Management Team as well as performance assessment conducted by the ARMC, the ARMC will consider whether to continuously outsource the internal audit function to internal auditors in providing an independent appraisal on the adequacy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Group's internal control system.
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

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 11.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board recognises the importance of an effective communication channel between the Board, shareholders and general public, and at the same time, full compliance with the disclosure requirements as set out in the Listing Requirements. The annual reports, press releases, quarterly results, annual audited financial statements and any announcements on material corporate exercises are the primary modes of disseminating information on the Group's business activities and financial performance. The Executive Director is the designated spokesperson for all matters relating to the Group and dedicated personnel are tasked to prepare and verify material information for timely disclosure upon approval by the Board. The Group maintains a corporate website: www.wegmans.com.my for shareholders and the public to access information on, amongst others, the Group's background and products, financial performance, frequently-asked questions (FAQs) and updates on its various sponsorships and promotions. Stakeholders can at any time seek clarification or raise queries through the corporate website, by email or phone. Primary contact details are set out at the Group's corporate website.
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 11.2

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	:	The Company does not fall under the category of "Large Companies" as defined in the Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance for the time being. Hence, such requirement is not applicable.	
		Please provide an alternative practice and explain how the alternative practice meets the intended outcome.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Please explain the measure(s) the company has taken or intend to take to adopt the practice.	
Timeframe	:	Choose an item.	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 12.1

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 Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) are despatch to shareholders at least 28 days before the AGM. This would allow the shareholders to make necessary arrangements to attend and participate either in person, by corporate representative, by proxy or by attorney.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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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 12.2

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 Directors shall endeavour to present in person to engage directly with, and be accountable to the shareholders for their stewardship of the Company at the AGM. Before the commencement of AGM, the Directors and Management will join the shareholders together with a dedicated team of employees to assist the shareholders on the queries they may have. The proceedings of the fourth AGM will include the Chairman's briefing on the Company's overall performance for FY2020, the presentation of the external auditors' unqualified report to the shareholders, and Q&A session during which the Chairman will invite shareholders to raise questions pertaining to the Company's financial statements and other items for adoption at the meeting before putting a resolution to vote. The Chairman will share the Company's responses to questions posed by the Minority Shareholders Watchdog Group, if any before engaging the shareholders on Q&A session.
Explanation for departure	:	
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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 12.3

Listed companies with a large number of shareholders or which have meetings in remote locations should leverage technology to facilitate–

- including voting in absentia; and
- remote shareholders' participation at General Meetings.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Company will always make sure that its general meeting is to be held at an accessible location but not in remote areas in order to encourage shareholders to attend and participate in the meeting. The Board will consider leveraging on technology to facilitate voting in absentia from time to time, to more fairly reflect shareholders’ views and to ensure accurate and efficient outcomes of the voting process. In view of the COVID-19 outbreak and as part of the safety measures, the Company will conduct the fourth AGM on a fully virtual basis through live streaming and online remote voting via remote participation and voting facilities.	
Explanation for departure	:		
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.			
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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