

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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COMPANY NAME : GOLDEN PHAROS BERHAD
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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 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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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.1

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Board's pivotal role is to lead and establish GPB Group's vision, strategic direction, key policies and framework, including the management of the succession planning process of the Group and the appointment of key senior management.</p> <p>The Board sets the strategic direction of the Group and provides effective leadership through oversight of Management and monitoring the business performance in the Group.</p> <p>The roles and responsibilities of the Board are set out in the Board Charter which is published on the Company's website at www.goldenpharos.com.my</p> <p>The key responsibilities of the Board include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Reviewing and adopting a strategic plan;ii. Overseeing the conduct of the Group's businesses;iii. Identifying and approving policies pertaining to the management of all risk categories including but not limited to credit, financial, market, liquidity, operational, legal and reputational risks.iv. Reviewing the adequacy and the integrity of internal controls and management information systems;v. Reviewing the leadership and succession planning of the Group;vi. Serving as the ultimate approving authority for all significant financial expenditure.vii. Promoting sound corporate culture. <p>The Board has delegated certain functions to management and the Board Committees, namely the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee, Strategy and Investment</p>

	<p>Committee and Executive Committee to assist in fulfilling its ongoing oversight and stewardship role.</p> <p>On 1 April 2024, the Board established the Risk Management and Sustainability Committee and abolished the Long-Term Investment Committee (“LTIP”), following the expiration of the term of the LTIP of the Company.</p> <p>The Board Committees have the authority to examine specific issues within their respective terms of reference (“TOR”) approved by the Board. The Chairman of the respective Board Committees reports to the Board with their recommendations. The ultimate responsibility for decision making, however, lies with the Board.</p> <p>The Senior Management Team, is led by the Chief Executive Officer who is responsible to the Board in implementing the Group’s strategies, policies and decisions adopted by the Board, and oversees the day-to-day operations and business development of the Group.</p> <p>The Board sets the strategic aims in the annual business plan of the Company. The plan sets out the five-year plan of the group and the way the business is to be pursued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Board ensures that necessary resources are in place by approving the financial and manpower resources requested by management in the annual business plan. ii. The Board regularly reviews the performance of the Company, both operationally and financially. Each quarterly result is deliberated by the Board before approval is issued for its release to the market. iii. The Board sets the values and standards by reviewing and approving the Company’s core values and standards, referred to as the GOLDEN values, which stand for Gemilang, Optimis, Lestari, Dedikasi, Efektif and Nekad. <p>The Board builds understanding of its obligation to the stakeholders by participating in various training programs and conferences that explain about obligation to shareholders.</p>	
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Measure	: Not Applicable	
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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	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board is led by the Chairman who is responsible for instilling good corporate governance practices, leadership and effectiveness of the Board.</p> <p>The Chairman is responsible for leadership of the Board in ensuring the effectiveness of all aspects of its role and is primarily responsible for leading the Board in setting the values and standards of the Company, the orderly and effective conduct of the meetings of the Board and shareholders, facilitating the effective contribution of Non-Executive Directors.</p> <p>YBM Dato' Tengku Hassan bin Tengku Omar is the Chairman of the Company during the year 2023. The responsibilities of the Chairman include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Providing leadership for the Board so that the Board can perform its responsibilities effectively;ii. Leading the Board in the adoption and implementation of good corporate governance practices in the Companyiii. Setting the Board agenda and ensuring that Board members receive complete and accurate information in a timely manner;iv. Leading Board meetings and discussions;v. Encouraging active participation and allowing dissenting views to be freely expressed;vi. Managing the interface between the board and management; andvii. Ensuring appropriate steps are taken to provide communication with stakeholders and that their views are communicated to the board as a whole. <p>With effective 1 April 2024 Dato' Yahaya bin Ali was appointed as a Chairman of the Company replacing Dato' Tengku Hassan bin Tengku Omar, who resigned effective 1 April 2024.</p> <p>Details of the responsibilities of the Chairman are set out in the Board Charter which is published on the Company's website at www.goldenpharos.com.my</p>
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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	:	<p>The Board acknowledges the importance of maintaining a distinct separation of roles between the Chairman and the CEO.</p> <p>These roles are entrusted to different individuals, a deliberate decision aimed at achieving an optimal equilibrium. This approach enhances accountability and fosters more robust and well-informed decision-making within the organisation.</p> <p><u>Chairman</u> Dato' Yahaya bin Ali was appointed as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director on 1 April 2024 replacing Dato' Tengku Hassan bin Tengku Omar who resigned on 1 April 2024.</p> <p>In his capacity, he plays a pivotal role in shaping the Company's key policies and direction, overseeing the Board's operation, and representing as the spokesperson for the Board. His leadership is widely regarded as effective and is valued by both Board members and the Management Team.</p> <p><u>Chief Executive Officer</u> Mohd Roslan bin Mamat was appointed as Acting Chief Executive Officer on 13 March 2024 replacing Dr Mohd Zaki bin Hamzah who retired on 12 March 2024.</p> <p>CEO is the channel between the Board and Management for the implementation of the Company's policies, strategies, and executing decisions of the Board. In this regard, he has the responsibility for the day-to-day operations and management of the Company. His responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing strong leadership by effectively communicating the Group's vision, business strategy and environment, and its safety and health policy to employees;• Keeping the Board informed on the important aspects of the Group's operations;• Providing directions in the implementation of short and long-term business plans;• Supervise heads of divisions and departments who are responsible for all functions contributing to the success of the Group;• Assessing business opportunities which are of potential benefit to the Group;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing any underperforming business activity including relevant proposal to rectify the situation; and • Representing the Group as the key spokesperson with all stakeholders including investors, regulators and business partners. 	
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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

<p><i>Note: If the board Chairman is not a member of any of these specified committees, but the board allows the Chairman to participate in any or all of these committees' meetings, by way of invitation, then the status of this practice should be a 'Departure'.</i></p>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: <p>The Company adopted policy of that the Chairman of the Board, Dato' Yahaya bin Ali and the previous Chairman, YM Dato' Tengku Hassan bin Tengku Omar is not allows to participate in any of these committees' meeting. The distinct and separate roles and responsibilities of the Chairman are provided in the Board Charter which is available on the Company's website at www.goldenpharos.com.my</p> <p>Chairman of the Board, Audit Committee (AC) and Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Chairman of the Board: Dato' Yahaya bin Ali was appointed on 1 April 2024 and YM Dato' Haji Tengku Hassan bin Tengku Omar was resigned on 1 April 2024. ii. The Chairman of the AC: Saifuddin bin Othman was redesignated to Chairman of AC on 1 April 2024 and Mohd Badaruddin bin Ismail was resigned on 1 April 2024. iii. The Chairman of NRC: Prof Datuk Dr Yahaya bin Ibrahim was appointed as the Chairan of NRC on 1 April 2024 and Saiffuddin bin Othman was redesignated from Chairman to member of NRC.
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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	<p>The Board is supported by Puan Suraya binti Mohd Hairon (LS 0007314) (SSM Practising Certificate No. 202008000100), who is qualified, experienced and competent on regulatory and statutory requirements.</p> <p>All Board members have direct and unimpeded access to the company secretary.</p> <p>The Company Secretary constantly keeps herself abreast of the changing regulatory and statutory requirements by attending the relevant continuous professional development programmes, briefings and conferences.</p> <p>The following are the functions of the Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Company Secretary reports directly to the Board and is the source of guidance and advice to the Directors on areas of corporate governance, relevant legislation, regulations and policies, besides ensuring compliance with the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities and other regulatory requirements.• Advising the Board on its roles and responsibilities;• Helping the Board and its Board Committees function effectively and in accordance with their terms of reference and best practices;• Facilitating the orientation of new Directors and assisting in training and development of Directors;• Advising the Directors on corporate disclosures and compliance with the Companies Act 2016, securities regulations and MMLR of Bursa Securities;• Managing processes pertaining to the annual shareholders' meeting;• Managing Board & Board Committee meeting logistics, attending and recording minutes thereof and facilitating Board Communication; and• Monitoring the development of corporate governance and informing the Board of current governance practices. <p>The roles and responsibilities of the Company Secretary are set out in the Board Charter which is published on the Company's website at www.goldenpharos.com.my</p>

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Practice 1.6

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>Our Board of Directors were given iPads to reduce the amount of paper used for circulation of Board papers. All notices and proposal papers are uploaded and distributed to directors electronically and instantly.</p> <p>This not only eases the process of distribution of paper and minimises leakage of sensitive information but also enables the Directors and Management to have access to the proposal papers electronically anytime and anywhere.</p> <p>Directors are allowed to participate in Board or Board Committee meetings via electronic means.</p> <p>The agenda and the meeting papers relevant to the business of the meeting are circulated to all Directors at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting date to allow Directors to have ample time to review matters to be deliberated at the meeting and to facilitate informed decision making.</p> <p>Proceedings and decisions of the Board and Board Committees are documented in the minutes, including matters where Directors are required to abstain for voting and deliberation. Minutes of meetings are circulated in a timely manner and confirmed as a correct record by the Board and Board Committees at the next meeting.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 2.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board Charter sets out the Board of Directors strategic intent and outlines the Board's roles, powers that the Board reserves for itself and responsibilities that are delegated to the Management and the various Board Committees. The Board's functions are governed and regulated by its Charter, the Constitution of the Company and the various applicable legislation, Listing Requirements and other regulations and codes.</p> <p>There is a formal schedule of matters reserved for Board's deliberation and decision to ensure the direction and control of the Company are in its hand. Keys matters reserved for the Board include, inter-alia, approval of audited financial statements, quarterly and annual financial statements for announcement, investment and divestment, as well as monitoring of the Groups' financial and operating performance.</p> <p>The Board Charter, which is periodically reviewed by the Board to be in line with regulatory changes, was last reviewed and approved by the Board in October 2022. The updated version of the Board Charter is available on the Company's website at www.goldenpharos.com.my.</p> <p>In addition, there is also a Discretionary Authority Limits documents, which clearly demonstrates the different authorities between the Management and the Board.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 3.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has established a Code of Conduct and Ethic ("Code") to promote good business conduct and maintain a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.</p> <p>The objective of the Code is to set out core areas of ethical conduct expected of all Directors based on acceptable values the Company upholds. The Code is not intended to be exhaustive, and there may be additional obligations that Directors and Employees are expected to behave or conduct when performing their duties.</p> <p>The Code covers areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Employee Conduct and Cultureii. Health, Safety and Environmentiii. Conflict of Interestiv. Bribery and Corruptionv. Confidentialityvi. Publicationsvii. Press Release and Public Statementviii. Safeguarding Company Assets & Resourcesix. Disciplinary Action & Procedurex. Whistle Blowing <p>For all intents and purposes, all Directors shall always uphold the spirit of accountability and social responsibility in line with all applicable laws, rules and regulations governing the Company.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct and Ethics is published on the Company's website at www.goldenpharos.com.my.</p>
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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	:	<p>The Whistle Blowing Policy adopted by the Board seeks to foster an environment where integrity and ethical behaviour are maintained and any illegality, Improper conduct and/or wrongdoing in the Group may be exposed.</p> <p>It outlines when, how and to whom a concern may be properly raised about improper conduct such as incidents of fraud, corruption or bribery, conduct or activity which breaches any law or regulatory obligation, breach of the Group's policies, practices, procedures or other rules of conduct, Improprieties in matters of financial reporting and a situation which poses a danger to health, safety or any individual or significant danger to the environment involving employees within the Group.</p> <p>It sets out the channel/procedures for the whistle-blower to raise concerns both inside and outside the Management line. The identity of the whistle-blower is kept confidential and protection is accorded to the whistle-blower against any form of reprisal.</p> <p>Any party that retaliates against someone who has reported a wrongdoing in good faith may be subject to appropriate action, up to and including legal action, where applicable.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.1

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	:	The Sustainability Policy was approved by the Board of Directors to ensure that GPB rigorously adhere to the highest standards in ethical behaviour, environmental sustainability, active engagement with communities where we operate. The approved Sustainability Policy will be the sustainability blueprint in every aspect of the Group's operations and ancillary activities. It outlines GPB's aspirations to be a responsible corporate citizen in ensuring that stakeholders' needs are met in our obligations in the Economic, Environment, Social and Governance spheres, presently and into the future.	
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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	<p>Stakeholders' engagement is an important component in achieving the Company's sustainability goals. As a Group, the well-being of customers, employees, and other stakeholders as well as environment is crucial to sustaining the Group's long-term performance. Our stakeholders comprise of various parties which have an interest or concern in the company. The Company has identified our key stakeholders, looked at their engagement procedures, and management priorities, to identify significant risks and opportunities for the Group.</p> <p>The table below summarises the engagement sessions held with each stakeholder group throughout the year.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>No.</th> <th>Stakeholder Groups</th> <th>Materiality Sustainability Areas</th> <th>Engagement Platform</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Shareholders and Investors</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial and Economic Performance. Updates on Business Performance. Sustainable Future Business Opportunities. Sustainable Shareholder Value </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual General Meeting. Annual Report and Sustainability Report. Announcement of Quarterly Results. Website. Networking Sessions </td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Employees</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and Career Development. Diverse and Inclusive Workplace. Health, Safety and Environment Code of Conduct. Code of Business Ethics. Employees Satisfaction. Employee Engagement. </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talent Development Programs. Induction Exercise for New Employees. Town Hall Meetings. Employee Well-being, Health and Safety. Circulation of Human Resource Policies. Trainings and e-Learning Events </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No.	Stakeholder Groups	Materiality Sustainability Areas	Engagement Platform	1	Shareholders and Investors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial and Economic Performance. Updates on Business Performance. Sustainable Future Business Opportunities. Sustainable Shareholder Value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual General Meeting. Annual Report and Sustainability Report. Announcement of Quarterly Results. Website. Networking Sessions 	2	Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and Career Development. Diverse and Inclusive Workplace. Health, Safety and Environment Code of Conduct. Code of Business Ethics. Employees Satisfaction. Employee Engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talent Development Programs. Induction Exercise for New Employees. Town Hall Meetings. Employee Well-being, Health and Safety. Circulation of Human Resource Policies. Trainings and e-Learning Events
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	3	Clients/Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product pricing. • Marketing and promotions. • Delivery service. • Quality products. • Customers' satisfaction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic project meetings and site visits. • Website/Social Media Platforms. • Customer Feedback Surveys. • Events/Roadshows.
	4	Local Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement. • Life-improving programs. • Environmental and social impacts. • Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship of community service events. • Social and environmental initiatives. • Zakat and donations.
	5	Government Agencies/Regulators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with requirements set by government agencies or other regulatory authorities. • Compliance to regulatory requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, Companies Commission of Malaysia and other reporting guidelines. • Policies are aligned with areas of national interests including initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory discussions and meetings with authorities. • Public consultation with local authorities. • Site inspections • Seminars, briefings and training. • Audit exercise.
	6	Vendors/Suppliers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product and service quality, service scope and payment schedule. • Clear procurement policies and practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor/supplier registration. • Procurement policies. • Performance evaluation.
	7	Certification Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adherence to International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) and Chain of Custody (CoC) Certification. • Compliance to requirements set by regulatory authorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site inspections. • Regular meetings. • Submission of regulatory documentation. • Internal and external audit exercises.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP Glass – ISO 9001:2015 • PPSB-Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) 	
	8	Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brand positioning, image and credibility rating. • Business performance and growth • Ethical business conduct and regulatory compliance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media interviews, briefing sessions, and press conferences. • Press releases.
	9	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primed young individuals/students to be industry-ready. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship and industry placement.
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.3

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	During the year under review, the Board attended the ESG Target for Terengganu Inc Group 2023 “ESG & Sustainability as a Business Concept” held on 12 June 2023. The event was launched by YAB Dato’ Seri Dr Ahmad Samsuri bin Mokhtar, Chief Minister of Terengganu.	
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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	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board and Management Team analysed risk factors on the selected most material matters upgrades for our business processes and prospects. The Materiality Study was assessed by consulting a targeted group of shareholders, business partners, associates, employees, suppliers, vendors, service providers, various authorities, and discussions with the communities that the Company served.	
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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.

<i>Note: The explanation on adoption of this practice should include a brief description of the responsibilities of the designated person and actions or measures undertaken pursuant to the role in the financial year.</i>	
Application	: Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	: In 2021, the Company appointed Zulkifli bin Omar as a Chief Sustainability Officer (“CSO”) to take the lead in oversees Group sustainability function including to plan and make recommendations to the Board on profit as well as environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) matters. The CSO is responsible for strategizing and executing the Group’s sustainability policy, coordinate and monitor ESG reporting. The CSO will lead the implementation of policies, strategies and plans, as well as managing sustainability materiality matters, priorities and targets.

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) reviews the Board Succession Plan i.e., the composition, tenure, skills and matrix of the Board annually, in line with the Company's Board Effectiveness Evaluation. The NRC assessed the performance of the Directors standing for re-election at the Company 37th Annual General Meeting via the Board Effectiveness Evaluation 2023 (BEE 2023). Amongst others, the BEE 2023 assessed the Directors' competencies, commitment, contribution, performance, independence and their ability to act in the best interest of the Company as a whole.	
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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	:	Not Applicable
Explanation for departure	:	<p>During the financial year 2023, the Board comprises 7 Directors, of whom 3 are Independent Non-Executive Directors (“INEDs”). The INEDs constitutes 42.86% of the current Board composition.</p> <p>On 1 April 2024, the composition of the Board has been changed, which comprised of 8 Directors, of whom 3 are Independent Non-Executive Directors (“INEDs”) and 5 are Non-Independent Non-Executive Directors (“NINEDs”).</p> <p>Nevertheless, the Board is mindful of MCCG Practice 5.2 requiring at least half majority of the Board to comprise INEDs and will identify potential candidates for the appointment of an additional independent Director to gradually meet this requirement and will assess the composition and size of the Board on an ongoing basis to ensure the needs of the Company are met. The Company has complied with Bursa Listing Requirement which requires at least 2 or 1/3, whichever is higher, of Board members to be INEDs.</p> <p>The Board has in place the Audit, Nomination and Remuneration, Strategy & Investment, Long-Term Incentive Plan and Executive Committee entrusted to assist in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. The chairman of Audit and Nomination and Remuneration Committee are also INEDs who are not chairman of the Board. This governance structure provides an effective check and balance in the Board decision making process.</p> <p>The Board is of the view that the current Independent Non-Executive Directors have the experience and business acumen necessary to carry sufficient weight in the Board’s decisions, and act in the best interests of the shareholders.</p>
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	Not Applicable

Timeframe	:	Choose an item.	Not Applicable
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.3

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The policy of the Company to limit the tenure of its Independent Directors cumulative limit of nine (9) years. Upon completion of 9 years' service, an Independent Director may continue to serve on the Board subject to the Director's re-designation as a Non-Independent Director. Otherwise, the Board must justify and seek shareholders' approval at annual general meeting (AGM) in the event it retains the Director as an Independent Director. None of the 3 independent directors has served for more than 9 years as at the date of this report.	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.4 - Step Up

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

<i>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.</i>	
Application	: Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	: Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.5

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board strongly advocates corporate culture that embraces diversity when determining its composition taking into accounts the skills and industry experience, knowledge, gender, age, ethnicity and other qualities of Directors, in the context of the needs and goals of the Company.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee, in making its recommendation on potential candidates for appointment of Directors, will consider (among others) the criteria for Board membership, including qualities, experience, skills, expertise, education background and qualifications, competencies, integrity, contribution, level of commitment in terms of time and other qualities that will best qualify a nominee to serve on the Board.</p> <p>As for the appointment of Senior Management, the Human Resource Department focuses on their working experience, skill set, competencies, character, integrity and commitment in the assessment of the identified candidates before recommending them to the designated Chief Executive Officer for approval. While it is important to promote diversity, the appointment to the Board and senior management are based on merits of the candidates.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.6

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

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Not Applicable	
Explanation for departure	:	The Board rely primarily on the recommendation from the controlling shareholder.	
		The Nominating Committee is responsible for assessing suitable candidates for appointment to the Board for approval, taking into account the required mix of skills, diversity, experience and expertise of members of the Board before submitting its recommendation to the Board for decision.	
Nevertheless, in identifying future candidates, the Board will also endeavour to utilise independent sources including external human resources consultants and specialised database, as appropriate.			
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Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Choose an item.	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.7

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>Through the Board Effectiveness Evaluation (BEE) 2023, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) had assessed the Directors' eligibility for re-election and appointment by considering their competencies, commitment, contribution, and their ability to act in the best interest of the Company.</p> <p>The Board endorsed the recommendation of the NRC for the following Directors to be considered for re-election pursuant to the following relevant Articles of the Company's Constitution at its forthcoming 37th AGM.</p> <p>Article 76; YBhg Tn Hj Burhanuddin Hilmi bin Mohamed @ Harun and En Muhammad Ramizu bin Mustaffa who retire by rotation, have expressed their intention to seek re-election.</p> <p>Dato' Yahaya bin Ali, Datuk Dr Yahaya bin Ibrahim and Dr Mohd Zaki bin Hamzah are standing for re-election as Directors of the Company in accordance with Clause 78.</p> <p>The candidates also declared as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) No family relationship with any Director/Major Shareholder.(b) No conflict of interest.(c) No conviction of offences within the past 5 years other than traffic offences, if any.(d) Does not hold more than five directorships in listed issuers <p>The Board had, through the NRC, conducted performance and "fit and proper" assessment on the Retiring Directors, and concluded that they had effectively discharged their roles as Directors and were able to act in the best interest of the Company. The Board endorsed the NRC's recommendation on the re-election of the Retiring Directors.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable

	Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	Not Applicable
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.8

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	During the financial year 2023, the Nominating Committee is chaired by Saiffuddin bin Othman, an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company. On 1 April 2024, Professor Datuk Dr Yahaya bin Ibrahim was appointed as the Chairman of NRC to replace Saiffuddin bin Othman. Majority of members of Nominating Committee are Independent Non-Executive Director.	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Not Applicable	
Explanation for departure	:	To comply with para 15.02(1) of the Main Market Listing Requirement (“MMLR”) and Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 (“MCCG 2021”), the Company has appointed Pn Adida binti Muhammad as a woman Director on the 31 May 2023. The Board currently comprises seven (8) Directors, of whom one (1) is woman, standing at 12.5% of overall Board composition.	
		The Board and NRC remain unwavering in their commitment to achieving the gender diversity objective of attaining a 30% representation of women on the Board.	
		The Board acknowledge the benefits of diversity in Board composition for effective discussion and the consideration of management issues. The ultimate decision to appoint female candidates will be based on merit and contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the Board and the Company. If suitable candidates are identified in future, the Board and the Company may seek to increase female representation.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	The Board is supportive to have 30% female representative on Board as and when such potential candidate and position is available.	
Timeframe	:	Others	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.10

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company will continue to play an important role in sustainable job creation and to be at the forefront of the economic recovery post-pandemic.</p> <p>The Company also ensure that women are part of our highest governance levels whereby key governance positions are led by calibre women such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Company Secretarial: Suraya binti Mohd Hairon • Head of Human Resources and Administration: Wan Zuhairiah Binti Wan Ali @ Wan Damsek <p>The Company practices the principle of reward-based on meritorious performance with no discrimination towards race, religion, age, sexual orientation, disabilities, nationality and other demographic factors in the process of employee hiring, employee benefits, appraisal, remuneration and promotion. In financial year 2023, there were zero incidents of discrimination.</p> <p>The Board is committed to ensure that its composition not only reflects the diversity as recommended by the MCCG, as best as it can, it will also have the right mix of skills and balance to contribute to the achievement of the Company's goals.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 6.1

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

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

<i>Note: For a Large Company to qualify for adoption of this practice, it must undertake annual board evaluation and engage an independent expert at least every three years to facilitate the evaluation.</i>		
Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Annual evaluation of the Board as a whole, Board Committees and the individual Directors is carried out by the Nominating Committee. The evaluation carried out during the financial year under review involved an annual assessment of the effectiveness of each individual Director and the Board as a whole with the objectives of assessing whether the Board and the Directors had effectively performed their roles and fulfilled their responsibilities, and devoted sufficient time commitment to the Company's affairs, in addition to recommending areas for improvement. The internal Board Effectiveness Evaluation was conducted during Board of Directors Meeting No. 5.2023 held on 28 November 2023.
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	Not Applicable
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 7.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The company has Remuneration Package for the Non-Executive Directors, the directors' fees, board committee membership fees, chairman allowances and meeting allowance.</p> <p>Directors' fees and benefits payable to Directors are subject to yearly approval by shareholders at the Company's annual general meeting. The remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors is disclosed in the Board Charter and the Corporate Governance Statement in the Company's Annual Report. The remuneration structure, approvals and governance of the Group's Senior Management is disclosed under the Corporate Governance Statement in the Annual Report.</p> <p>The Company's annual report is made available on the company website at www.goldenpharos.com.my</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 7.2

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board has established a Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC), which comprises exclusively of Non-Executive Directors, a majority of whom are Independent Directors. The roles and responsibilities of NRC are governed by its Term of Reference, which are available on the Company's website at www.goldenpharos.com.my . The TOR of the NRC are in line with recommendation of MCCG.	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 8.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The total remuneration for the Directors of the Company in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023 was RM669,950. Each directors' remuneration is disclosed on named basis in the Company's Annual Report.

No	Name	Directorate	Company ('000)							Group ('000)						
			Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in-kind	Other emoluments	Total	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in-kind	Other emoluments	Total
1	YM DATO' HAJI TENGKU HASSAN BIN TENGKU OMAR	Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	53	169.6	-	-	-	-	222.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	222.6
2	DATO' BENTARA DALAM DATO' HAJI A. RAHMAN BIN YAHYA	Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	41	30	-	-	-	-	71	36	2.4	-	-	-	-	109.4
3	HAJI BURHANUDDIN HILMI BIN MOHAMED @ HARUN	Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	41	41	-	-	-	-	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
4	MUHAMMAD RAMIZU BIN MUSTAFFA	Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	41	37	-	-	-	-	78	18	4.8	-	-	-	-	100.8
5	MOHD BADARUDDIN BIN ISMAIL	Independent Director	41	50.2	-	-	-	-	91.2	36	4.8	-	-	-	-	132
6	SAIFFUDDIN BIN OTHMAN	Independent Director	41	49.4	-	-	-	-	90.4	18	1.8	-	-	-	-	110.2
7	ADIDA BINTI MUHAMMUD	Independent Director	23.92	10.83	-	-	-	-	34.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.75

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 8.2

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Not Applicable	
Explanation for departure	:	As regards the remuneration of the GPB Group's senior management team, the Board is of the view that the disclosure of these details would not be in the best interest of GPB Group due to confidentiality and the competitive nature of the industries in which the GPB Group operates, as well as risk of staff poaching by our competitors.	
		The company also believes that the non-disclosure of the information on key personnel and their remuneration will not affect the interest of its shareholders.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Choose an item.	Not Applicable

No	Name	Position	Company					
			Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 8.3 - Step Up

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

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	Not Applicable

No	Name	Position	Company ('000)					Total
			Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Chairman of the Audit Committee ("AC") is an Independent Non-Executive Director, who is not the Chairman of the Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dato' Yahaya bin Ali was appointed as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director on 1 April 2024 replacing Dato' Tengku Hassan bin Tengku Omar who resigned on 1 April 2024.• Saiffuddin bin Othman was redesignated as the Chairman of AC on 1 April 2024 replacing Mohd Badaruddin bin Ismail who resigned on 1 April 2024.	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
	:	Not Applicable	
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Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	None of the Board members or Audit Committee (AC) members was a former key audit partner of the Company's external auditors. The AC's terms of reference contain a provision which requires a former key audit partner to observe a cooling-off period of at least three years before being appointed as a member of the AC.	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.3

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	In addition to written assurance on the independence of the External Auditor obtained during the year, the Policy on Non-Audit Services by the Group's External Audit Firm had also been established to ensure the independence of the external auditors.	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.5

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Audit Committee (AC) members have wide range of necessary skill, knowledge and experience in discharging their duties. All the AC members are financially literate and carried out their duties in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the AC.</p> <p>The qualification and experience of the individual AC Members are disclosed in the Directors' profile in the Company's Annual Report 2023. All members of the AC have attended continuous professional development programmes to keep themselves abreast of relevant development in accounting and auditing standards. Detail of their training attended during financial year 2023 are disclosed in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement of the Company's Annual Report.</p> <p>In addition, the AC members are briefed by the External Auditors on key changes in financial reporting standards and regulatory requirements from time to time during AC Meetings.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 10.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has established framework & policies to ensure that risk management and internal controls across the various risk classes (credit risk, market risk & operational risk) are managed within risk appetite set by the Board.</p> <p>To ensure their continuous effectiveness, the framework and policies are reviewed periodically, and when there are significant regulatory changes.</p> <p>This is supported by dedicated oversight function within the significant business units & functional lines. There is a Risk Management Committee at the subsidiary level and a Risk Management Steering Committee at the company level.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 10.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in the Company's Annual Report 2023 provides an overview of the Group's risk management and internal control framework as well as the adequacy and effectiveness of the framework.	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 10.3 - Step Up

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

Application	:	Adopted																		
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	<p>The Risk Management and Sustainability Committee ("RMSC") was established on 1 April 2024. The objective is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in relation to the current risk management practice in accordance with the MMLR and MCGG and to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in relation to the Group's sustainability strategy and initiatives comprising of environmental, social and governance matters as well as embedding sustainability best practices to the Group in accordance with the MMLR and MCGG.</p> <p>The RMSC membership is as follows:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Name</th><th>Designation</th><th>Directorship</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Muhammad Ramizu bin Mustaffa</td><td>Chairman</td><td>NINED</td></tr><tr><td>Dato' Bentara Dalam Dato' A.Rahman bin Yahya</td><td>Member</td><td>NINED</td></tr><tr><td>Dr Mohd Zaki bin Hamzah</td><td>Member</td><td>NINED</td></tr><tr><td>Professor Datuk Dr Yahaya bin Ibrahim</td><td>Member</td><td>INED</td></tr><tr><td>Adida binti Muhammad</td><td>Member</td><td>INED</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>However, the committee comprise 40% of independent directors.</p>	Name	Designation	Directorship	Muhammad Ramizu bin Mustaffa	Chairman	NINED	Dato' Bentara Dalam Dato' A.Rahman bin Yahya	Member	NINED	Dr Mohd Zaki bin Hamzah	Member	NINED	Professor Datuk Dr Yahaya bin Ibrahim	Member	INED	Adida binti Muhammad	Member	INED
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Dr Mohd Zaki bin Hamzah	Member	NINED																		
Professor Datuk Dr Yahaya bin Ibrahim	Member	INED																		
Adida binti Muhammad	Member	INED																		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 11.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Group has in place an in-house internal audit department, which provides the Board, through the Audit Committee, with independent and objective assurance on the adequacy and operating effectiveness of the Group's system of the internal controls and risk management.</p> <p>The Internal Audit Department (IAD) which is independent of the activities it audits, reports directly to the Audit Committee. The IAD executes audit assignment based on audit plan approved by the Audit Committee.</p> <p>The Head of IAD presents his key audit findings quarterly at the Audit Committee meeting. A description of the work of the internal audit function can be found in the Audit Committee Report set out in the Annual Report 2023.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 11.2

The board should disclose–

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Internal Audit function is headed by Azman bin Jusoh, the Head of Internal Audit of GPB, the profile is disclosed in the Company's Annual Report detailing his qualification and experience. The Internal Audit function reports directly to the Audit Committee and to the CEO on matters relating to the administration of the Internal Audit function.</p> <p>Currently, the Internal Audit function comprises three personnel with relevant qualifications and experience.</p> <p>The Internal Audit function has been maintaining its independence and objectivity in carrying out its activities in accordance with the Internal Audit Manual. The Manual sets out the objectives, independence and objectivity, authority, scope and responsibility, which are consistent with the International Professional Practices Framework.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 12.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board recognises the importance of being transparent and accountable to the Company's stakeholders. Communication and engagement with the stakeholders include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Quarterly announcement of financial result to Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa"); ii. Relevant announcement and circulars whenever necessary; iii. The Annual and Extraordinary General Meeting; and iv. The Groups' website at www.goldenpharos.com.my <p>The Company also practices dissemination of information using social media platform such as Instagram.</p> <p>Stakeholders can access corporate information, annual report, financial information, company announcements and share prices of the Company from the Company's website. Stakeholders are encouraged to direct their enquiries or concern via electronic mail to info@gpb.com.my.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 12.2

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

Application	:	Not applicable – Not a Large Company	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Not Applicable	
Explanation for departure	:	The Company does not fall under the category of "Large Companies" as defined in the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance for the time being.	
		Such requirement is therefore not applicable.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Notice for forthcoming Annual General Meeting is given at least 28 days prior to the meeting. The notice of AGM contains details of resolutions to be approved by the shareholders with the explanatory notes.</p> <p>Notice for the 2023 AGM was given 49 days ahead of the Meeting. The additional time given to shareholders is to allow them to make the necessary arrangements to attend and participate in person or through corporate representatives, proxies or attorneys. More importantly, it enables the shareholders to consider the resolutions and make an informed decision in exercising their voting rights at the general meeting.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.2

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Not Applicable	
Explanation for departure	:	During the 36 th Annual General Meeting held on 15 th June 2023, all Directors were present except En Muhammad Ramizu bin Mustaffa who perform Hajj during the meeting. All Senior Management, Secretary, and external auditors were present for the meeting. All the Directors of the Company will endeavour to attend all future General Meetings and will take any relevant questions addressed to them unless foreseen circumstances preclude them from attending General Meeting.	
		Not Applicable	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.3

Listed companies should leverage technology to facilitate–

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

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Not Applicable	
Explanation for departure	:	The Company does not have a large number of shareholders. The location of General Meeting has always been held in Kuala Terengganu which are accessible by public transport and the company did not intend to hold AGM at any remote location. The number of holders is not large to warrant the use of technology to facilitate remote shareholders participation or voting in absentia at this stage.	
		Alternative practice: Shareholders are allowed to appoint proxy(ies) to attend, speak and vote on their behalf at General Meeting.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Not Applicable	
Timeframe	:	Choose an item.	Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.4

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

<i>Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to.</i>		
Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	At the AGM held in 2023, the CEO shared with the shareholders on the Group's past year's business performance, strategies and the outlook going forward of the Group. The shareholders were also given opportunities to pose any questions pertaining to financial and non-financial matters during the AGM.
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	Not Applicable
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.5

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

<i>Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to. Further, a listed issuer should also provide brief reasons on the choice of the meeting platform.</i>		
Application	:	Not applicable – only physical general meetings were conducted in the financial year
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Not Applicable
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	Not Applicable
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.6

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

<i>Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting.</i>		
Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company held on 15 June 2023 were circulated to the shareholders within 30 business days after the 36th AGM of the Company. The minutes of the 36th AGM of the Company are available on the Company's corporate website at www.goldenpharos.com.my
Explanation for departure	:	Not Applicable
		Not Applicable
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	Not Applicable
Timeframe	:	Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

**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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