

Board and executive roles

The key governance roles and responsibilities of the board are outlined below:

Chairman

Responsible for the leadership of the board and ensuring its overall effectiveness

- Sets the board agenda, ensuring that there is sufficient time available for the discussion of all items, and that the board meets with appropriate frequency
- Acts as facilitator at board meetings to ensure that no director, whether executive or non-executive, dominates the discussion, ensures that the discussion is appropriate and that the discussions result in logical and understandable outcomes
- Demonstrates objective judgement and encourages open and honest dialogue between all board members
- Leads and manages the dynamics of the board, providing direction and focus
- Ensures that the board sets the strategy of the group and assists in monitoring the progress towards achieving the strategy
- Oversees the integrity and effectiveness of the governance processes of the board
- Leads the development of and monitors the effective implementation of policies and procedures for the induction, training and professional development of all board members
- Responsible for the evaluation of the performance of the board collectively, non-executive board members individually and contributes to the evaluation of the performance of the executive directors
- Maintains regular dialogue with the CEO in respect of all operational matters and consults with the remainder of the board promptly on any relevant matter
- Ensures that the board sets the tone from the top, in regard to culture
- Serves as the primary interface with regulators and other stakeholders on behalf of the board

Chief executive officer

- Leads and manages the group within the authorities delegated by the board
- Develops and recommends business plans, policies and objectives for consideration by the board, taking into consideration business, economic and political trends that may affect the operations of the group
- Develops strategic proposals for consideration and recommendation to the board
- Implements the decisions of the board and delivers the agreed strategic objectives
- Ensures the group's unique culture is embedded and perpetuated
- Develops and supports the growth of all the groups' businesses
- Monitors and manages the day-today operational requirements and administration of the group

Finance director

- Leads and manages the group finance functions
- Provides the board with updates on the group's financial performance
- Provides strategic and financial guidance to ensure that the group's financial commitments are met
- Submits reports, financial statements and consolidated budgets for consideration by the board
- Oversees the financial management of the group including financial planning, capital, cash flow and management reporting
- Develops all necessary policies and procedures to ensure the sound financial management and control of the group's business

Senior independent director

Non-executive director

Company secretary

- Addresses any concerns or questions from shareholders and non-executive directors
- Provides a sounding board to the chairman
- Leads the board in the assessment of the effectiveness of the chairman, and the relationship between the chairman and the CEO
- Acts as a trusted intermediary for nonexecutive directors, if required, to assist them in challenging and contributing effectively to the board
- Brings unique perspectives to the boardroom to facilitate constructive dialogue on proposals
- Constructively challenges and contributes to assist in developing the group's strategy
- Monitors the performance of management against their agreed strategic goals
- Oversees the effectiveness of internal controls and the integrity of financial reporting
- Reviews succession planning for the board and management
- Oversees the risk management framework
- Oversees the remuneration of the executive directors and the group's employees

- Maintains the flow of information to the board and its committees and ensures compliance with board procedures
- Minutes all board and committee meetings to record the deliberations and decisions taken therein
- Provides expertise to effect board compliance with relevant legislation and regulations
- Ensures good corporate governance is implemented and advises the chairman and board in that regard
- Guides the directors collectively and individually on their duties, responsibilities and powers
- Reports any failure on the part of the group or any individual director to comply with the articles or the relevant legislation
- Ensures board procedures are followed and reviewed regularly
- Ensures applicable rules and regulations for conducting the affairs of the board are complied with
- Facilitates a programme for the induction and ongoing development of directors
- Maintains statutory records in accordance with legal requirements
- Guides the board on how its responsibilities should be properly discharged in the best interests of the organisation
- Keeps abreast of, and informs, the board of current and new developments regarding corporate governance thinking and best practice