CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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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 PERSUANT CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

Disclosures in this section are pursuant to Appendix 4 (Corporate Governance Disclosures) of the Corporate Governance Guidelines issued by Bank Negara Malaysia. This section is only applicable for financial institutions or any other institutions that are listed on the Exchange that are required to comply with the above Guidelines.

SECTION A - DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board has the overall responsibility for the performance of the Group by maintaining full and effective control over strategic, financial, operational, compliance and governance issues. The Board is responsible in formulating and reviewing of strategic plans, key policies and monitoring the Group's business operations. The Board delegates the day-to-day management of the Company's business to the management team but reserves for its consideration significant matters such as the following:-
		 Approval of financial results; Business (Acquisitions/Disposal); Declaration of dividends; Capital Expenditures; Risk appetite setting; Corporate Proposal; Credit policy; and Budget.
		The Board's role is to oversee the performance of the Management to determine whether the business is properly managed. The Board gets updates from Management at the quarterly Board Meetings when reviewing the unaudited quarterly results. During the meeting, the Board participates in the discussion on the performance of the Group.
		 The Board assumes the following responsibilities:- Reviewing, adopting and monitoring strategic plan for the Group to ensure the Group's goals are clearly established; Overseeing the conduct of the Company's business; Identifying risks and assume active role in ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage or mitigate these risks;

	• Succession planning, including appointing, training, fixing the
	compensation of the key managements and to review the Succession Planning Policy from time to time:
	 Succession Planning Policy from time to time; Ensuring measures are in place to assess and oversee Management's performance for strenghthening the Group's performance; Developing and implementing an investor relations programme or shareholder communications policy for the Group; and Reviewing the adequacy and integrity of the Group's internal control systems and management information systems, including system for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, rules, directives and guidelines.
	directives and guidelines.
	In furtherance of the above and to ensure orderly and effective discharge of its functions and responsibilities, the Board has established the following Board committees:
	- Audit Committee ("AC")
	- Nomination Committee ("NC")
	 Remuneration Committee ("RC") Option Committee ("OC")
	The Board has defined the terms of reference for each Committee and the Chairman of these respective committees report and update the
	Board on significant matters and salient matters deliberated by the Committees.
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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		The Chairman leads the strategic planning at the Board level, he ensures that all the Directors are briefed on issues arising at Board meetings and sufficient time is allowed for discussion. The position of Chairman is currently headed by the Managing Director, Mr Eg Kah Yee. During this period, the Managing Director undertakes the following roles and functions of the Chairmanship:-	
		 (a) Providing support and guidance to Senior Management Offices to assist and facilitate management succession planning; (b) Grooming and mentoring Senior Management Offices to achieve consistently high levels of professionalism and excellent performance; (c) Providing leadership to the Board and is responsible for the developmental needs of the Board; (d) Ensuring that guidelines and procedures are in place to govern the Board's operation and conduct; (e) Ensuring the smooth functioning of the Board and the Governance structure and inculcating positive culture in the Board; (f) Ensuring that procedures and processes are in place to facilitate effective conduct of business by the Board; (g) Chairing Board meetings and ensures the following: All relevant issues are on the agenda of Board meetings; Board debates strategic and critical issues; 	
		 iii. Board receives the necessary management reports relating to the Company's business on a timely basis; iv. All directors are able to participate openly in discussions at Board meetings; v. Providing leadership to the Board and is responsible for the developmental needs of the Board; vi. Chairing general meetings of the Company and provide clarification on issues that may be raised by shareholders; and vii. Encouraging active participation and allowing dissenting views to be freely expressed. 	

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Practice 1.3

The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

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Explanation for : departure	There is a division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the Managing Director ("MD") to ensure that there is balance of power and authority ever since the first Executive Director ("ED") of the Group has been appointed. The Chairman is responsible for the Board's effectiveness and conduct, whilst the ED has overall responsibilities over the business and operation of the Group. The ED is responsible to formulate business and operations strategies and is empowered to structure the management team in discharging his duties to achieve the goals that has been assigned to him by the Board. The Board is still in favour of the abovementioned division of responsibilities despite the Chairman has assumed the role of ED.
	In addition to the abovementioned, the current composition of the Board comprises of a majority of Independent Non- Executive Directors. This provides a check and balance on the Company management with a view to safeguarding and protects the interest of all shareholders as a whole.
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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

•			ese specified committees, but the board
	-	ticipate in any or all of these con tice should be a 'Departure'.	nmittees' meetings, by way of invitation,
Application :	Applied		
Explanation : on application of the practice	The Chairman of the Board, Mr Eg Kah Yee is not a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee to ensure there is check and balance as well as objective review by the Board. The current composition of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee is as follows:-		
	No.	Name	Designation
	1.	N Chanthiran A/L Nagappan	Independent Non-Executive Director
	2.	Chuan Tsui Ju	Independent Non-Executive Director
	3.	Abdul Razak Bin Dato' Haji	Non-Independent Non-Executive
		Ipap	Director
	Nomin No.	ation Committee	Designation
	1.	N Chanthiran A/L Nagappan	Independent Non-Executive Director
	2.	Chuan Tsui Ju	Independent Non-Executive Director
		eration Committee	Designation
	No.	Prof. Low Teck Seng	Designation Independent Non-Executive Director
	2.	Dato' Dr. Mohd Fikri Bin Abdullah	Independent Non-Executive Director
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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		 The Board has direct access to the advice and services of the Company Secretaries. The Company Secretaries are qualified to act in accordance with the requirements of the Company Secretaries on new statutes and directives issued by the regulatory authorities. The Company Secretary has attended the Board and Committee meetings and ensured that all procedures are adhered. The roles of Company Secretary includes the following, amongst others:- Ensure compliance of regulatory requirements by providing updates on the ACE Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Listing Requirements") and the Companies Act 2016 to the Board; Advise and remind the Directors of their obligations to disclose their interest in securities, any conflict of interest and related party transactions; Advise and remind the Directors on the prohibition on dealing in securities during closed period and the restriction on disclosure of price sensitive information; Prepare agenda items of meetings for Board and Board Committees; and send to the respective Board and Board Committees; Support the Board and Board Committee meetings to ensure that meetings are properly convened, and that accurate proper records of the proceedings and resolutions passed are made and maintained accordingly; Maintain a secured retrieval system which stores meeting paper and minutes of the Board and Board Committees; and Ensure statutory records are kept and maintained in a proper manner, in compliance with all applicable laws and regulatory guidelines.

	The Company Secretaries also attend regular trainings to keep themselves abreast of the evolving capital market environment, regulatory changes and developments in corporate governance.
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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	In reviewing and analysing the quarterly interim financial results, the Board was provided with various corroborative information and data. Procedures have been established for timely dissemination of Board and Board Committee papers to all Directors at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled meetings via emails or physical copies to ensure sufficient time is given to the Directors to read the Board papers and seek clarification, if necessary, and enable them to deliberate issues raised during Board meetings more effectively. Additionally, management was also invited to brief and report in meetings of the Board and Board Committees. The Board and Board Committees leverage on technology to facilitate its meetings and adopt virtual meetings through the use of video conferencing. The deliberations and decisions at Board and Board Committee meetings are well documented in the minutes, including matters where Directors abstained from voting or deliberation. The Company Secretaries will circulate the draft minutes of meetings for the Board and Board's Committee review in a timely manner and thereafter, the minutes of meeting will be tabled for confirmation at the next meeting.
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There is demarcation of responsibilities between the board, board committees and management.

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

Practice 2.1

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

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

Application	Applied
	 A Board Charter had been established with the objectives to ensure that all Board Members are aware of their duties and responsibilities, the various legislations and regulations affecting their conduct, principles and practices of good corporate governance are applied accordingly. The Board Charter is reviewed periodically and updated in accordance with the needs of the Company and any new regulation that may have an impact on the discharge of the Board's responsibilities. The Managing Director is supported by his management team on the day-to-day operations. The responsibilities of the management are to: Formulate, recommend and implement the strategic objectives of the Company; Translate the approved strategic plan into operation and financial action plans; Manage the Company's human, physical and financial resources to
	 achieve the Company's objectives; Operate within the delegated authority limits set by the Board; Assume the day-to-day responsibilities for the Group's conformance with relevant laws and regulations, its compliance framework and all other aspects of the day to-day running of the Group; Develop, implement and manage the Company's risk management and internal control systems within the risk appetite and framework; Develop, implement and update policies and procedures; Keep pace with industry and economic trends in the Company's operating environment; and Provide the Board with accurate, timely and clear information to enable the Board to perform its responsibilities.

	The Board Charter is available on the Company's website at www.ucrest.net.
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The board is committed to promoting good business conduct and maintaining a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.

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

Practice 3.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Application Explanation on application of the practice	:	 The Board strongly believes in applying good working ethics and code of conduct in all business dealings. The Board had established the Code of Conduct and Ethics. The Code of Conduct and Ethics is based on the following principles:- (a) Conflicts of interest; (b) Corporate opportunities; (c) Protection of confidential information; (d) Protection and Proper use of Company Asset; (e) Compliance with laws, rules and regulations; (f) Trading on inside information; (g) Bribery and Corruption; (h) Money Laundering; (i) Preventing the abuse of power; (j) Compliance with the Code of Conduct and Ethics and reporting of any illegal or unethical behaviour; and (k) Waivers and amendments.
		2018 and will be reviewed and updated periodically. In addition, the Board has also formalised an Anti-Bribery & Corruption policy to prevent, detect and address bribery and corruption via establishing a good corporate governance culture and ethical behavior amongst the Directors and employees of the Group. This policy is applicable to all Directors, employees, business partners of the Group. The Anti-Bribery & Corruption policy adopted will be reviewed and updated periodically. The Code of Conduct and Ethics and the Anti-Bribery & Corruption policy are available on the Company's website at www.ucrest.net.

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Practice 3.2

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board recognises the importance of whistle-blowing and is committed to maintain the standards of ethical conduct within the Group. The Company is committed to operating in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including those concerning accounting and auditing, and prohibits fraudulent practices by any of its board members, officers and/or employees. The Board had established a Whistle Blower policy which outlines procedures for employees to report actions that an employee reasonably believes violate a law, or regulation or that constitutes fraudulent accounting or other practices without fear of reprisal. All reports and disclosures will be treated fairly and properly and addressed in an appropriate and timely manner while maintaining the identity of the complaining individual as confidential as possible. This policy applies to any matter which is related to the Group's business. This policy has accordingly been inserted in the employee manual/handbook. The Whistle Blower policy was reviewed and updated on 25 April 2018 and will be reviewed and updated periodically. The Whistle Blower policy is available on the Company's website at <u>www.ucrest.net</u> .	
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The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.1

The board together with management takes responsibility for the governance of sustainability in the company including setting the company's sustainability strategies, priorities and targets.

The board takes into account sustainability considerations when exercising its duties including among others the development and implementation of company strategies, business plans, major plans of action and risk management.

Strategic management of material sustainability matters should be driven by senior management.

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board acknowledged the importance of incorporating sustainability considerations into the Company's business and corporate activities, and how sustainability is essential to successful business strategies that could deliver sustainable value to all stakeholders and ultimately boosts the business performance of the Company.
	The Board together with the Management takes responsibility for the governance of sustainability in the Company, including setting the Company's sustainability strategies, priorities and targets. Performance against these clearly set out targets are communicated to the Company's internal and external stakeholders.
	The Board and the Management integrate Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors into their investment decision-making process and the Group's overall strategy and operations in order to promote and build sustainability momentum within the Group.
	The Board has determined the organisation's sustainability strategy, to provides an oversight of the corporate sustainability policies and performance.
	The Board delegate the authority for management of the sustainability effort, including the economic, environmental and social sustainability issues to the senior management who will drive the Group's overall sustainability process which has been put in place to identify, assess, manage and report the Group's material sustainability matters and to ensure that the Group's sustainability process including advancing strategic decision making, coordinating and implementing sustainability action plans and accountability for business and sustainability results is effectively carried out.

	The respective division's management heads are responsible for identifying, evaluating, monitoring and managing economic, environmental and social risks and opportunities directly.
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Practice 4.2

The board ensures that the company's sustainability strategies, priorities and targets as well as performance against these targets are communicated to its internal and external stakeholders.

Application :	Applied				
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board recognises the importance of building a sustainable business, therefore takes into consideration of the environmental, social and governance impact while developing corporate strategies.				
	The Board regularly reviews the strategic direction of the Company and the progress of the Company's operations, taking into account changes in the business and political environment and risk factors such as level of competition.				
	The Board promotes good corporate governance in the application of sustainability practices throughout the Company, the benefits of which are believed to translate into better corporate performance. Accordingly, the Company takes cognisance of the global environmental, social, governance and sustainability agenda.				
	The Company recognises the value of a diversed and skilled workforce and is committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive and collaborative workplace culture that will provide sustainability for the Company into the future. The Company is committed to leveraging the diverse backgrounds in terms of gender, ethnicity and age, experiences and perspectives of our workforce, to provide good customer service to an equally diverse customer base. The Company's commitment in recognising the importance of diversity extends to all areas of our business including recruitment, skills, enhancement, appointment to roles, retention of employees, succession planning and training and development. <u>Stakeholders Review & Engagement</u>				
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	Customers	GroupengagementCustomersCustomer feedback managementRegular			
		Complaint management	Regular		
		Market research & innovation	Regular		
	Vendors	Independent evaluation	Annually		
	Vendor relationship management Regular				
	Governance & Formal meetings/visits Ad-hoc				
	Regulators Licensing, audit & inspections Ad-hoc				

	Employees	Employee perform	mance appraisal	Annually
		Dialogue and eng	agement	Weekly
		Employee engage	ement programmes	Regular
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Practice 4.3

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board through the Nomination Committee assesses the training programmes attended by each of the Directors during the financial year to ensure that they keep abreast with the latest developments in the industry as well as the sustainability issues relevant to the Group, including factors that are driving climate change, sustainable finance and achieving a sustainable business model.	
	Regular discussion of the Group's specific trends, changes in the business environment and claim processes enable the Group to adapt to the market effectively and manage the Group insurance risks, including the exposure to natural disasters.	
	The Board is also mindful of the need to keep abreast of the external trends in sustainability practices and will engage external consultants to provide training to the Board and senior management of the Company to enhance the Company's sustainability efforts and initiatives.	
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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 had through its Nomination Committee carried out annual performance evaluation on the Board effectiveness in addressing the Company's material sustainability risks and opportunities. The Board, through the Human Resource Department ensures that the performance of senior management in managing material sustainability risks and opportunities are taken into consideration as part of their performance evaluation.
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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.

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

Practice 5.1

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

application of the Board annually to ensure that the Board has the appropriate mi	Application :	Applied
 competencies for effective functioning and informed decision making the NC has reviewed and conducted the assessment of the director appointment and re-election, and the tenure of directors on massed, fit and proper and pursuant to the Listing Requirements and Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("MCCG"). On 26 August 2022, Mr Thong Kooi Pin resigned from the Board Encik Abdul Razak Bin Dato' Haji Ipap ("Encik Abdul Razak") was designated as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director in line of the amended definition of Independent Director as prescribed in Listing Requirements. Both Mr Thong Kooi Pin and Encik Abdul Razak Bin Dato' Haji Upap ("Sector Softhe Company a cumulative term of more than twelve (12) years. Mr N Chanthiran A/L Nagappan ("Mr Chanthiran") was newly appoint to the Board on 26 August 2022 in place of Mr Thong Kooi Pin upon NC's satisfaction on the relevant criteria and the outcome of the fit proper assessment. The NC after taking into account the assessment of the Directon amely Mr Eg Kah Yee, Ms Chuan Tsui Ju and Mr Chanthiran who retiring at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, is satisfied they met the criteria as prescribed by the Listing Requirements character, experience, integrity, competence and time to effectid discharge their roles as Directors, recommended their re-election the Board's further recommendation to the shareholders for approx The said Directors have also met the relevant requirements under fit and proper assessment. 	Explanation on :	The Nomination Committee ("NC") assesses the composition of the Board annually to ensure that the Board has the appropriate mix of expertise and experience, and collectively possesses the necessary core competencies for effective functioning and informed decision making. The NC has reviewed and conducted the assessment of the directors for appointment and re-election, and the tenure of directors on merit based, fit and proper and pursuant to the Listing Requirements and the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("MCCG"). On 26 August 2022, Mr Thong Kooi Pin resigned from the Board and Encik Abdul Razak Bin Dato' Haji Ipap ("Encik Abdul Razak") was re- designated as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director in line with the amended definition of Independent Director as prescribed in the Listing Requirements. Both Mr Thong Kooi Pin and Encik Abdul Razak had served as Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company for a cumulative term of more than twelve (12) years. Mr N Chanthiran A/L Nagappan ("Mr Chanthiran") was newly appointed to the Board on 26 August 2022 in place of Mr Thong Kooi Pin upon the NC's satisfaction on the relevant criteria and the outcome of the fit and proper assessment. The NC after taking into account the assessment of the Directors, namely Mr Eg Kah Yee, Ms Chuan Tsui Ju and Mr Chanthiran who are retiring at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, is satisfied that they met the criteria as prescribed by the Listing Requirements on character, experience, integrity, competence and time to effectively discharge their roles as Directors, recommended their re-election for the Board's further recommendation to the shareholders for approval. The said Directors have also met the relevant requirements under the fit and proper assessment.

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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 :	Applied		
Explanation on : application of the	The existing composition of the Board is as set out below:-		
practice	Directors	Designation	
	Eg Kah Yee Eg Kaa Chee Abdul Razak Bin Dato' Haji Ipap	Chairman/Managing Director Non-Independent Non-Executive Director Non-Independent Non-Executive Director	
	Chuan Tsui Ju Prof. Low Teck Seng	Independent Non-Executive Director Independent Non-Executive Director	
	Dato' Dr. Mohd Fikri Bin Abdullah	Independent Non-Executive Director	
	N Chanthiran A/L Nagappan (Appointed on 26 August 2022)	Independent Non-Executive Director	
	Director (Chairman), two (and four (4) Independent the Board comprises of Directors. The Board, thro and composition are effec and that it fairly reflects th view of the Group's Busine of experience relevant to	en (7) members comprising one (1) Managing 2) Non-Independent Non-Executive Directors Non-Executive Directors. The composition of a majority of Independent Non-Executive bugh the NC is satisfied that the current size stive for the proper functioning of the Board be investment of shareholders and balance in ss. Together, the Directors bring a wide range the direction and objectives of the Group. A ackground of each Director is presented on nnual Report.	
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Practice 5.3

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

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Company do not have a policy which limits the tenure of its independent directors to nine (9) years. However, the Board takes note that the MCCG recommends that the tenure of an Independent Director shall not exceed a cumulative term of nine (9) years. An independent director may, subject to the shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process, continue to serve as an Independent Director of the Company. Justification should be provided in retaining an Independent Director beyond nine (9) years. However, the tenure of an Independent Director is limited to not more than a cumulative period of twelve (12) years. After serving for twelve (12) years, an Independent Director.
	Mr Thong Kooi Pin and Encik Abdul Razak Bin Dato' Haji Ipap had both served the Company as Independent Non-Executive Directors for a cumulative term of more than 12 years. On 26 August 2022, Mr Thong Kooi Pin resigned from the Board and Encik Abdul Razak Bin Dato' Haji Ipap was re-designated as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company in line with the requirements of the amended definition of Independent Director as prescribed in the Listing Requirements, where an Independent Director who has served for more than twelve (12) years must resign or be re-designated as a Non-Independent Director as per Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad's letter dated 19 January 2022.
	The NC had assessed the independence of the Independent Directors and is satisfied with the level of independence demonstrated by all the Independent Directors and their ability to act in the best interest of the Company. Based on the recommendations from the NC, the Board had also assessed and would be proposing to the shareholders for approval the continuation in office of Ms Chuan Tsui Ju (who will serve for more than nine (9) years as at the date of forthcoming AGM) as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company at the forthcoming AGM. A two-tier voting process would be adopted when seeking the shareholders' approval to retain Ms Chuan Tsui Ju as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company.

	The Board's proposal for continuation in office of Chuan Tsui Ju as Independent Non-Executive Director was based on the following:-	
	 She fulfilled the criteria under the definition of Independent Director as stated in the ACE Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. Thus, she would be able to function as a check and balance and bring an element of objectivity to the Board; 	
	 She has devoted sufficient time and attention to her professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making; and 	
	(iii) She has exercised her due care during her tenure as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and carried out her duties in the best interest of the Company and shareholders.	
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.4 - Step Up

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

Note: To qualify for adoption of this Step Up practice, a listed issuer must have a formal policy which limits the tenure of an independent director to nine years without further extension i.e. shareholders' approval to retain the director as an independent director beyond nine years.		
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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.

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	(iii) Relevant past performance or track record

	(c) Time and commitment
	(i) Ability to discharge role having regard to other commitments
	(ii) Participation and contribution in the board or track record
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	The Board, via the NC, had assessed the relevant criteria including
	fitness and propriety of Mr N Chanthiran A/L Nagappan before
	approving his appointment as an Independent Non-Executive Director
	of the Company.
	The Chairman of the Board and the Company Secretary shall be notified
	of any new directorship by any Board members. The notification shall
	include an indication of time that will be spent. All the current Directors
	of the Company held less than five (5) directorships in listed companies.
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.6

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	
Explanation for : departure	The Board delegates to the Nomination Committee ("NC") the responsibility of recommending the appointment of any new Director. The NC is responsible to ensure that the procedures for appointing new Directors are transparent and rigorous and that appointments are made on merits. Through the NC, the Board will consider recommendations from existing board members, management, major shareholders and third-party sources to identify suitably qualified candidates, when necessary. New board candidates proposed to fill vacancy arises from resignation, retirement or any other reasons will be reviewed by the NC before recommending to the Board for further deliberation. The evaluation process may include, reviewing the candidate's resume, biographic information, qualifications, skills, knowledge, experience, expertise, competency and his/her understanding of the Group's business environment. The Board, based on the recommendation of the NC, appointed Mr N Chanthiran A/L Nagappan as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 26 August 2022. Prior to his appointment, the NC had carried out and was satisfied with the outcome of the relevant assessments (including fit and proper assessment) and was of the view that his experience, expertise and skill set will be a good fit for the Board.
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Practice 5.7

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	 The Company shall release immediate announcement on the appointment of Directors, which are available at the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad's and the Company's websites. The profiles of the Directors who were due for retirement and offered themselves for re-election, which included the nature of interest with the Company, whichever applicable, were set out in the Annual Report 2022 of the Company. The Nomination Committee annually reviews and assess the tenure of each Director and re-election of Director. The review and assessment shall be based on the fit and proper criteria and contingent on satisfactory evaluation of the Director's performance and contribution to the Board. Whilst for the retiring Directors for the forthcoming Twenty-Fifth AGM ("25th AGM"), a statement by the Board and NC being satisfied with the performance and effectiveness of the retiring Directors who offered themselves for re-election at the forthcoming 25th AGM was stated in the notes accompanying the Notice of 25th AGM.
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Practice 5.8

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Nomination Committee is chaired by Mr N Chanthiran A/L Nagappan, an Independent Non-Executive Director since 26 August 2022 in place of Mr Thong Kooi Pin, who had resigned from the Board on 26 August 2022.	
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Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

Application :	Departure							
Explanation on : application of the practice								
Explanation for : departure	Board Charter of the Company states that Board members shall comprise of at least one (1) director of the Board is a woman as it is of the view that any new appointment to the Board should be based on the candidate academic background, area of expertise and skills. There is currently one (1) woman Director on the Board, namely Ms Chuan Tsui Ju and this seat is equivalent to 14% female representation on the Board. However, the Company complied with the recent amendments to the Listing Requirements to have at least one (1) women director. Further female representation on the Board will be considered should vacancies arise and suitable candidates are identified.							
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Practice 5.10

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Board recognises the importance of gender diversity and is committed to the extent practicable, to address the recommendation of the Code relating to the establishment of a policy formalising its approach to boardroom and workplace diversity.
	The Board had on 25 April 2018 adopted a Gender Diversity Policy. Diversity encompasses various areas such as gender, age, ethnicity and cultural background for Boardroom and Workplace Diversity and the Board firmly believe that a well diversify workplace could benefit the Company to achieve:-
	 (a) a good morale between the workforce that leads to a healthy work culture where employees motivate each other to perform at a higher level;
	 (b) with a gender-diverse workforce, the company can expand its customer base and offer better services;
	 (c) improved employment and career development opportunities for women;
	 (d) a gender-balanced team brings with it greater industry knowledge and helps the company access more resources, as well as multiple channels of information; and
	 (e) awareness in all staff of their rights and responsibilities with regards to fairness, equity and respect for all aspects of diversity.
	The appointment of Chuan Tsui Ju on 22 November 2013 reflects that the Board recognises the value of a lady member of the Board and is a step taken by the Board towards achieving a more gender diversified Board.
	The Gender Diversity Policy is available on the Company's website at www.ucrest.net.
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Stakeholders are able to form an opinion on the overall effectiveness of the board and individual directors.

Practice 6.1

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

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

_	Note: For a Large Company to qualify for adoption of this practice, it must undertake annual board evaluation and engage an independent expert at least every three years to facilitate the evaluation.					
Application	:	Applied				
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Nomination Committee ("NC") assesses the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, Board Committees and contributions of each individual Director as well as their character, integrity and time commitment, independence of Independent Directors on annual basis. The NC reviews annually the required mix of skills and experience including core competencies which Non-Executive Directors should bring to the Board and other qualities for the Board to function effectively and efficiently.				
		The summary of the assessment and its findings was tabled to the NC on 28 July 2022. Based on the summary as presented, the NC tabled its recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Board of Directors' Meeting held on 28 July 2022. The Board was satisfied with the results of the annual assessment and that the current size and composition of the Board is appropriate and well balanced with the right mix of skills. The Board was also satisfied with the contribution of each of the individual Directors.				
		The Company has established a Directors' Fit and Proper policy which serves as a guide to the NC and the Board in their review and assessment of candidates that are to be appointed onto the Board and its subsidiaries as well as Directors who are seeking for re-election.				
		For Directors who are subject to re-election at the forthcoming AGM, the NC, having considered the fit and proper assessment on the said Directors, was satisfied with the outcome before recommending the re-election for the Board's consideration.				
		The Board had also through the NC assessed the independence of the independent Directors and is satisfied with the level of independence demonstrated by all the Independent Directors and their ability to act in the best interest of the Company.				

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

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

Practice 7.1

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	 The Company has established a remuneration policy for the Directors and Senior Management to support and drive business strategy and long-term objectives of the Company and its subsidiaries.
	Among others, the following are some of the criteria adopted by the Company and its subsidiaries in considering the remuneration of the Senior Management:-
	 The overall performance of the Company and its subsidiaries; General economic situation;
	 Prevailing market practice;
	 Salary position against market;
	 Skills and experience; and
	Individual performance
	In this regard, the Remuneration Committee ("RC") is responsible to implement the policies and procedures on the remuneration for the Managing Director ("MD") whilst the Board is responsible for approving the policies and procedures which govern the remuneration of the employees including MD and Senior Management of the Company to ensure the same remain competitive, appropriate and in alignment with the prevalent market practices and the Company attracts, retains and motivates the Directors and Senior Management who are with strong credentials, high caliber and astute insights to run the business successfully.
	The remuneration package is reflective of the individual Director's and Senior Management's experience and level of responsibilities and it is structured to link to corporate and individual performance. The Remuneration Committee is responsible for determining the level and

	 make up of Managing Director ("MD")'s remuneration and approved by the Board, with the presence of a majority of non-executive directors. The MD however, does not participate in any way when determining his remuneration package. The RC is guided by market norms and industry practices when making recommendations for the compensation and benefits of Directors and Senior Management. All Directors are paid fixed monthly directors' fee except for the Managing Director. The Managing Director received annual remuneration package including but not limited to telecommunication facilities and other reimbursable/claimable benefits-in-kind as may be determined from time to time, for the purposes of carrying out his duty as Managing Director. The Directors' fee payable to Directors is presented to the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting for their approval. The Remuneration Policy of Directors and Senior Management was adopted by the Board on 25 April 2018. The Policy would be reviewed and updated periodically. The Remuneration Policy is available at the Company's website at www.ucrest.net.
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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 Remuneration Committee ("RC") comprises wholly Independent Non-Executive Director. The RC is responsible to implement the policies and procedures on the remuneration for the Board, Managing Director ("MD") and senior management whilst the Board is responsible for approving the policies and procedures which govern the remuneration of the employees including MD and senior management of the Company to ensure the same remain competitive, appropriate and in alignment with the prevalent market practices and the Company attracts, retains and motivates the Directors and Senior Management who are with strong credentials, high calibre and astute insights to run the business successfully. The determination of remuneration packages of Non-Executive Directors, should be a matter for the Board as a whole with the individuals concerned abstaining from discussion on their own remuneration. The Board shall determine the remuneration packages taking into consideration the recommendations of the RC. The Non-Executive Director(s) of the Company, who are also shareholders, had abstained from voting on the resolution in respect of their direct and indirect shareholdings (if any), approving the payment of Directors' fees at the AGM. The RC's Terms of Reference is available on the Company's website at www.ucrest.net.
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.1

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	Details of remuneration of Directors of the Company for the financial year ended 31 May 2022 are set out in the table on the following page.

					Co	Company ('000)					Group ('000)					
No	Name	Directorate	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in- kind	Other emoluments	Total	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in- kind	Other emoluments	Total
1	Eg Kah Yee	Executive Director	-	-	30	-	-	3.6	33.6	-	-	119.652	-	-	3.6	123.252
2	Eg Kaa Chee	Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	36	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	-	-	-	36
3	Thong Kooi Pin (Resigned on 26 August 2022)	Independent Director	36	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	-	-	-	36
4	Chuan Tsui Ju	Independent Director	36	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	-	-	-	36
5	Abdul Razak bin Dato' Haji Ipap	Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	36	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	-	-	-	36
6	Dato' Dr. Mohd Fikri Bin Abdullah	Independent Director	36	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	-	-	-	36
7	Prof. Low Teck Seng	Independent Director	36	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	-	-	-	36
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.2

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 Company respects the confidentiality of the remuneration of the Senior Management in view of the competitive nature of human resource market. Thus, the Company does not have the intention to adopt the recommendation to disclose the details of each member of senior management in bands of RM50,000 on a named basis.
	However, the Company would endeavour to ensure that the remuneration package of the employees is in line with the industry practices and the annual increments and bonuses pay-out are based on individual performances.
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			Company					
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.3 - 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	:	

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There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.1

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Audit Committee has two (2) members who are Independent Non- Executive Directors and one (1) member who is a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director. The following are the members of the AC:- Chairman N Chanthiran A/L Nagappan – Independent Non-Executive Director <u>Members</u> Abdul Razak Bin Dato' Haji Ipap – Non-Independent Non-Executive Director Chuan Tsui Ju – Independent Non-Executive Director The AC is chaired by Mr N Chanthiran A/L Nagappan since 26 August 2022 in place of Mr Thong Kooi Pin. The Chairman of the AC is not the Chairman of the Board.	
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Practice 9.2

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: None of the member of the Audit Committee ("AC") were former key audit partners.
	The Terms of Reference of the AC was last reviewed and revised on 31 May 2022 to state that no former key audit partner of the external audit firm and/or the affiliate firm (including those providing advisory services, tax consulting etc) of the Company or any entity within the Group shall be appointed as a member of the AC, unless he/she has observed a cooling-off period of at least three (3) years before such appointment.
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Practice 9.3

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The Board has established a transparent relationship with the external auditors through the Audit Committee ("AC"), which has been accorded the authority to communicate directly with the external auditors. The auditors in turn are able to highlight matters which require the attention of the Board to the AC in terms of compliance with the accounting standards and other related regulatory requirements. The AC has policies and procedures to review, assess and monitor the performances, suitability and independence of the external auditors. The AC undertakes annual assessment of the suitability and independence of the External Auditors. The factors considered by the AC in its assessment include, adequacy of professionalism and experience of the staff, the resources of the external auditors, the fees and the independence of and the level of non-audit services rendered to the Group. The AC is satisfied with the external auditors. These confirmations were made pursuant to the By-Laws (On Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. The AC had on 28 July 2022 conducted an assessment on the suitability and independence of the External Auditors. Based on the assessment, the AC was satisfied with Messrs UHY's competency, experience and independence. The Board, based on the AC's recommendation, would be tabling the re-appointment of Messrs UHY as the External Auditors of the Company at the Twenty-Fifth AGM.
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There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.5

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

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The members of the Audit Committee ("AC") are financially literate and have the relevant accounting or related experience and expertise to effectively discharge their duties. They are able to understand, analyse and objectively review matters under the purview of the AC including the financial reporting process.
	During the financial year, the External Auditors had briefed the AC updates on financial reporting developments and changes in regulatory environment.
	The Board, via the Nomination Committee, had also conducted annual assessment on the performance of the AC and each of its members and is satisfied with the performance of the AC in fulfilling its duties as per the Terms of Reference of the AC.
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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

Practice 10.1

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board of Directors recognises the importance of sound internal controls and risk management in safeguarding the assets of the Group. However, such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the business risk totally. It should be noted that any system could provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or fraud. The Group has in place an on-going process to identify, evaluate, monitor and manage any significant risks through the internal controls set out in order to attain a reasonable assurance that business objectives have been met. These controls are regularly reviewed by the Board and are subject to continuous improvement. The Enterprise Risk Management framework is applied to determine, evaluate and manage principal risks of the Group. This is complemented by the system of internal control that is integrated into the Group's operations and processes. Please refer to Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in 2022 Annual Report for more details.	
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Practice 10.2

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	 The Group has put in place an Enterprise Risk Management framework ("ERM") which comprises the following elements: Communicate and disseminate across the organisation the vision, role and direction of the Group; Provide guiding principles and approach towards risk management; Process of identification, assessment, evaluation and management of the various principal risks which affect the Group's business; Creation of a risk-awareness culture and risk ownership for more effective management of risks; Regular review, tracking and reporting on keys risks identified and corresponding mitigation procedures; and Regular review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control. The framework is applied to determine, evaluate and manage principal risks of the Group. This is complemented by the system of internal control that is integrated into the Group's operations and processes. Further details on the internal controls as well as the Board review of the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control frameworks are presented in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control set out in the 2022 Annual Report. 	
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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Practice 10.3 - Step Up

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

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

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

Practice 11.1

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Group has appointed an outsourced internal audit service provider to carry out the internal audit function, providing the Board with a reasonable assurance of adequacy of the scope, functions and resources of the internal audit function. The purpose of the internal audit function is to provide the Board, through the Audit Committee ("AC"), assurance of the effectiveness of the system of internal control in the Group. The internal audit function is independent and performs audit assignments with impartiality, proficiency and due professional care. Internal auditor reports directly to the AC. The functions of the internal auditor are to ensure a regular review of the adequacy and integrity of its internal control system. The internal auditor will also be required to assist the Group in enhancing its existing risk management framework and adopting a risk-based approach based on COSO assessment model. The assessment of the internal audit is reported periodically to the AC. The recommendations arising from the internal audit and its implementations would be monitored. The AC has performed an annual assessment on the performance of the Internal Auditors and was satisfied with the adequacy of the scope, function, competency and resources of the Internal Auditors and was of the view that they have the necessary authority to carry out their work during the financial year under review.
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Companies have an effective governance, risk management and internal control framework and stakeholders are able to assess the effectiveness of such a framework.

Practice 11.2

The board should disclose-

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Group has appointed an outsourced internal audit service provider to carry out the internal audit function, providing the Board with a reasonable assurance of adequacy of the scope, functions and resources of the internal audit function. The internal audit function is outsourced to an independent professional firm, Vaersa Advisory Sdn Bhd. The internal audit team is headed by Mr Quincy Gan who possesses the relevant qualification and experience and is assisted by four members. The internal audit personnel are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest with the Company which could impair their objectivity and independence during the internal audit review. The AC had assessed the performance of the internal auditor on 28 July 2022 and was satisfied with the adequacy of the scope, competency and resources of the internal auditor and that it has the necessary authority to carry out its work. The expenses incurred for the internal audit function for financial year ended 31 May 2022 was RM16,000. Internal Auditors evaluate the internal control of Group with COSO assessment model.
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There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

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

Practice 12.1

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Company is committed to provide clear, accurate and timely disclosure of all material information to its stakeholders and the general public. The Company will ensure compliance with the disclosure requirements as set out in the Listing Requirement at all times. AGM also provides an effective means of communication with the shareholders where they are encouraged to participate in the open question and answer session during the AGM. Corporate information, financial information, the Company's announcements and other related communications and information are available at the Company's website.	
Explanation for : departure		
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There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

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

Practice 12.2

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

Application	:	Not applicable – Not a Large Company
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.1

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Notice of the Twenty-Fourth AGM held on 12 November 2021 dated 30 September 2022 was distributed more than 28 days in advance of the meeting. The Notice of AGM includes details of the resolutions proposed along with relevant explanatory notes to enable shareholders to make informed decisions in exercising their voting rights.
Explanation for : departure	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.2

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 Directors were present at the Twenty-Fourth AGM which was held virtually at the Broadcast Venue at Lot 6.04, Level 6, KPMG Tower, 8 First Avenue, Bandar Utama, 47800 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan on 12 November 2021. In addition to the Board members, the senior management and the external auditors were present to respond to the shareholders' queries.
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.3

Listed companies should leverage technology to facilitate-

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

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	 In accordance with its Constitution, the Company may convene a meeting of Members at more than one venue using any technology or method that enables the Members of the Company to participate and to exercise the Members' right to speak and vote at the meeting. The main venue of the meeting shall be in Malaysia and the Chairman shall be present at the main venue.
	In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company took the necessary precautions and preventive measures in complying with the directives issued by the Malaysian Ministry of Health. These include the option of remote shareholders' participation at the general meeting.
	The Twenty-Fourth AGM held on 12 November 2021 was conducted on a virtual basis through live streaming via Remote Participation and Voting ("RPV") facilities to facilitate remote shareholders' participation and had adopted the electronic voting (e-voting) for the conduct of poll on all resolutions. The appointed poll administrator and Independent Scrutineer conducted the polling/ e-voting process and verified the results of the poll.
	The entire AGM proceedings were held through the Company's Cisco Webex. The Administrative Details of the AGM as well as the user guide with detailed registration and voting procedures were shared with the shareholders and the same were also published on the Company's website.
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.4

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

Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures		
undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient		
opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to.		
Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Chairman of the Board is proactive and ensure the Company's general meetings support meaningful engagement between the Board, senior management and shareholders. The shareholders were allowed to submit their questions during the live	
	streaming of the general meetings via the real time submission of typed texts.	
	The general meetings allocated sufficient time for shareholders to pose their questions and for the Chairman and management to respond to those questions accordingly. During the Twenty-Fourth AGM, the Board had also responded to the questions submitted by the Minority Shareholders Watch Group.	
Explanation for : departure		
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.5

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

Note: The explanation	on 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 of	on th	e choice of the meeting platform.	
Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on	:	In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the general meeting of the Company	
application of the practice		was conducted on virtual basis during the last financial year end.	
		The shareholders may pose their questions via real time submission of	
		typed text at the chat box during the virtual meetings, all questions were addressed accordingly.	
		The general meeting was allocated sufficient time for shareholders to pose their questions and for the Chairman, or management to respond to those questions accordingly.	
		Detailed instruction and procedures on the registration, remote participation and the e-voting process were provided to the shareholders under the Administrative Guide for the AGM and EGM to facilitate the smooth conduct of the meetings. The voting procedures was also briefed during the meetings.	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.6

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

Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting.

application of the practice proceedings including questions raised by the Minority Shareholders Watch Group and shareholders as well as the Company's responses Watch Group and shareholders as well as the Company's responses thereto was made available on our corporate website at www.ucrest.net within 30 business days after the AGM. Explanation for departure			
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SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PERSUANT CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

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