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## SEC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 15 Series of 2017

ТО	:	PUBLICLY-LISTED COMPANIES
SUBJECT	:	INTEGRATED ANNUAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (I- ACGR)

To facilitate the disclosure of publicly-listed companies' (PLCs) compliance/non-compliance with the recommendations provided under the Code of Corporate Governance for PLCs and to harmonize the corporate governance requirements of the Commission and the Philippine Stock Exchange, the Commission, pursuant to its regulatory and supervisory power under Section 5 of the Securities Regulation Code, mandates all companies to submit an Integrated Annual Corporate Governance Report (I-ACGR) subject to the following:

- All companies already listed in the PSE by 31 December of a given year shall submit three (3) copies of a fully accomplished I-ACGR on May 30 of the following year for every year that the company remains listed in the PSE;
- The I-ACGR shall cover all relevant information from January to December of the given year. It is expected that companies, regardless of listing dates, would already have Corporate Governance practices in place. Hence, they can already submit their I-ACGR by May 30 of the following year;
- 3. At least one (1) complete copy of the I-ACGR filed with the Commission shall be duly notarized and shall bear <u>original and manual</u> signatures of the following required signatories:
  - a. Chairman of the Board;
  - b. Chief Executive Officer or President:
  - c. All Independent Directors;
  - d. Compliance Officer; and
  - e. Corporate Secretary;
- 4. The I-ACGR with accessible links shall be posted on the company website within five (5) business days from submission to the SEC;
- 5. The companies shall no longer be required to file updates and changes on their I-ACGR within five (5) days from the occurrence of the reportable changes;
- 6. The companies shall no longer be required to file a Consolidated Changes in the ACGR within ten (10) days from the end of the year;
- 7. The imposable penalties are as follows:

VIOLATION	BASIC PENALTY	MONTHLY PENALTY
on/Late Submission	Php50,000.00	Php5,000,00

a.	Incomplete (i.e. no explanation provided; no alternative practices to achieve over-all principle)	Php25,000.00	Php2,500.00						
b.	Misrepresentation/Misinformation	Php100,000.00	Php10,000.00						
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a.	Incomplete	Php10,000.00	Php1,000.00						
b.	Incorrect	-							

For General Instructions in answering the I-ACGR, please see attached SEC Form I-ACGR.

Any previous Orders, Issuances and Circulars which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Pasay City, Philippines, 15 December 2017.

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For the Commission:

P. J. J. TERESITA J. HERBOSA Chairperson



# SEC FORM – I-ACGR

# INTEGRATED ANNUAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### A. Use of Form I-ACGR

This SECForm shall be used as a tool to disclose Publicly-Listed Companies' compliance/noncompliance with the recommendations provided under the Code of Corporate Governance for Publicly-Listed Companies, which follows the "comply or explain" approach, and for harmonizing the corporate governance reportorial requirements of the SEC and the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

# B. Preparation of Report

These general instructions are not to be filed with the report. The report shall contain the numbers and captions of all items.

The I-ACGR has four columns, arranged as follows:

RECOMMENDED CG PRACTICE/POLICY	COMPLIANT/ NON- COMPLIANT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	EXPLANATION
Contains CG Practices/ Policies, labelled as follows: (1) "Recommendations" derived from the CG Code for PLCs; (2) "Supplement to Recommendation"- derived from the PSE CG Guidelines for Listed Companies; (3) "Additional Recommendations"-CG Practices not found in the CG Code for PLCs and PSE CG Guidelines but are expected already of PLCs; and (4) "Optional Recommendation"- practices taken from the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard *Items under (1) - (3) must be answered/disclosed by the	shallindicate compliance or non- compliance with the recommended practice.	The company shall provide additional information to <b>support their</b> <b>compliance</b> with the recommended CG practice	The PLCs shallprovide the explanations for any non-compliance, pursuant to the "comply or explain" approach. Please note that the explanation given should describe the non- compliance and include how the overall Principle being recommended is still being achieved by the company. *"Not Applicable" or "None" shall not be considered as sufficient explanation
PLCs following the "comply or explain" approach. Answering of items under (4) are left to the discretion of PLCs.			

# C. Signature and Filing of the Report

- a. Three (3) copies of a fully accomplished I-ACGR shall be filed with the Main Office of the Commission<u>on or before May 30 of the following year for every year that the company remains listed in the PSE:</u>
- b. At least one (1) complete copy of the I-ACGR shall be duly notarized and shall bear <u>original and</u> <u>manual</u> signatures
- c. The I-ACGR shall be signed under oath by: (1) Chairman of the Board; (2) Chief Executive Officer or President; (3) All Independent Directors; (4) Compliance Officer; and (5) Corporate Secretary.
- d. The I-ACGR shall cover all relevant information from January to December of the given year.
- e. All reports shall comply with the full disclosure requirements of the Securities Regulation Code.

#### SEC FORM - I-ACGR



2. SEC Identification Number AS094-8678. 3. BIR Tax Identification No. 080-003-978-254

- 4. Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter Waterfront Philippines, Inc.
- 5. Cebu, Philippines

  Province, Country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization

  6. (SEC Use Only)

  Industry Classification Code:

  7. No. 1 Waterfront Drive Off Salinas Drive Lahug, Cebu City

  6000
  Postal Code

  8. 02-559-0130

  Issuer's telephone number, including area code
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Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities and Exchange Commission, this Integrated Annual Corporate Governance Report is signed on behalf of the registrant by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF MANIL \_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ MAY 2 8 2018 \_, 2018.

RENATO B. MAGADIA CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

ARTHUR R. LOPEZ

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR DIRECTOR

ng RECILLA OL TORIANO

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

SIGNATURES KENNETH T. GATCHALIAN PRESIDENT

SERGIO R. ORTIZ-LUIS, JR.

**IBEN D. TORRES** 

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

**INDEPENDENT** 

ARTHUR R. PONSARAN

CORPORATE SECRETARY

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this	day of	MAY 2 8 2018	2018,
affiant(s) exhibiting to me their	, as follows:		/

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NAME	TIN NO.
Renato B. Magadia	100 942 390 000
Kenneth T. Gatchalian	167 406 526 000
Arthur R. Lopez	181 980 515 000
Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis, Jr.	107 846 762 000
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	COMPLIANT/ NON- COMPLIANT	NUAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION vernance Responsibilities	EXPLANATION
<b>Principle 1:</b> The company should be headed by a comp profitability in a manner consistent with its corporate obje Recommendation 1.1	etent, working boo	ard to foster the long-term success of the earney	ration, and to sustain its competitiveness and her stakeholders.
<ol> <li>Board is composed of directors with collective working knowledge, experience or expertise that is relevant to the company's industry/sector.</li> </ol>	Compliance	Every year, the Board is requested to submit their updated resume and trainings attended.	
<ol> <li>Board has an appropriate mix of competence and expertise.</li> </ol>	Compliance	* Manual on Corporate Governance – Internal Controls of the/Responsibilities of	
<ol> <li>Directors remain qualified for their positions individually and collectively to enable them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities and respond to the needs of the organization.</li> </ol>	Compliance	the Company Section 6.0; Section 1.0 Communication and Training Process * SEC-20IS Definitive - Directors and Executive Officers	
Recommendation 1.2			
1. Board is composed of a majority of non-executive directors.	Compliance	* SEC-20IS Definitive	
<ol> <li>Recommendation 1.3</li> <li>Company provides in its Board Charter and Manual on Corporate Governance a policy on training of directors.</li> </ol>	Compliance	* Manual on Corporate Governance Section 1.0 -Communication and Training Process * ACGR - Orientation and Educational Program	
<ol> <li>Company has an orientation program for first time directors.</li> </ol>	Compliance	<ul> <li>Manual on Corporate Governance</li> <li>Section 4.5</li> <li>Every year an in-house training for</li> </ul>	
<ol> <li>Company has relevant annual continuing training for all directors.</li> </ol>	Compliance	Corporate Governance.	
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l. Rec	Directors act on a fully informed basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the company.	Compliance	* ACGR 2017 under Committee Members; no. of Meetings and meetings attended	
	Board oversees the development, review and approval of the company's business objectives and strategy.	Compliance	BOD Meetings: * February 22, 2017	
2.	Board oversees and monitors the implementation of the company's business objectives and strategy.	Compliance	* April 10, 2017 * April 12, 2017 * April 24, 2017 * June 01, 2017 * August 07, 2017	
			<ul> <li>* August 18, 2017</li> <li>* August 29, 2017</li> <li>* September 23, 2017</li> <li>* October 06, 2017</li> <li>* October 23, 2017</li> </ul>	
Sup	plement to Recommendation 2.2		OCIODEI 23, 2017	
1.	Board has a clearly defined and updated vision, mission and core values.	Compliance	* <u>http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/abo</u> ut/mission-and-vision/ *ACGR 2017	
	Board has a strategy execution process that facilitates effective management performance and is attuned to the company's business environment, and culture.	Compliance	*ACGR 2017 page 7 – 8 (4.1)	
	ommendation 2.3			
	Board is headed by a competent and qualified Chairperson.	Compliance	* SEC 20IS-Definitive under Directors and Executive Officers	
	ommendation 2,4			
	Board ensures and adopts an effective succession planning program for directors, key officers and management.	Compliance	*ACGR 2017 page 7 no. 3 * The Board has no retirement plan.	

2.	Board adopts a policy on the retirement for directors and key officers.	Compliance		
	commendation 2.5			
	Board aligns the remuneration of key officers and board members with long-term interests of the company.	Compliance	*The Compensation and Remuneration Committee has made sure that the compensation of the key officers and executives of the Company was in line with the culture and policies of the Company.	
2.	Board adopts a policy specifying the relationship between remuneration and performance.	Compliance	The Compensation and Remuneration Committee has developed a formal and	
	Prectors do not participate in discussions or leliberations involving his/her own remuneration.	Compliance	Committee has developed a formal and transparent procedure for developing a policy on executive remuneration and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual directors and officers. The Committee has also developed a system regarding disclosure of all the incoming officers as to their business interests which might be in conflict with that of the Company. No director or officer has been allowed to decide on his own remuneration and has provided annual reports, information and proxy statements on the disclosure of the compensation for the executives and officers of the Company. * None of the Directors received compensation. The President has no remuneration benefit. Director per diem is at a rate of Php8,000.00(net of 20% ewt) per board meeting.	
	onal: Recommendation 2.5			
1. (	Board approves the remuneration of senior executives.	Non- Compliance	Provide proof of board approval	*The remuneration of senior executives is only approved by the President or CEO.

<ol> <li>Company has measurable standards to align the performance-based remuneration of the executive directors and senior executives with long-term interest, such as claw back provision and deferred bonuses.</li> </ol>	Compliance	* No director received bonuses or profit sharing plans.	
ecommendation 2.6			
. Board has a formal and transparent board nomination and election policy.	Compliance	* SEC 2015 Definitive Item 4, 18 and 19. * ACGR 2017 page 38 – Minority Shareholders	
Board nomination and election policy is disclosed in the company's Manual on Corporate Governance.	Compliance	* Prior to Annual Stockholders' Meeting, notices and definitive reports will be distributed to all stockholders for them to be guided during the meeting.	
Board nomination and election policy includes how the company accepted nominations from minority shareholders.	Compliance	* The Nomination Committee, composed of 3 voting directors (one is independent), is in charge of the screening of the candidates for a seat in the Board of Directors in	
Board nomination and election policy includes how the board shortlists candidates.	Compliance	accordance to the qualifications set in the Manual. Said Committee has also considered the disqualifications specifically enumerated. The Committee shall evaluate and screen nominees for director's vis-à-vis the applicable qualifications and disqualifications as set forth in the	
Board nomination and election policy includes an assessment of the effectiveness of the Board's processes in the nomination, election or replacement of a director.	Compliance		
Board has a process for identifying the quality of directors that is aligned with the strategic direction of the company.	Compliance	Company's Manual on Corporate Governance, By-Laws and other applicable policy, law or regulations while ensuring that said qualifications are in line with the strategic objectives of the Company.	
otional: Recommendation to 2.6			

<ol> <li>Company uses professional search firms or other external sources of candidates (such as director databases set up by director or shareholder bodies) when searching for candidates to the board of directors.</li> </ol>	Compliance	The nominees approved by the Board are recommended for election as directors at the meeting of the stockholders or the Board, as the case may be. In the search of potential nominees, the Committee may use external sources, such as professional search firms, director databases and/or other reputable external sources to further enhance the search for and widen the base of potential nominees.	
Recommendation 2.7			
<ol> <li>Board has overall responsibility in ensuring that there is a group-wide policy and system governing related party transactions (RPTs) and other unusual or infrequently occurring transactions.</li> </ol>	Compliance	* ACGR 2017 pages 21-23. * Manual on Corporate Governance page 21 (9.7).	
<ol> <li>RPT policy includes appropriate review and approval of material RPTs, which guarantee fairness and transparency of the transactions.</li> </ol>	Compliance		
3. RPT policy encompasses all entities within the group, taking into account their size, structure, risk profile and complexity of operations.	Compliance		
Supplement to Recommendations 2.7			

1.	Board clearly defines the threshold for disclosure and approval of RPTs and categorizes such transactions according to those that are considered <i>de minimis</i> or transactions that need not be reported or announced, those that need to be disclosed, and those that need prior shareholder approval. The aggregate amount of RPTs within any twelve (12) month period should be considered for purposes of applying the thresholds for disclosure and approval.	Compliance	* Manual on Corporate Governance page 21 (9.7). *The company shall disclose its policies governing Related Party Transactions (RPTs) and other unusual or infrequently occurring transactions. The material or significant RPTs reviewed and approved during the year shall be disclosed in its Annual Corporate Governance Report. Likewise, related party that need prior shareholder approval The aggregate amount of RPT within any transaction are disclosed to the external auditors and twelve (12) month period should be considered for purposes of applying the reported in the financial statement.	
2.	Board establishes a voting system whereby a majority of non-related party shareholders approve specific types of related party transactions during shareholders' meetings.	Compliance	* All placements with directors and/or related parties are disclosed and approved by the required parties and stockholders, including the majority of the minority shareholders	
Red	commendation 2.8			
1.	Board is primarily responsible for approving the selection of Management led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the heads of the other control functions (Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Audit Executive).	Compliance	*The Board approves the selection and assesses the performance of the Management led by the CEO, and control functions led by their respective heads functions (Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Audit Executive). In the absence of the	
	Board is primarily responsible for assessing the performance of Management led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the heads of the other control functions (Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Audit Executive).	Compliance	Compliance Officer, the Corporate Secretary acts in behalf.	

1.	Board establishes an effective performance	Compliance		
2.	management framework that ensures that Management's performance is at par with the standards set by the Board and Senior Management. Board establishes an effective performance management framework that ensures that personnel's performance is at par with the standards set by the Board and Senior Management.	Compliance	*Oversee Management's formulation and implementation of sound strategic policies and guidelines on major capital expenditures, business strategies, plans and policies and periodically evaluate Management's overall performance. * At the end of the year, performance evaluation thru PAF(Performance Appraisal Form) is conducted and rated.	
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	commendation 2.10			
1.	Board oversees that an appropriate internal control system is in place.	Compliance		
			*ACGR 2017 pages 38-42.	
	The internal control system includes a mechanism for monitoring and managing potential conflict of interest of the Management, members and shareholders.	Compliance		
3.	Board approves the Internal Audit Charter.	Compliance	* Periodically reviews the internal audit charter and presents it to Senior Management and the Board Audit Committee for Approval.	
Re	commendation 2.11			
1.	Board oversees that the company has in place a sound enterprise risk management (ERM) framework to effectively identify, monitor, assess and manage key business risks.	Compliance	* http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/whc/ enterprise-risk-management/	
	The risk management framework guides the board in identifying units/business lines and enterprise-level risk exposures, as well as the effectiveness of risk management strategies.	Compliance	of a photo has managementy	
	ommendation 2.12			
1.	Board has a Board Charter that formalizes and clearly states its roles, responsibilities and accountabilities in carrying out its fiduciary role.	Compliance	* https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xc6d6Xpg tOPpSDc9Y_CFxVEV6KLS-GT4/view	

2.	Board Charter serves as a guide to the directors in the performance of their functions. Board Charter is publicly available and posted on the company's website.	Compliance Compliance	* https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bk YZE_qU2JFtJGCPm_rtnkZ_DDrlCz7l
1.	Iditional Recommendation to Principle 2 Board has a clear insider trading policy.	Compliance	* <u>http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/whc/</u> <u>companys-policies/</u>
ALL DESCRIPTION OF THE OWNER OWNER OF THE OWNER	tional: Principle 2 Company has a policy on granting loans to directors, either forbidding the practice or ensuring that the transaction is conducted at arm's length basis and at market rates.	Compliance	* Granting loans to directors is not practiced.
2.	Company discloses the types of decision requiring board of directors' approval.	Compliance	*Observe confidentiality. A director should observe the confidentiality of non-public information acquired by reason of his position as director. He should not disclose any information to any other person without the authority of the Board. Protecting confidential information - employees must ensure that confidential information is preserved and protected. Confidential information is that which is not generally known outside the Company and either gives or could give the Company a competitive advantage or disadvantage, or could lead to the loss of an existing competitive advantage, if it became known to others or became known in the public domain.

Principle 3: Board committees should be set up to the extent possible to support the effective performance of the Board's functions, particularly with respect to audit, risk management, related party transactions, and other key corporate governance concerns, such as nomination and remuneration. The composition, functions and responsibilities of all committees established should be contained in a publicly available Committee Charter. Recommendation 3.1

1.	Board establishes board committees that focus on specific board functions to aid in the optimal performance of its roles and responsibilities.	Compliance	* ACGR 2017 pages 12-13.	
Re	commendation 3.2			
1.	Board establishes an Audit Committee to enhance its oversight capability over the company's financial reporting, internal control system, internal and external audit processes, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.	Compliance	* ACGR 2017 pages 28-29.	
2.	Audit Committee is composed of at least three appropriately qualified non-executive directors, the majority of whom, including the Chairman is independent.	Compliance	* ACGR 2017 pages 32-34.	
	All the members of the committee have relevant background, knowledge, skills, and/or experience in the areas of accounting, auditing and finance.	Compliance	* ACGR 2017 pages 32-34.	
4.	The Chairman of the Audit Committee is not the Chairman of the Board or of any other committee.	Compliance	* ACGR 2017 Board Committees	
Sup	plement to Recommendation 3.2			

Audit Committee approves all non-audit services conducted by the external auditor.     Comp	<ul> <li>* Evaluate and determine the non-audit work, if any, of the external auditor, and review periodically the non-audit fees paid to the external auditor in relation to their significance to the total annual income of the external auditor and to the Corporation's overall consultancy expenses. The committee shall disallow any non-audit work that will conflict with his duties as external auditor or will pose as a threat to his independence. The non-audit work, if allowed, should be disclosed in the Corporation's annual report.</li> <li>* The Board, after consultations with the Audit Committee, shall recommend to the stockholders an external auditor duly accredited by the Commission who shall undertake an independent audit of the Gorporation, and shall provide an objective assurance on the manner by which the financial statements shall be prepared and presented to the stockholders. The external auditor shall not, at the same time, provide internal audit services to the Corporation. Non-audit work may be given to the external auditor, or does not pose a threat to his independence.</li> </ul>
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2. Audit Committee conducts regular meetings and dialogues with the external audit team without anyone from management present.	Compliance	*To meet regularly as possible with the external auditor, including once at the planning stage before the audit and once after the audit at the reporting stage. The Committee shall meet the external auditor at least once a year without management present, to discuss their remit and any issues arising from the half year and final audits and the intervening quarterly reviews, and any matters the auditor may wish to discuss (in the absence of management where necessary). To review and approve the annual audit plan and ensure that it is consistent with the scope of the audit engagement, having regard to the seniority, expertise and experience of the audit team. To review the findings of the audit with the external auditor. This shall include but not be limited to the following: - a discussion of major issues which arose during the audit; - key accounting and audit judgments; and - levels of error identified during the audit. *To review the effectiveness of the audit, review any representation letter requested by the external auditor before they are signed by management, review the external auditor before they are signed by management.	
1. Audit Committee meets at least four times during	Compliance	* ACGR 2017 page 32.	
the year.		1.001.2017 page 02.	
<ol> <li>Audit Committee approves the appointment and removal of the internal auditor.</li> <li>Recommendation 3.3</li> </ol>	Compliance	* Part of the Audit Committee's specific functions.	

1.	Board establishes a Corporate Governance Committee tasked to assist the Board in the performance of its corporate governance responsibilities, including the functions that were formerly assigned to a Nomination and Remuneration Committee.	Compliance	ACGR 2017 pages 29-30.	
2.	Corporate Governance Committee is composed of at least three members, all of whom should be independent directors.	Compliance	ACGR 2017 page 35.	
3.	Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee is an independent director.	Compliance	ACGR 2017 page 35.	
1.	tional: Recommendation 3.3. Corporate Governance Committee meets at least twice during the year.	Compliance	ACGR 2017 page 35.	
Red	commendation 3.4			
1.	Board establishes a separate Board Risk Oversight Committee (BROC) that should be responsible for the oversight of a company's Enterprise Risk Management system to ensure its functionality and effectiveness.	Non- Compliance	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on the Board Risk Oversight Committee (BROC), including its functions.	*The Board review's the Corporation's risk management functions, as part of the annual financial statements review.
2.	BROC is composed of at least three members, the majority of whom should be independent directors, including the Chairman.	Non- Compliance	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on the members of the BROC, including their qualifications and type of directorship	* The Company at the moment does not have a Board Risk Oversight Committee.
	The Chairman of the BROC is not the Chairman of the Board or of any other committee.	Non- Compliance	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on the Chairman of the BROC	* The Company at the moment does not have a Board Risk Oversight Committee.
	At least one member of the BROC has relevant thorough knowledge and experience on risk and risk management.	Non- Compliance	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on the background, skills, and/or experience of the members of the BROC.	* The Company at the moment does not have a Board Risk Oversight Committee.
and the second second	ommendation 3.5			
1.	Board establishes a Related Party Transactions (RPT) Committee, which is tasked with reviewing all material related party transactions of the company.	Non- Compliance	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on the Related Party Transactions (RPT) Committee, including its functions.	*The company does not created yet the RPT Committee however, all related party transactions were incorporated in the audited FS.

<ol> <li>RPT Committee is composed of at least three non- executive directors, two of whom should be independent, including the Chairman.</li> </ol>	Non- Compliance	Provide information or link/reference to a document containing information on the members of the RPT Committee, including their qualifications and type of directorship.	*The company does not created yet the RPT Committee however, all related party transactions were incorporated in the audited FS.
Recommendation 3.6			
<ol> <li>All established committees have a Committee Charter stating in plain terms their respective purposes, memberships, structures, operations, reporting process, resources and other relevant information.</li> </ol>	Compliance	* ACGR 2017	
2. Committee Charters provide standards for evaluating the performance of the Committees.	Compliance		
<ol> <li>Committee Charters were fully disclosed on the company's website.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/wpi/	
Principle 4: To show full commitment to the second			
Principle 4: To show full commitment to the company, the responsibilities, including sufficient time to be familiar with	he directors should a	levote the time and attention necessary to pro	perly and effectively perform their duties and
Recommendation 4.1	n me corporation s	DUSINESS.	
<ol> <li>The Directors attend and actively participate in all meetings of the Board, Committees and shareholders in person or through tele- /videoconferencing conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission.</li> </ol>	Compliance	* ACGR 2017 pages 32-35.	
<ol> <li>The directors review meeting materials for all Board and Committee meetings.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*As part of its specific functions.	
<ol> <li>The directors ask the necessary questions or seek clarifications and explanations during the Board and Committee meetings.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*As part of its specific functions.	
Recommendation 4.2			

<ol> <li>Non-executive directors concurrently serve in a maximum of five publicly-listed companies to ensure that they have sufficient time to fully prepare for minutes, challenge Management's proposals/views, and oversee the long-term strategy of the company.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*The Board may consider the adoption of guidelines on the number of directorships that its members can hold in other corporations to ensure diligent and efficient performance of their responsibilities to the Company. The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and other executive directors may be covered by a lower indicative limit for membership in other boards. A similar limit may apply to independent or non-executive directors who, at the same time, serve as full-time executives in other corporations. In any case, the capacity of the directors to diligently and efficiently perform their duties and responsibilities to the boards they serve shall not be compromised.	
Recommendation 4.3			
<ol> <li>The directors notify the company's board before accepting a directorship in another company.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Disclosed in SEC 201S Definitive.	
Optional: Principle 4			
<ol> <li>Company does not have any executive directors who serve in more than two boards of listed companies outside of the group.</li> </ol>	Non- Compliance		*Disclosed in SEC 201S Definitive.
<ol> <li>Company schedules board of directors' meetings before the start of the financial year.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*SEC 20IS-Definitive Other matters	
<ol> <li>Board of directors meets at least six times during the year.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*ACGR 2017 page 25.	
5. Company requires as minimum quorum of at least 2/3 for board decisions.	Compliance	*SEC 20IS Definitive Item 19	
Principle 5: The board should endoawar to avaraise an all			
Principle 5: The board should endeavor to exercise an ob	jective and indep	enaent judgment on all corporate affairs	
Recommendation 5.1			
1. The Board has at least 3 independent directors or such number as to constitute one-third of the	Compliance	*Please see attached Certificate of Independent Auditor.	

Recommendation 5.2			
<ol> <li>The independent directors possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to hold the positions.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Please see attached Certificate of Independent Auditor.	
Supplement to Recommendation 5.2			
<ol> <li>Company has no shareholder agreements, by- laws provisions, or other arrangements that constrain the directors' ability to vote independently.</li> <li>Recommendation 5.3</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Please see attached Certificate of Independent Auditor. *Manual on CG pages 3-5.	
1. The independent directors serve for a cumulative			
term of nine years (reckoned from 2012).	Compliance	*As a rule, independent directors may serve for a maximum of nine consecutive years reckoned from 2012, making sure however that the shareholders' legal right to vote and be voted directors remains inviolable	
<ol> <li>The company bars an independent director from serving in such capacity after the term limit of nine years.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*If the company wants to retain an independent director who has served for nine consecutive years, the Board should provide meritorious justification and advise the shareholders of such justification during the annual shareholders' meeting.	
<ol> <li>In the instance that the company retains an independent director in the same capacity after nine years, the board provides meritorious justification and seeks shareholders' approval during the annual shareholders' meeting.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Should be part of the proposed action and approved during the Annual Stockholder's meeting.	
Recommendation 5.4			
<ol> <li>The positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer are held by separate individuals.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Chairman of the Board – Renato B. Magadia; CEO/President – Mr. Kenneth T. Gatchalian	
<ol> <li>The Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer has clearly defined responsibilities.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*ACGR 2017 pages 6-7.	

Re	commendation 5.5			
1.	If the Chairman of the Board is not an independent director, the board designates a lead director among the independent directors.	Compliance	*ACGR 2017 page 1.	
	Directors with material interest in a transaction affecting the corporation abstain from taking part in the deliberations on the transaction.	Compliance	*The fundamental principle to be observed is that a director does not use his position to profit or gain some benefit or advantage for his/her related interests.	
Re	commendation 5.7			
1.	The non-executive directors (NEDs) have separate periodic meetings with the external auditor and heads of the internal audit, compliance and risk functions, without any executive present.	Non- Compliance	Provide proof and details of said meeting, if any. Provide information on the frequency and attendees of meetings.	*ACGR 2017 page 26.
2.	The meetings are chaired by the lead independent director.	Non- Compliance		*ACGR 2017 page 26.
	tional: Principle 5			
1.	None of the directors is a former CEO of the company in the past 2 years.	Compliance	*No former CEO's of the same company was indicated.	
00	nciple 6: The best measure of the Board's effectivenes dy, and assess whether it possesses the right mix of ba commendation 6.1 Board conducts an annual self-assessment of its	is is through an ass ickgrounds and co Compliance	essment process. The Board should regularly ca ompetencies. *The Board annually conducts a self-	rry out evaluations to appraise its performance as a
	performance as a whole.		evaluation using a process approved by	
2.	The Chairman conducts a self-assessment of his performance.	Compliance	the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee. The Audit, Corporate	
3.	The individual members conduct a self- assessment of their performance.	Compliance	Governance/Nominating, Compensation/ Human Resources and Finance Committees are each required by their written charters to conduct annual self- evaluations.	
4.	Each committee conducts a self-assessment of its performance.	Compliance		
5.	Every three years, the assessments are supported by an external facilitator.	Non- Compliance	Identify the external facilitator and provide proof of use of an external facilitator.	*The Board assumes the responsibilities.

#### Recommendation 6.2 1. Board has in place a system that provides, at the Compliance minimum, criteria and process to determine the \* Manual on Corporate Governance performance of the Board, individual directors and committees 2. The system allows for a feedback mechanism Compliance from the shareholders. Principle 7: Members of the Board are duty-bound to apply high ethical standards, taking into account the interests of all stakeholders. **Recommendation 7.1** 1. Board adopts a Code of Business Conduct and Compliance \*ACGR 2017 pages 16-21. Ethics, which provide standards for professional and ethical behavior, as well as articulate acceptable and unacceptable conduct and practices in internal and external dealings of the company. 2. The Code is properly disseminated to the Board. Compliance \*Thru website, employees handbook and senior management and employees. SOPS 3. The Code is disclosed and made available to the Compliance \*https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b public through the company website. kYZE gU2JFtJGCPm rtnkZ DDrICz71 Supplement to Recommendation 7.1 1. Company has clear and stringent policies and Compliance \*Any discount, commission or any procedures on curbing and penalizing company favor/advantage in any form obtained involvement in offering, paying and receiving while transacting business shall be reverted bribes. back to the company and not your personal benefit. Directors have a duty to ensure that employees and contractors under their supervision are aware of and comply with this policy. Violation of this policy may subject the individual to disciplinary action, including dismissal and cessation of contract. **Recommendation 7.2** 1. Board ensures the proper and efficient \*ACGR 2017 pages 16-23. Compliance implementation and monitoring of compliance with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

<ol> <li>Board ensures the proper and efficient implementation and monitoring of compliance with company internal policies.</li> <li>Principle 8: The company should establish corporate dis expectations.</li> </ol>	Compliance Dis sclosure policies and	sclosure and Transparency d procedures that are practical and in accorde	ance with best practices and regulatory
Recommendation 8.1			
<ol> <li>Board establishes corporate disclosure policies and procedures to ensure a comprehensive, accurate, reliable and timely report to shareholders and other stakeholders that gives a fair and complete picture of a company's financial condition, results and business operations.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Distribution of notice of stockholders' meeting, definitive information statement, proxy form and management report which is at least fifteen (15) business days from the date of the annual stockholders' meeting (SRC Rule 20. 3, C, iv) and at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual stockholders' meeting (Art. II, Sec. 4, By-laws)	
Supplement to Recommendations 8.1 1. Company distributes or makes available annual			
and quarterly consolidated reports, cash flow statements, and special audit revisions. Consolidated financial statements are published within ninety (90) days from the end of the fiscal year, while interim reports are published within forty-five (45) days from the end of the reporting period.	Compliance	*http://edge.pse.com.ph/companyDisclos ures/form.do?cmpy_id=173	
<ol> <li>Company discloses in its annual report the principal risks associated with the identity of the company's controlling shareholders; the degree of ownership concentration; cross-holdings among company affiliates; and any imbalances between the controlling shareholders' voting power and overall equity position in the company.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*SEC 17-A 2017 on Operational and Financial Information	
Recommendation 8.2			
<ol> <li>Company has a policy requiring all directors to disclose/report to the company any dealings in the company's shares within three business days.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*ACGR 2017 page 18.	
<ol> <li>Company has a policy requiring all officers to disclose/report to the company any dealings in the company's shares within three business days.</li> </ol>	Compliance		

Supplement to Recommendation 8.2			
<ol> <li>Company discloses the trading of the corporation's shares by directors, officers (or persons performing similar functions) and controlling shareholders. This includes the disclosure of the company's purchase of its shares from the market (e.g. share buy-back program).</li> </ol>	Compliance	* SEC 17-A 2017 *Please see attached Map of Conglomerate	
Recommendation 8.3			
<ol> <li>Board fully discloses all relevant and material information on individual board members to evaluate their experience and qualifications, and assess any potential conflicts of interest that might affect their judgment.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*SEC 17-A 2017 Item 5 Directors and Executive Officers	
<ol> <li>Board fully discloses all relevant and material information on key executives to evaluate their experience and qualifications, and assess any potential conflicts of interest that might affect their judgment.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*SEC 17-A 2017 Item 5 Directors and Executive Officers	
Recommendation 8.4			
<ol> <li>Company provides a clear disclosure of its policies and procedure for setting Board remuneration, including the level and mix of the same.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*None of the Directors receive compensation for serving as Directors of the Company. The President has no remuneration benefit.	
<ol> <li>Company provides a clear disclosure of its policies and procedure for setting executive remuneration, including the level and mix of the same.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Sec 17-A Item 10 Executive Compensation	
<ol> <li>Company discloses the remuneration on an individual basis, including termination and retirement provisions.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*The members of the Board of Director are elected for a term of one year. Director per diem are at a ate of Php8,000.00 (net of ewt) per board meeting. Except for the Chairman and the CEO, Directors, are not entitled to compensation package.	

Recommendation 8.5			
<ol> <li>Company discloses its policies governing Related Party Transactions (RPTs) and other unusual or infrequently occurring transactions in their Manual on Corporate Governance.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*ACGR 2017 pages 21-23.	
<ol> <li>Company discloses material or significant RPTs reviewed and approved during the year.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Audited FS 2017 Note 8.	
Supplement to Recommendation 8.5			
<ol> <li>Company requires directors to disclose their interests in transactions or any other conflict of interests.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Mr. Kenneth T. Gatchalian is the son of Ms. Dee Hua T. Gatchalian. Ms. Elvira A. Ting is a sister of Ms. Dee Hua T. Gatchalian and an aunt of Kenneth T. Gatchalian.	
		Mr. Reno Magadia is also a son of Mr. Renato B. Magadia.	
Optional : Recommendation 8.5			
<ol> <li>Company discloses that RPTs are conducted in such a way to ensure that they are fair and at arms' length.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*ACGR 2017	
Recommendation 8.6			
<ol> <li>Company makes a full, fair, accurate and timely disclosure to the public of every material fact or event that occur, particularly on the acquisition or disposal of significant assets, which could adversely affect the viability or the interest of its shareholders and other stakeholders.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*http://edge.pse.com.ph/companyDisclos ures/form.do?cmpy_id=173	
<ol> <li>Board appoints an independent party to evaluate the fairness of the transaction price on the acquisition or disposal of assets.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Appraisal of the certain real estate property.	
Supplement to Recommendation 8.6			
<ol> <li>Company discloses the existence, justification and details on shareholder agreements, voting trust agreements, confidentiality agreements, and such other agreements that may impact on the control, ownership, and strategic direction of the company.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Manual on CG.	

#### 1. Company's corporate governance policies, Compliance programs and procedures are contained in its Manual on Corporate Governance (MCG). \*https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xc6d6Xp gtOPpSDc9Y\_CFxVEV6KLS-GT4/view 2. Company's MCG is submitted to the SEC and PSE. Compliance 3. Company's MCG is posted on its company Compliance website. Supplement to Recommendation 8.7 1. Company submits to the SEC and PSE an updated \*https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xc6d6Xp MCG to disclose any changes in its corporate Compliance gtOPpSDc9Y\_CFxVEV6KLS-GT4/view governance practices. **Optional:** Principle 8 1. Does the company's Annual Report disclose the following information: a. Corporate Objectives Compliance \*SEC 17-A Business and General Information b. Financial performance indicators \*SEC 17-A Management's Discussion and Compliance Analysis or Plan of Operation c. Non-financial performance indicators \*SEC 17-A Key Variable and Others Compliance Qualitative and Quantitative Factors d. Dividend Policy \*SEC 17-A Market for Registrant's Common Compliance Equity and Related Stockholder Matters e. Biographical details (at least age, academic Compliance qualifications, date of first appointment. relevant experience, and other directorships \*SEC 17-A Item 9. Directors and Executive in listed companies) of all directors officers of the Registrant f. Attendance details of each director in all Compliance directors meetings held during the year

g.	Total remuneration of each member of the	Compliance
	board of directors	

Item 9. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

#### 2. The Annual Report contains a statement Compliance \*SEC 17-A confirming the company's full compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance and where there is non-compliance, identifies and explains reason for each such issue. 3. The Annual Report/Annual CG Report discloses Compliance \*The Board of Directors affix their signatures that the board of directors conducted a review of on the report to state is authenticity. the company's material controls (including operational, financial and compliance controls) and risk management systems. 4. The Annual Report/Annual CG Report contains a Compliance \*SEC 20IS – Definitive stated the approval of statement from the board of directors or Audit audited FS wherein it sates that BOD is Committee commenting on the adequacy of the mainly responsible for the overall risk company's internal controls/risk management management approach and for the systems. approval of risk strategies and principles of the Group. It also has the overall responsibility for the development of risk strategies, principles, frameworks, policies and limits. It establishes a forum of discussion of the Group's approach to risk issues in order to make relevant decisions. 5. The company discloses in the Annual Report the \*SEC 17-A Financial Risk and Capital Compliance key risks to which the company is materially Management Objectives and Policies exposed to (i.e. financial, operational including IT, environmental, social, economic). Principle 9: The company should establish standards for the appropriate selection of an external auditor, and exercise effective oversight of the same to strengthen the external auditor's independence and enhance audit quality. Recommendation 9.1 1. Audit Committee has a robust process for \*Manual on Corporate Governance Compliance approving and recommending the appointment, reappointment, removal, and fees of the external auditors. 2. The appointment, reappointment, removal, and \*Manual on Corporate Governance Compliance fees of the external auditor is recommended by the Audit Committee, approved by the Board and ratified by the shareholders.

<ol> <li>For removal of the external auditor, the reasons for removal or change are disclosed to the regulators and the public through the company website and required disclosures.</li> <li>Supplement to Recommendation 9.1</li> </ol>	Compliance	*There were no changes in and disagreements with the accountants nor with the current accounting firm relating on accounting and financial disclosure.	
<ol> <li>Company has a policy of rotating the lead audit partner every five years.</li> <li>Recommendation 9.2</li> </ol>	Compliance	*In compliance with SRC Rule 68, Paragraph 3(b)(iv) which states that external auditors shall be rotated every after 5 years of engagement, The signing partner of the company for the past 5 years Mr. Virgilio L. Manguilimotan was replaced by the current partner, Mr. Tireso Randy F. Lapidez.	
<ol> <li>Audit Committee Charter includes the Audit Committee's responsibility on:</li> <li>assessing the integrity and independence of external auditors;</li> <li>exercising effective oversight to review and monitor the external auditor's independence and objectivity; and</li> <li>exercising effective oversight to review and monitor the effectiveness of the audit process, taking into consideration relevant Philippine professional and regulatory requirements.</li> </ol>	Non- Compliance		*Currently none but in progress.
<ol> <li>Audit Committee Charter contains the Committee's responsibility on reviewing and monitoring the external auditor's suitability and effectiveness on an annual basis.</li> <li>Supplement to Recommendations 9.2</li> </ol>	Non- Compliance		*Currently none but in progress.

1.	Audit Committee ensures that the external auditor	Compliance	*Manual on Comparet		
	is credible, competent and has the ability to understand complex related party transactions, its counterparties, and valuations of such transactions.	Compliance	*Manual on Corporate Governance and ACGR 2017.		
2.	Audit Committee ensures that the external auditor	Compliance	*Manual on Company of		
	has adequate quality control procedures.	Compliance	*Manual on Corporate Governance and ACGR 2017.		
	commendation 9.3				
1.	Company discloses the nature of non-audit services performed by its external auditor in the Annual Report to deal with the potential conflict of interest.	Compliance	*ACGR 2017 Audit Control Policies and Procedures		
2.	Audit Committee stays alert for any potential conflict of interest situations, given the guidelines or policies on non-audit services, which could be viewed as impairing the external auditor's objectivity.	Compliance	*ACGR 2017 Audit Control Policies and Procedures		
Sup	plement to Recommendation 9.3				
1.	Fees paid for non-audit services do not outweigh the fees paid for audit services.	Compliance	*ACGR 2017 pages 44-45.		
Add	ditional Recommendation to Principle 9				
	Company's external auditor is duly accredited by the SEC under Group A category.	Compliance	*R.G. Manabat and Co. Tireso Randy F. Lapidez BIR Accreditation no. 08-001987-034-2017 Date issued – September 04, 2017 Date expired – September 03, 2020		
	Company's external auditor agreed to be subjected to the SEC Oversight Assurance Review (SOAR) Inspection Program conducted by the SEC's Office of the General Accountant (OGA).	Compliance	*SEC has made this mandatory every year but the Company has not yet been inspected to check on the audit procedures performed by the engagement team.		
Prin	Principle 10: The company should ensure that the material and reportable non-financial and sustainability issues are disclosed.				
Rec	Recommendation 10.1				

<ol> <li>Board has a clear and focused policy on the disclosure of non-financial information, with emphasis on the management of economic, environmental, social and governance (EESG) issues of its business, which underpin sustainability.</li> <li>Company adopts a globally recognized standard/framework in reporting sustainability and non-financial issues.</li> </ol>	Non- Compliance Non- Compliance		*Currently, does not adopt this policy on disclosure of non-financial information, with emphasis on the management of economic, environmental, social and governance (EESG) issues of its business. *Does not adopt the policy yet but is guided by the Company's Standard Operating Procedures.
Principle 11: The company should maintain a comprehe informed decision-making by investors, stakeholders, and	ensive and cost-efficient	cient communication channel for disseminating	relevant information. This channel is crucial for
informed decision-making by investors, stakeholders and Recommendation 11.1	d other interested u	sers.	
<ol> <li>Company has media and analysts' briefings as channels of communication to ensure the timely and accurate dissemination of public, material and relevant information to its shareholders and other investors.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/wpi/	
Supplemental to Principle 11			
<ol> <li>Company has a website disclosing up-to-date information on the following:</li> </ol>			
a. Financial statements/reports (latest quarterly)	Compliance		
b. Materials provided in briefings to analysts and media	Compliance		
c. Downloadable annual report	Compliance	*http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/wpi/	
d. Notice of ASM and/or SSM	Compliance		
e. Minutes of ASM and/or SSM	Compliance		
f. Company's Articles of Incorporation and By- Laws	Compliance		
Additional Recommendation to Principle 11			

Compliance	*http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/wpi/	
Internal Control S	vstem and Bisk Management Framework	
oper governance	in the conduct of its affairs, the company should	d have a strong and effective internal control
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Compliance	*The control environment of the Corporation consists of (a) the Board which ensures that the Corporation is property and effectively managed and supervised; (b) a Management that actively manages and operates the Corporation in a sound and prudent manner; (c) the organizational and procedural controls supported by effective management information and risk management reporting systems; and (d) an independent audit mechanism to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the Corporation's governance, operations, and information system, including the reliability and integrity of financial and operational information, the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, the safeguarding of assets, and compliance with laws, rules regulations and contracts	
Compliance	*Manual on Corporate Governance	
Compliance		
Compliance	*SEC 20IS-Definitive ; Manual on Corporate Governance	
	Internal Control S oper governance Compliance	Internal Control System and Risk Management Framework         oper governance in the conduct of its affairs, the company should         Compliance       *The control environment of the Corporation consists of (a) the Board which ensures that the Corporation is property and effectively managed and supervised; (b) a Management that actively manages and operates the Corporation in a sound and procedural controls supported by effective management information and risk management reporting systems; and (d) an independent audit mechanism to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the Corporation's governance, operations, and information, the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, the safeguarding of assets, and compliance with laws, rules regulations and contracts         Compliance       *Manual on Corporate Governance

#### **Optional: Recommendation 12.1** 1. Company has a governance process on IT issues Compliance \*Guided by the Company's Standard including disruption, cyber security, and disaster Operating Procedures. recovery, to ensure that all key risks are identified. managed and reported to the board. Recommendation 12.2 1. Company has in place an independent internal Compliance \*Guided by the Company's Standard audit function that provides an independent and Operating Procedures. objective assurance, and consulting services designed to add value and improve the company's operations. Recommendation 12.3 1. Company has a qualified Chief Audit Executive Compliance \*Chief Audit Executive - Arbie Redoña (CAE) appointed by the Board. 2. CAE oversees and is responsible for the internal Compliance \*Conducts quarterly audit or from time to audit activity of the organization, including that time to ensure compliance of the SOPs. portion that is outsourced to a third party service provider. 3. In case of a fully outsourced internal audit Compliance Appointed Arbie Redona to perform the tasks activity, qualified independent executive or senior management personnel is assigned the responsibility for managing the fully outsourced internal audit activity. Recommendation 12.4 1. Company has a separate risk management Compliance \*ACGR 2017 pages 36-40. function to identify, assess and monitor key risk exposures. pagesment to Recommendation 12.4 1. Company seeks external technical support in risk Not-Compliance \*Currently, the Company does not need the management when such competence is not assistance from external technical support in risk available internally. management. Recommendation 12.5

<ol> <li>In managing the company's Risk Management System, the company has a Chief Risk Officer (CRO), who is the ultimate champion of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM).</li> <li>CRO has adequate authority, stature, resources</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Chief Risk Officer - Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis Jr.	
and support to fulfill his/her responsibilities.	Compliance	*ACGR 2017	
Additional Recommendation to Principle 12			
<ol> <li>Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Audit Executive attest in writing, at least annually, that a sound internal audit, control and compliance system is in place and working effectively.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*For report completion, a report was given to the Chief Executive Officer by the Audit Executive thru company's registered email.	
	Cultivatina a \$	ynergic Relationship with Shareholders	
Principle 13: The company should treat all shareholders t Recommendation 13.1	airly and equitably	and also recognize protect and facilitate the	
recention 15.1	, and equilably	, and also recognize, protect and raciillate the exer	ercise of their rights.
<ol> <li>Board ensures that basic shareholder rights are disclosed in the Manual on Corporate Governance.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/wpi/	
<ol> <li>Board ensures that basic shareholder rights are disclosed on the company's website.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/wpi/	
Supplement to Recommendation 13.1			
<ol> <li>Company's common share has one vote for one share.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/wpi/	
<ol> <li>Board ensures that all shareholders of the same class are treated equally with respect to voting rights, subscription rights and transfer rights.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*SEC 20IS-Definitive	
<ol> <li>Board has an effective, secure, and efficient voting system.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Performed thru show of hands.	
<ol> <li>Board has an effective shareholder voting mechanisms such as supermajority or "majority of minority" requirements to protect minority shareholders against actions of controlling shareholders.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*SEC 20IS-Definitive; SEC 17-A 2017	

5.	Board allows shareholders to call a special shareholders' meeting and submit a proposal for consideration or agenda item at the AGM or special meeting.	Compliance	*Thru minutes of the meeting, notices and other sources might be applicable.	
6.	Board clearly articulates and enforces policies with respect to treatment of minority shareholders.	Compliance	*SEC 20IS-Definitive; SEC 17-A 2017; ACGR 2017 pages 39-40.	
	dividend policy.	Compliance	*The Company has not issue dividends since the year 2000. However, it promises to declare dividends once the deficit is offset and the market for the coming years proper.	
Op	tional: Recommendation 13.1			
1.	Company appoints an independent party to count and/or validate the votes at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.	Non- Compliance		*Voting done thru majority by showing of hands.
Rec	commendation 13.2			
1.	Board encourages active shareholder participation by sending the Notice of Annual and Special Shareholders' Meeting with sufficient and relevant information at least 28 days before the meeting.	Compliance	*Distribution of notice of stockholders' meeting, definitive information statement, proxy form and management report which is at least fifteen (15) business days from the date of the annual stockholders' meeting (SRC Rule 20. 3, C, iv) and at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual stockholders' meeting (Art. II, Sec. 4, By-laws).	
	plemental to Recommendation 13.2			
1.	Meeting contains the following information:		*Provide link or reference to the company's notice of Annual Shareholders' Meeting	
С	a. The profiles of directors (i.e., age, academic qualifications, date of first appointment, experience, and directorships in other listed companies)	Compliance	*SEC 20IS-Definitive contains all necessary information and references.	
b	qualifications, date of first appointment, experience, and directorships in other listed companies) b. Auditors seeking appointment/re-appointment	Compliance	*SEC 20IS-Definitive contains all necessary	
b	qualifications, date of first appointment, experience, and directorships in other listed companies)		information and references.	

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1. Ro	Company provides rationale for the agenda items for the annual stockholders meeting	Compliance	<ol> <li>Call to Order</li> <li>Report on Attendance and Quorum</li> <li>Approval of Minutes of Stockholders' Meeting held on September 19, 2016</li> <li>Report to Stockholders for the Year 2016</li> <li>Ratification of Acts of the Board and Management for 2016</li> <li>Election of Board of Directors</li> <li>Appointment of External Auditor</li> <li>Appointment of External Counsel</li> <li>Other Business</li> <li>Adjournment</li> </ol>	
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1.	Board encourages active shareholder participation by making the result of the votes taken during the most recent Annual or Special Shareholders' Meeting publicly available the next working day.	Compliance	*http://edge.pse.com.ph/companyDisclos ures/form.do?cmpy_id=173	
2.	Minutes of the Annual and Special Shareholders' Meetings were available on the company website within five business days from the end of the meeting.	Compliance	*http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/wpi/	
	plement to Recommendation 13.3			
	Board ensures the attendance of the external auditor and other relevant individuals to answer shareholders questions during the ASM and SSM.	Compliance	*Representatives of said firm are expected to be present at the stockholders' meeting, and they will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.	
	ommendation 13.4			
	Board makes available, at the option of a shareholder, an alternative dispute mechanism to resolve intra-corporate disputes in an amicable and effective manner.	Compliance	*http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/wpi/	
	The alternative dispute mechanism is included in the company's Manual on Corporate Governance.	Compliance	*http://www.waterfronthotels.com.ph/wpi/	

Recommendation 13.5								
<ol> <li>Board establishes an Investor Relations Office (IRO) to ensure constant engagement with its shareholders.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Investor Relation Officer is Mr. Richard Ricado.						
2. IRO is present at every shareholder's meeting.	Non- Compliance		*Previously, the IRO has not attended the ASM due to some important matters he needs to attend to.					
Supplemental Recommendations to Principle 13								
<ol> <li>Board avoids anti-takeover measures or similar devices that may entrench ineffective management or the existing controlling shareholder group</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Corporation's by-laws; Manual on Corporate Governance						
<ol> <li>Company has at least thirty percent (30%) public float to increase liquidity in the market.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*53.17% as of May 2018.						
Optional: Principle 13								
<ol> <li>Company has policies and practices to encourage shareholders to engage with the company beyond the Annual Stockholders' Meeting</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Send notices and invitations.						
2. Company practices secure electronic voting in absentia at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.	Non- Compliance		*Polling of votes thru showing of hands.					
		Duties to Stakeholders						
Principle 14: The rights of stakeholders established by law and/or interests are at stake, stakeholders should have t Recommendation 14.1	w, by contractual re the opportunity to a	elations and through voluntary commitments mu btain prompt effective redress for the violation	ust be respected. Where stakeholders' rights of their rights.					
<ol> <li>Board identifies the company's various stakeholders and promotes cooperation between them and the company in creating wealth, growth and sustainability.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*http://edge.pse.com.ph/companyDisclos ures/form.do?cmpy_id=173						
Recommendation 14.2								
<ol> <li>Board establishes clear policies and programs to provide a mechanism on the fair treatment and protection of stakeholders.</li> </ol>	Compliance	*Manual on Corporate Governance						
Recommendation 14.3								

1.	Board adopts a transparent framework and	Compliance	*Manual on Corporate Governance; ACGR	
	process that allow stakeholders to communicate		2017	
	with the company and to obtain redress for the violation of their rights.		1-9230	
Supr	plement to Recommendation 14.3			
1. (	Company establishes an alternative dispute	Carrow		
r	resolution system so that conflicts and differences	Compliance	*The Company makes sure that all	
1	with key stakeholders is settled in a fair and		complaints, suggestions, feedbacks and	
6	expeditious manner.		comments are properly addressed and	
			acted upon immediately.	
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1. (	tional Recommendations to Principle 14			
1. 0	Company does not seek any exemption from the application of a law, rule or regulation especially	Compliance	*SEC 20IS-Definitive ; ACGR 2017	
v	when it refers to a corporate governance issue. If			
C	in exemption was sought, the company discloses			
t ti	he reason for such action, as well as presents the			
S	pecific steps being taken to finally comply with			
11	ne applicable law, rule or regulation.			
2. C	Company respects intellectual property rights.			
	sempary respects intellection property lights.	Compliance	*Logos, trademarks and other IPs were	
			registered with the governing body in the Philippines.	
Optio	nal: Principle 14			
1. C	company discloses its policies and practices that	Compliance	*ACGR 2017	
a	ddress customers' welfare			
2 0	iompany discloses its policies and see it.			
2. C	ompany discloses its policies and practices that ddress supplier/contractor selection procedures	Compliance	*Part of the Company's Standard	
	and as sopplier, contractor selection procedures		Operating Procedures.	
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Princip	ole 15: A mechanism for employee participation sh	ould be developed	to create a symbiotic environment, realize the	e company's goals and participate in its corporate
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	nmendation 15.1			
1. Bo	pard establishes policies, programs and	Compliance	*SEC 20IS-Definitive	
p	ocedures that encourage employees to ctively participate in the realization of the			
CC	ompany's goals and in its governance.			
Supple	ement to Recommendation 15.1			

1. 2.	Company has a reward/compensation policy that accounts for the performance of the company beyond short-term financial measures. Company has policies and practices on health, safety and welfare of its employees.	Non- Compliance Non- Compliance	*Manual on Corporate Governance; ACGR 2017	*The Corporation does not have any ESOP and no existing policy on reward/compensation for the performance of the company beyond short- term financial measures.
3.	and development of its employees.	Compliance	*SEC 20IS-Definitive Training	
Re 1.	commendation 15.2 Board sets the tone and makes a stand against corrupt practices by adopting an anti-corruption policy and program in its Code of Conduct.	Compliance	*Anti-corruption programmes and procedures – This was design to make sure that all peers are under one goal. Anti corruption programs and procedures are discussed earlier. Aside from quarterly audit on standard operating procedures if being followed, the company also adds whistle blowing.	
2.	Board disseminates the policy and program to employees across the organization through trainings to embed them in the company's culture.	Compliance	*Disseminated thru approved project briefs and mediums stated at employees handbook which serves as the central platform for disseminating information to staff.	
1.	Delement to Recommendation 15.2 Company has clear and stringent policies and procedures on curbing and penalizing employee involvement in offering, paying and receiving bribes.	Compliance	*ACGR 2017	
1.	commendation 15.3 Board establishes a suitable framework for whistleblowing that allows employees to freely communicate their concerns about illegal or unethical practices, without fear of retaliation	Compliance	*ACGR 2017;Company's Standard Operating Procedures	

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2.	Board establishes a suitable framework for whistleblowing that allows employees to have direct access to an independent member of the Board or a unit created to handle whistleblowing concerns. Board supervises and ensures the enforcement of	Compliance Compliance	*ACGR 2017;Company's Standard Operating Procedures *Manual on Corporate Governance	
Section 1	the whistleblowing framework.			
un	nciple 16: The company should be socially responsible d stakeholders in a positive and progressive manner t commendation 16.1	in all its dealings w nat is fully supportiv	ith the communities where it operates. It should e of its comprehensive and balanced develop	l ensure that its interactions serve its environment ment.
1.	Company recognizes and places importance on the interdependence between business and society, and promotes a mutually beneficial relationship that allows the company to grow its business, while contributing to the advancement of the society where it operates.	Compliance	*The Company has CSR or Corporate Social Responsibility activities.	
Ор	tional: Principle 16			
1.	Company ensures that its value chain is environmentally friendly or is consistent with promoting sustainable development	Compliance	*The Company complies to all permits needed in order not to violate the environment.	
2.	Company exerts effort to interact positively with the communities in which it operates	Compliance	*The Company has CSR or Corporate Social Responsibility activities.	



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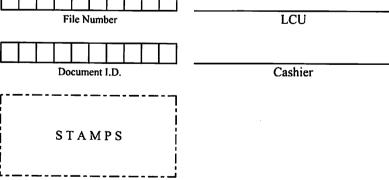
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#### A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 1) Board of Directors

Number of Directors per Articles of Incorporation	9	
Actual number of Directors for the year	9	

#### (a) Composition of the Board

Director's Name	Type [Executive (ED), Non- Executive (NED) or Independent Director (ID)]	Date last elected (if ID, state the number of years served as ID)	No. of years served as director
Renato B. Magadia	Chairman of the Board		
-		Annual	13
Kenneth T. Gatchalian	President/Director	Annual	16
Elvira A. Ting	Treasurer/Director	Annual	17
Reno I. Magadia	Director	Annual	12
Lamberto B. Mercado	Director	Annual	14
Dee Hua T. Gatchalian	Director	Annual	13
Arthur M. Lopez	Independent Director	Annual	17
- Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis, Jr.	Independent Director	Annual	11
- Ruben D. Torres	Independent Director	Annual	11

\*All Directors where last elected and elected during the Annual Stockholder's Meeting on September 23, 2017.

\*Nominators were coming from the stockholders.

#### (b) Corporate Governance

The following are the point-by-point compliance of the Company to the Manual:

The Company has a compliance officer, Precilla O. Toriano, as required by the Manual for Corporate Governance. Said Compliance Officer reported directly to the Chairman of the Board and in his absence, to the executives of the Company.

(i) The Compliance Officer monitored the compliance regarding the provisions and requirements of the Corporate for Governance Manual.

(ii) The Compliance Officer is issuing this certification to the extent of compliance of the Company to this Manual.

(iii) The Compliance Officer has identified, monitor and controlled the compliance risks involved in the Company considering the large scope of its operations and the accounting procedures that have to be done correspondingly

(iv) The Board of Directors has taken care of its responsibility to foster long-term success of the Corporation through its meeting every other month. Each meeting has been carefully recorded in minutes. The authority given to each Board member has been within the by-laws of the Company and within the limits of the law.

(v) The Board of Directors has implemented a process of selection to ensure the combination of its directors and officers.

(vi) The Corporation through the Board and the Corporate Secretary has complied with all the relevant laws, regulations and codes of best business practices.

(vii) The Board of Directors has implemented the proper disclosure of information to its stockholders as exemplified in the General Information Statement sent to each of them.

(viii) According to Company's assessment, the directors have conducted fair business transactions with the Corporation, seen to it that personal interests did not prejudice their Board decisions, have devoted time and attention needed for the discharge of their duties and responsibilities, acted judiciously, exercised independent judgment, observed confidentiality, and ensured the continuing soundness, effectiveness and adequacy of the Corporation's internal control environment.

(ix) The Board has created committees, namely: the Nomination Committee, Compensation & Remuneration Committee, and the Audit Committee.

(x) The Nomination Committee, composed of 3 voting directors (one is independent), is in charge of the screening of the candidates for a seat in the Board of Directors in accordance to the qualifications set in the Manual. Said Committee has also considered the disqualifications specifically enumerated.

(xi) The Compensation and Remuneration Committee is composed of three members, one of them is independent as provided for in the guidelines.

(xii) The Compensation and Remuneration Committee has made sure that the compensation of the key officers and executives of the Company was in line with the culture and policies of the Company.

(xiii) The Compensation and Remuneration Committee has developed a formal and transparent procedure for developing a policy on executive remuneration and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual directors and officers. The Committee has also developed a system regarding disclosure of all the incoming officers as to their business interests which might be in conflict with that of the Company. No director or officer has been allowed to decide on his own remuneration.

(xiv) The Compensation and Remuneration Committee has provided annual reports, information and proxy statements on the disclosure of the compensation for the executives and officers of the Company.

(xv) The Audit Committee has been composed of three members, one of whom is independent. The said Committee has reviewed all financial reports against compliance with both the internal financial management policy and pertinent accounting standards. The Committee has also reviewed management policies on financial management, audit plans, interface with the internal and external auditors. The Committee has also developed a financial management system that ensured the integrity of internal control activities throughout the Company.

(xvi) The Corporate Secretary of Waterfront Philippines, Inc. is Atty. Arthur R. Ponsaran, a Filipino citizen. He possesses the administrative and interpersonal skills. He is also a Certified Public Accountant. He gathered all documents with regard to the discharge of his duties and responsibilities, prepared board meeting notices, submitted through the SEC 17C the annual certification as to attendance of the directors during Board meetings.

(xvii) The External Auditor was chosen by the Board and approved by the stockholders upon recommendations of the Audit Committee.

(xviii) The Internal Auditor reporting directly to the Audit Committee provided reasonable assurance that the key organizational and procedural controls were effective, appropriate and complied.

(xix) The Manual for Corporate Governance has been made available to discerning stockholders during office hours of Waterfront Philippines, Inc.

(xx) The reports required for the Manual were prepared and submitted to the Commission.

(xxi) All material information that could potentially affect shares was publicly disclosed in accordance with the rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange and the Commission. The Annual Reports were properly disseminated to the stockholders.

(xxii) The stockholders were given the right to elect, remove and replace directors in accordance with the Corporation Code. Cumulative was used during the last annual stockholders' meeting. They were also provided the power of inspection of the corporate books and records including the minutes of the Board Meetings, without costs and restrictions.

#### **Other Matters**

(i) The Compliance Officer was deemed to have reported grave violations of the Manual but since there was none, none was reported.

(ii) The Compliance Officer was deemed to have appeared before the Securities and Exchange Commission upon summons but since there was none; said Officer was not compelled to.

(iii) For Waterfront Philippines, Inc. being a holding company and limited in terms of physical office space with only a few people holding key functions, it was enough that a few copies were available for inspection by all of its few employees.

(iv) The company did not issue any additional shares during the year to make use of the preemptive right for the stockholders.

(v) The shareholders had been granted the right to propose the holding of a meeting, right to propose items in the agenda, but to date none has been communicated to the management of the Company regarding such proposals.

(vi) The right to dividends has always been in mind of the Company but in the year 2017 no

dividends have been issued due to financial status of the Company.

(vii) None so far has expressed to exercise his right to Appraisal in the last annual meeting of the stockholders.

#### (c) Vision and Mission

Since 1999 up to present, the Board has consistently reviewed the vision and mission but has not changed any of the following contents.

### Mission:

To provide equal opportunities and fair treatment to all employees for growth and advancement. To pursue relentlessly a means to capture and augment business with the highest level of integrity in the pursuit of profitability. To carry out company plans and programs with the highest degree of professionalism. To spearhead community based projects for the development of the tourism industry. To reach out to every customer with utmost passion, dedication and excellence

#### Vision:

To be the leader in the Tourism Industry committed to provide the gracious Filipino hospitality towards total customer satisfaction.

#### (d) Directorship in Other Companies

Director's Name	Corporate Name of the Group Company	Type of Directorship (Executive, Non- Executive, Independent). Indicate if director is also the Chairman.
Renato B. Magadia	Vice-Chairman/Director	
Kenneth T. Gatchalian	Waterfront Cebu City Casino Hotel Inc. Waterfront Mactan Casino Hotel Inc. Waterfront Insular Hotel Davao Inc. Waterfront Promotions Limited Mayo Bonanza, Inc. Grand Ilocandia Resort Development Inc. Acesite Phils. (Hotel) Inc.	President/Director
Elvira A. Ting	Waterfront Cebu City Casino Hotel Inc. Waterfront Mactan Casino Hotel Inc. Waterfront Insular Hotel Davao Inc. Waterfront Promotions Limited Mayo Bonanza, Inc. Grand Ilocandia Resort Development Inc. Acesite Phils. (Hotel) Inc.	Treasurer/Director
Reno I. Magadia	NA	NA
Arthur M. Lopez	Acesite (Phils.) Hotel Corp.	Chairman/Independent Director
Dee Hua T. Gatchalian	Acesite (Phils.) Hotel Corp.	Director
Lamberto B. Mercado, Jr.	Acesite (Phils.) Hotel Corp. Waterfront Food Concepts, Inc. Waterfront Hotel Management Corp. Waterfront Wellness Group Inc.	Director

### (i) Directorship in the Company's Group (within the Group)

- Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis, Jr.	NA	NA
- Ruben D. Torres	NA	NA

#### (ii) Directorship in the Other Listed Companies

Director's Name	Name of Listed Company	Type of Directorship (Executive, Non-Executive, Independent). Indicate if director is also the Chairman.
Renato B. Magadia	Metro Alliance Holdings	NA
Kenneth T. Gatchalian	Wellex Industries Inc.	Director
	Phil. Estates Corp.	Director
	Forum Pacific Inc.	Director
Elvira A. Ting	Wellex Industries Inc.	Director
2	Phil. Estates Corp.	President/CEO
	Forum Pacific Inc.	Director
Reno I. Magadia	NA	NA
Arthur M. Lopez	Phil. Estates Corp.	NA
Dee Hua T. Gatchalian	Wellex Industries Inc.	EVP-Finance&Admin
	Phil. Estates Corp.	Director
Lamberto B. Mercado, Jr.	Phil. Estates Corp.	Director
	Metro Alliance Holdings	Director
	Forum Pacific Inc.	Director
- Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis, Jr.	Phil. Estates Corp.	Director
- Ruben D. Torres	NA	NA

#### (iii) Relationship within the Company and its Group

Mr. Kenneth T. Gatchalian is the son of Ms. Dee Hua T. Gatchalian. Ms. Elvira A. Ting is a sister of Ms. Dee Hua T. Gatchalian and an aunt of Kenneth T. Gatchalian. Mr. Reno Magadia is also a son of Mr. Renato B. Magadia.

(iii) Relationship within the Company and its Group

#### Multiple Board Seats

The Board may consider the adoption of guidelines on the number of directorships that its members can hold in stock and non-stock corporations. The optimum number should take into consideration the capacity of a director to diligently and efficiently perform his duties and responsibilities. The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and other executive directors may be covered by a lower indicative limit for membership in other boards. A similar limit may apply to independent or non-executive directors who, at the same time, serve as full-time executives in other corporations. In any case, the capacity of the directors to diligently and efficiently perform their duties and responsibilities to the boards they serve shall not be compromised.

Any two (2) or more positions may be held concurrently by the same person, except that no one shall act as President and Treasurer or Secretary at the same time.

#### (e) Shareholding in the Company

Members of the Company's Board of Directors who directly and indirectly own shares in the company.

Title Of Class	Name of Owner	Amount and Nature of Ownership ("r" or "b")	Percent of Class
Common	Renato B. Magadia	200 r&b	0.000
Common	Kenneth T. Gatchalian	30, 000, 100 r&b	1.200
Common	Arthur M. Lopez	1 r&b	0.000
Common	Elvira A. Ting	10, 000, 009 r&b	0.400
Common	Lamberto Mercado	100 r&b	0.000
Common	Arthur R. Ponsaran	110 r&b	0.000
Common	Dee Hua T. Gatchalian	350, 000 r <b>&amp;b</b>	0.014
Common	Reno Magadia	10, 000 r&b	0.000
Common	Sergio R. Otiz-Luis Jr.	110 r&b	0.000
Common	Ruben Torres	1, 000 <b>r&amp;b</b>	0.000

#### 2) Chairman and CEO

(a) Chairman and CEO

Chairman of the Board - Renato B. Magadia CEO / President - Kenneth T. Gatchalian

#### (b) Roles, Accountabilities and Deliverables

**Chairman of the Board** – The Chairman of the Board of directors shall preside at the meetings of the Directors and the shareholders. He shall also exercise such powers and perform duties as the Board of directors may assign to him.

**President / CEO** - The President, who shall be a Director, shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the corporation and shall also have an administration and direction of the day-to-day business affairs of the corporation. He shall exercise the following functions:

(i) To preside at the meetings of the Board of directors and of the shareholders in the absence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors;

(ii) To initiate and develop corporate objectives and policies and formulate long range projects, plans and programs for the approval of the Board of Directors, including those for executive training, development and compensation;

(iii) To have general supervision and management of the business affairs and property of the corporation;

(iv) To ensure that the administrative and operational policies of the corporation are carried out under his supervision and control;

(v) Subject to guidelines prescribed by law, to appoint, remove, suspend or discipline employees of the corporation, prescribe their duties, and determine their salaries;

(vi) To oversee the preparation of the budgets and the statement of accounts of the corporation;

(vii) To prepare such statements and reports of the corporation as may be required of him bylaw;

(viii) To present the corporation at all functions and proceedings;

(ix) To execute on behalf of the corporation all contracts, agreements and other instruments affecting the interests of the corporation which require the approval of the Board of Directors, except as otherwise directed by the Board of Directors;

(x) To make reports to the Board of Directors and shareholders;

(xi) To sign certificates of share;

(xii) To perform such other duties as are incident to his office or are entrusted to him by the

### **Board of Directors**

The President may assign the exercise or performance of any of the foregoing powers, duties and functions to any other officer (s), subject always to his supervision and control.

3) Plans of the Board of Directors for the succession of the CEO/ Managing Director/ President and the top key management positions.

Under Section 8 Article III of Amended By-Laws, any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors other than by removal by the shareholders or by expiration of term, may be filled by the vote of at least a majority of the remaining director, if still constituting a quorum, otherwise, the vacancy must be filled by the shareholders at a regular or at any special meeting of shareholders called for the purpose.

#### 4) Other Executive, Non-Executive and Independent Auditors

#### 4.1 Responsibilities, Duties and Functions of the Board

#### (i) General Responsibility

It is the Board's responsibility to foster the long-term success of the Corporation, and to sustain its competitiveness and profitability in a manner consistent with its corporate objectives and the best interests of its stockholders. The Board shall formulate the Corporation's vision, mission, strategic objectives, and policies and procedures that shall guide its activities, including the means to effectively monitor Management's performance.

#### (ii) Duties and Functions

To ensure a high standard of best practice for the Corporation and its stockholders, the Board shall conduct itself with honesty and integrity in the performance of among others the following duties and functions:

a) Implement a process for the selection of directors who can add value and contribute independent judgment to the formulation of sound corporate strategies and policies, appoint competent, professional, honest and highly motivated management officers, and adopt an effective succession planning program for Management.

b) Provide sound strategic policies and guidelines to the Corporation on major capital expenditures, establish programs that can sustain its long-term viability and strength, and

periodically evaluate and monitor the implementation of such policies and strategies, including the business plans, operating budgets and Management's overall performance.

c) Ensure the Corporation's faithful compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and best business practices.

d) Establish and maintain an investor relations program that will keep the stockholders informed of important developments in the Corporation. If feasible, the Corporations' CEO or chief financial officer shall exercise oversight responsibility over this program.

e) Identify the sectors in the community in which the Corporation operates or are directly affected by its operations, and formulate a clear policy of accurate, timely and effective communication with them.

f) Adopt a system of check and balance within the Board; conduct a regular review of the effectiveness of such system to ensure the integrity of the decision making and reporting processes at all times; and continuously review the Corporation's internal control system in order to maintain its adequacy and effectiveness.

g) Identity key risk areas and performance indicators and monitor these factors with the diligence to enable the Corporation to anticipate and prepare to possible threats to its operational and financial viability.

h) Formulate and implement policies and procedure that would ensure the integrity and transparency of related party transactions between and among the Corporation and its parent company, joint ventures, subsidiaries, associates, affiliates, major stockholders, officers and directors, including their spouses, children and dependent siblings and parents, and of interlocking director relationships by members of the Board.

i) Constitute an Audit Committee and such other committees it deems necessary to assist the Board in the performance of its duties and responsibilities.

j) Establish and maintain an alternative dispute resolution system in the Corporation that can amicably settle conflicts or differences between the Corporation and third parties, including the regulatory authorities.

k) Meet at such times or frequency as may be needed; record the minutes of such meetings; encourage and give due consideration to independent views during board meetings.

l) Keep the activities and decisions of the Board within its authority under the articles of incorporation and by-laws, and in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

m) Appoint a Compliance Officer who shall have the rank of at least vice president. In the absence of such appointment, the Corporate Secretary, preferably a lawyer shall act as Compliance Officer.

#### 4. 2 Specific Duties and Responsibilities of a Director

A director's office is one of trust and confidence. A director shall act in the best interest of the Corporation in a manner characterized by transparency, accountability and fairness. He shall also exercise leadership, prudence and integrity in directing the Corporation towards sustained progress.

A director shall observe the following norms of conduct:

(i) Conduct fair business transactions with the Corporation, and ensure that his personal interest does not conflict with the interests of the Corporation.

The basic principle to be observed is that a director should not use his position to profit or gain some benefit or advantage for himself and/or his related interests. He should avoid situations that may compromise his impartiality. If an actual or potential conflict of interest may arise on the part of director, he should fully and immediately disclose it and should not participate in the decision-making process. A director who has a continuing material conflict of interest should seriously consider resigning from his position. A conflict of interest shall be considered material if the director's personal or business interest is antagonistic to that of the Corporation, or stands to acquire or gain financial advantage at the expense of the Corporation.

(ii) Devote the time and attention necessary to property and effectively perform his duties and responsibilities.

A director should devote sufficient time to familiarize himself with the Corporation's business. He should be constantly aware of and knowledgeable with the corporation's operations to enable him to meaningfully contribute to the Board's work. He should attend actively participate in the Board and committee meetings, review meeting materials and, if called for, ask questions or seek explanation.

(iii) Act judiciously.

Before deciding in any matter brought before the Board, a director should carefully evaluate the issues and, if necessary, make inquiries and request classification.

(iv) Exercise independent judgment.

A director should view each problem or situation objectivity, is a disagreement with other directors arises he should carefully evaluate and explain his position. He should not be afraid to take an unpopular position. He should support plans and ideas that he thinks beneficial to the Corporation.

(v) Have a working knowledge of the statutory and regulatory requirements that affect the Corporation, including its articles of incorporation and by-laws, the rules and regulations of the Commission and, where applicable, the requirements of relevant regulatory agencies.

A director should also keep abreast with industry developments and business trends in order to promote the Corporation's competitiveness.

(vi) Observe confidentiality.

A director should keep secure and confidential all no-public information he may acquire or learn by reason of his position as director. He should not reveal confidential information to unauthorized persons without the authority of the Board.

**The Secretary –** The Secretary must be a resident and a citizen of the Philippines, He shall be the custodian of and shall maintain the corporate books and record and shall be the recorder of the

corporation's formal actions and transactions. He shall have the following specific powers and duties:

(i) To record or see to the proper recording of the minutes and transactions of all meetings of the Directors and the shareholders and to maintain minute books of such meetings in the form and manner required by law;

(ii) To keep or cause to be kept record books showing the details required by law with respect to the share certificates of the corporation, including ledgers and transfer books showing all shares of the corporation subscribed, issued and transferred;

(iii) To keep the corporate seal and affix it to all papers and documents requiring a seal, and to attest by his signature all corporate documents requiring the same;

(iv) To attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the corporation required by required by law or these by-laws to be given;

(v) To attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the corporation required by law or these by-laws to be given;

(vi) To certify to such corporate acts, countersign corporate documents or certificates, and make reports or statements as may be required of him by law or by government rules and regulation;

(vii) To act as the inspector at the election of Directors and as such, to determine the number of shares of stock outstanding and entitled to vote, the shares of stock represented at the meeting the existence of a quorum, the validity and effect of proxies, and to receive votes, ballots or consents, hear and determine all challenges and questions arising in connection with the right to vote, count and tabulate all votes, ballots or consents, determine the result, and do such acts as are proper to conduct the election or vote. The Secretary may assign the exercise or performance of any or all of the foregoing duties, powers and functions to any other person or persons, subject always to his supervision and control.

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(ix) To perform such other duties as are incident to his office or as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.

The Assistant Secretary – In the absence or disability of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary shall act in his place and perform his duties. The Secretary may, subject always to his supervision and control, delegate any or all of his powers, duties and functions to the Assistant Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall also perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned to him by the Board of Directors of the President.

**The Treasurer –** The Treasurer of the corporation shall be its chief fiscal officer and the custodian of its funds, securities and property. The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

(i) To keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in the books of the corporation;

(ii) To have custody of, and be responsible for, all the funds, securities and bonds of the corporation;

(iii) To deposit in the name and to the credit of the corporation, in such bank as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors, all the moneys, funds, securities, bonds, and similar valuable effects belonging to the corporation which may come under his control;

(iv) To render an annual statement showing the financial condition of the corporation and such other financial reports as the Board of Directors, the Chairman or the President may, from time to time require.

(v) To prepare such financial reports, statements, certifications and other documents which may, from time to time, be required by government rules and regulations and to submit the same to the proper government agencies;

(vi) To exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions as may be assigned to him by the President.

**The Compliance Officer -** The Board shall appoint a Compliance Officer who shall report directly to the Chair of the Board. He shall perform the following duties:

(i) Monitor compliance by the Corporation with this Manual and the rules and regulations of regulatory agencies and if any violations are found, report the matter to the Board and the recommend the imposition of appropriate disciplinary action on the responsible parties and the adoption of measures to prevent a repetition of the violation;

(ii) Appear before the Commission when summoned in relation to compliance with the Code; and

(iii) Issue a certification, countersigned by the President, every January 30th of the year on the extent of the Corporation's compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance for the completed year and, if there are any deviations, explain the reason for such deviation.

The Independent Directors - should always attend Board meetings. Unless otherwise provided in the by-laws, their absence shall not affect the quorum requirement. However, the Board may, to promote transparency, require the presence of at least one independent director in all its meetings.

#### Internal Control Responsibility of the Board

The control environment of the Corporation consists of (a) the Board which ensures that the Corporation is property and effectively managed and supervised; (b) a Management that actively manages and operates the Corporation in a sound and prudent manner; (c) the organizational and procedural controls supported by effective management information and risk management reporting systems; and (d) an independent audit mechanism to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the Corporation's governance, operations, and information system, including the reliability and integrity of financial and operational information, the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, the safeguarding of assets, and compliance with laws, rules regulations and contracts.

(i) The minimum internal control mechanisms for the performance of the Board's oversight responsibility may include:

(ii) Definition of the duties responsibilities of the CEO who is ultimately accountable for the Corporation's organizational and operational controls;

(iii) Selection of the person who possesses the ability, integrity and expertise essential for the position of CEO;

(iv) Evaluation of proposed senior management appointments;

(v) Selection and appointment of qualified and competent management officers; a

(vi) Review of the Corporation's human resource policies, conflict of interest situations, compensation program for employees, and management succession plan.

(vii) The scope and particulars of the systems of the effective organizational and operational controls may consider the following factors; nature and complexity of the business and the business culture; volume, size and complexity of transactions; degree of risks involved; degree of centralization and delegation of authority; extent and effectiveness information technology; and extent of regulatory compliance.

(viii) The Corporation may establish an internal audit system that can reasonably assure the Board, Management and stockholders that its key organizational and operational controls are faithfully complied with. The Board may appoint an Internal Auditor shall be guided by the International Standards on Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

### **Board Committees**

The Board shall constitute the proper committees to assist it in good corporate governance.

(i) The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three (3) directors, who shall preferably have accounting and finance backgrounds, one of whom shall be an independent director and another with audit experience. The chair of the Audit Committee shall be an independent director. The Audit Committee shall have the following functions:

a) Assist the Board in the performance of its oversight responsibility for the financial reporting process, system of internal control, audit process, and monitoring of compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations;

b) Provide oversight over Management's activities in managing credit, market, liquidity, operational, legal and other risks of the Corporation. This function shall include regular receipt from Management of information on risk exposures and risk and risk management activities.

c) Perform oversight functions over the Corporation's internal and external auditors. It should ensure that the internal and external auditors act independently from each other, and that both auditors are given unrestricted access to all records, properties and personnel to enable them to perform their respective audit functions;

d) Review the annual internal audit plan to ensure its conformity with the

objectives of the Corporation. The plan shall include the audit scope, resources and budget necessary to implement it;

e) Prior to the commencement of the audit, discuss with the external auditor the nature, scope and expenses of the audit, and ensure proper coordination if more than one audit firm is involved in the activity to secure proper coverage and minimize duplication of efforts;

f) Organize an internal audit department, and consider the appointment of an independent internal auditor and the terms and conditions of its engagement and removal;

g) Monitor and evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control system, including financial reporting control and information technology security;

h) Review the reports submitted by the internal and external auditors;

i) Review the quarterly, half-year and annual financial statements before their submission to the Board, with particular focus on the following matters:

□ Any change/s in accounting polices and practices

□ Major judgment areas

□ Significant adjustments resulting from the audit

□ Going concern assumptions

Compliance with tax, legal and regulatory requirements.

j) Coordinate monitor and facilitate compliance with laws and rules and regulations;

k) Evaluate and determine the non-audit work, if any, of the external auditor, and review periodically the non-audit fees paid to the external auditor in relation to their significance to the total annual income of the external auditor and to the Corporation's overall consultancy expenses. The committee shall disallow any non-audit work that will conflict with his duties as external auditor or will pose as a threat to his independence. The non-audit work, if allowed, should be disclosed in the Corporation's annual report;

l) Establish and identify the reporting line of the Internal Auditor to enable him to properly fulfill his duties and responsibilities. He shall functionally report directly to the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee shall ensure that; in the performance of the work of the Internal Auditor, he shall be free from interference by outside parties.

(ii) The Board may also organize the following committees:

a) A Nomination Committee, which may be composed of at least three (3) members and one of whom should be an independent director, to review and evaluate the qualifications of all persons nominated to the Board and other appointments that require Board approval, and to assess the effectiveness of the Board's processes and procedures in the election or replacement of directors;

b) A Compensation or Remuneration Committee which may be composed of at least three (3) members and one of whom should be an independent director, to establish a formal transparent procedure for developing a policy on remuneration of directors and officers to ensure that their compensation is consistent and the business environment in which it operates.

# 5) Changes in the Board of Directors (Executive, Non-Executive and Independent Directors (a) Resignation/Death/Removal

In the year 2016, Jimmy Boyles was replaced by Anders Hallden due to resignation and Gaye Maureen Cenabre was replaced by Lanelle Cristina Barba due to death of the latter. (b) Selection/Appointment, Re-election, Disqualification, Removal, Reinstatement and Suspension

## **Qualifications of Directors**

In addition to the qualifications for membership in the Board provided for in the Corporation Code, Securities Regulation Code and other relevant laws, the Board may provide for additional qualifications which include, among others, the following:

(i) College education or equivalent academic degree;

ii) Practical understanding of the business of the corporation;

(iii) Membership in good standing in relevant industry, business or professional organizations; and

(iii) Previous business experience.

## **Disqualification of Directors**

## **Permanent Disqualification**

The following shall be grounds for the permanent disqualification of a director:

(i) Any person convicted by final judgment or order by a competent judicial or administrative body of any crime that (a) involves the purchase or sale of securities, as defined in the Securities Regulation Code; (b) arises out of the person's conduct as an underwriter, broker, dealer, investment adviser, principal, distributor, mutual fund dealer, futures commission merchant, commodity trading advisor, or floor broker; or (c) arises out of his fiduciary relationship with a bank, quasi-bank, trust company, investment house or as an affiliated person of any of them;

(ii) Any person who, by reason of misconduct, after hearing, is permanently enjoined by a final judgment or order of the Commission or any court or administrative body of competent jurisdiction from: (a) acting as underwriter, broker, dealer, investment adviser, principal distributor, mutual fund dealer, futures commission merchant, commodity trading advisor, or floor broker; (b) acting as director or officer of a bank, quasi- bank, trust company, investment house, or investment company; (c) engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice in any of the capacities mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above, or willfully violating the laws that govern securities and banking activities.

The disqualification shall also apply if such person is currently the subject of an order of the Commission or any court or administrative body denying, revoking or suspending any registration, license or permit issued to him under the Corporation Code, Securities Regulation Code or any other law administered by the Commission or Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), or under any rule or regulation issued by the Commission or BSP, or has otherwise been restrained to engage in any activity involving securities and banking; or such person is currently the subject of an effective order of a self-regulatory organization suspending or expelling him from membership, participation or association with a member or participant of the organization;

(iii) Any person convicted by final judgment or order by a court or competent administrative body of an offense involving moral turpitude, fraud, embezzlement, theft, estafa, counterfeiting, misappropriation, forgery, bribery, false affirmation, perjury or other fraudulent acts;

(iv) Any person who has been adjudged by final judgment or order of the

Commission, court, or competent administrative body to have willfully violated, or willfully aided, abetted, counseled, induced or procured the violation of any provision of the Corporation Code, Securities Regulation Code or any other law administered by the Commission or BSP, or any of its rule, regulation or order;

(v) Any person earlier elected as independent director who becomes an officer, employee or consultant of the same corporation;

(vi) Any person judicially declared as insolvent;

(vii) Any person found guilty by final judgment or order of a foreign court or equivalent financial regulatory authority of acts, violations or misconduct similar to any of the acts violations or misconduct enumerated in sub-paragraphs

(viii) Conviction by final judgment of an offense punishable by imprisonment for more than six (6) years, or a violation of the Corporation Code committed within five (5) years prior to the date of his election or appointment.

## **Temporary Disqualification**

A Director may be temporarily disqualified for any of the following reasons:

(i) Refusal to comply with the disclosure requirements of the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. The disqualification shall be in effects as long as the refusal persists.

(ii) Absence in more than fifty (50) percent of all regular and special meetings of the Board during his incumbency, or any twelve (12) month period during the said incumbency, unless the absence is due to illness, death in the immediate family or serious accident. The disqualification shall apply for purposes of the succeeding election.

(iii) Dismissal or termination for cause as director of any corporation covered by the Code of Corporate Governance. The disqualification shall be in effect until he has cleared himself from any involvement in the cause that gave rise to his dismissal or termination.

(iv) If the beneficial equity ownership of an independent director in the Corporation or its subsidiaries and affiliates exceeds two percent of its subscribed capital stock. The disqualification shall be lifted if the limit is later complied with.

(v) If any of the judgments or orders citied in the grounds for permanent disqualification has not yet become final.

Voting Result of the last Annual General Meeting:

Name of Director	Position	Votes Received
Renato B. Magadia	Chairman of the Board	Majority
Kenneth T. Gatchalian	President/Director	Majority
Elvira A. Ting	Treasurer/Director	Majority
Reno I. Magadia	Director	Majority
Arthur M. Lopez	Director	Majority
Dee Hua T. Gatchalian	Director	Majority
Lamberto B. Mercado, Jr.	Director	Majority
* Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis, Jr.	Independent Director	Majority
* Ruben D. Torres	Independent Director	Majority

A temporarily disqualified director shall, within (60) business days from such disqualification, take the appropriate action to remedy or correct the disqualification. If he fails or refuses to do so for unjustified reasons, the disqualification shall become permanent.

## 6. Orientation and Educational Program

(a) Disclose details of the company's orientation program for new directors, if any. If necessary, funds shall be allocated by the Chief Executive officer for the purpose of conducting an orientation program or workshop to operationalize this Manual.

A director shall, before assuming such, be required to have attended a seminar on corporate governance which shall be conducted by a duly recognized private or government institute.

(b) State any in-house training and external courses attended by Directors and Senior Management for the past three (3) years and continuing education programs for directors: programs, seminars and roundtables attended during the year.

On August 09, 2017, the directors and officers of Waterfront Philippines have attended and completed the seminar on Corporate Governance held at Manila Pavilion Hotel, Ermita, Manila, conducted by Risks, Opportunities, Assessment and Management(ROAM), Inc., a Corporate Governance provider accredited by the Securities and Exchange Commission. (Please see attached certificates)

#### **B) CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT & ETHICS**

Company's policies affecting on the following business conduct or ethics affecting directors, senior management and employees:

All staff of Waterfront Philippines, Inc. is subject to this code of conduct. Any breach of the code will give rise to disciplinary and/or criminal prosecution. Any staff member who has any doubt, propriety or any course of action or who finds that his interest are or may be in conflict with that of the company should seek the advice of the Hotel Manager. Any queries regarding the contents of this Code of Conduct should be directed to the President or Executive Vice-President of Waterfront Hotel Management.

#### (a) Conflict of Interest

#### **Directors / Senior Management**

Provides that having interests opposed to those of the Company constitutes grounds for incompatibility for appointment as director and, if applicable, triggers the director's duty to resign from office. Such articles also provide that competence to hold office as director is a requirement for appointment as director of the Company, and expressly lay down the duty of directors to resign when their continuance in office on the Board of Directors may, for any reason, jeopardize directly, indirectly or through their related persons, the faithful and diligent performance of their duties in furtherance of the corporate interest.

For such purposes, it shall be deemed that a director lacks or, if applicable, has ceased to possess, competence where the conflict of interest situation is, or may reasonably be expected to be, of a nature that constitutes a structural and permanent conflict between the director and the Company or the companies forming part of the Group.

#### Conflicts of interest shall be governed by the rules set:

a) **Communication**: the director must give notice to the Board of Directors, in the person of the Chairman or the Secretary of the Board of Directors, of any conflict of interest in which the director is involved.

b) Abstention: the director shall leave the meeting during the deliberation and voting on those matters in which the director is affected by a conflict of interest, and shall not be counted in the number of members attending for purposes of the calculation of a quorum and majorities.

c) **Transparency**: in the Annual Corporate Governance Report, the Company shall report any cases of conflict of interest in which the directors have been involved during the financial year in question and of which the Company is aware by reason of notice given thereto by the director affected by such conflict or by any other means.

In addition, "in the case of customary and recurring transactions in the ordinary course of business, it shall be sufficient for the Board of Directors to give prior generic approval of the kind of transaction and of the conditions for performance thereof".

#### **Employees**

As regards the other officers and employees, the Code of Ethics applies to all professionals within the Group, regardless of rank, and dedicates a specific section to conflicts of interest.

#### Authority

The authority to sign purchases, contracts, sales, discounts, and the like given to some staff, is subject to the limitations specified and determine by the management. No purchases or contracts shall be signed by a single person. It is to be countersigned by another authorized person. No member or staff shall conclude or induce such purchase, contracts, discounts, or similar transactions with himself, with members of his immediate family or with companies of which he or his family has interests.

#### Borrowings

You and the members of your immediate family in behalf of the hotel are prohibited from borrowing or receiving credit, advances, or loans from third parties on an abnormally favored arrangement unless approved by the Hotel general Manager. In dealing with this issue, the Code provides that "professional decisions must be based on the best defense of the interests of the Group and must not be influenced by personal or family relationships or other personal interests of Group professionals".

The Code of Ethics provides that written notice must be given to an immediate superior of the existence or possible existence of a conflict of interest. The superior shall notify the Human Resources Division, which shall have and maintain a register covering this type of situation and may, if it deems it appropriate, forward the notice or refer the inquiry in question to the Compliance Unit.

## Personal And Outside Business

As provided in employment contract, the employee is prohibited from holding directorship or assuming advisory or executive roles in other companies or establishments in your personal capacity without the written approval of the company. Where approval is obtained, such personal and outside business should not be allowed to interface or interfere with your duties, responsibilities, and obligations as an employee of the company.

You are not allowed to use the company's time and facilities for your personal and outside business. Where business begins to encroach on your work, you should discuss the matter with the Management.

## (b) Conduct of Business and Fair Dealings

All directors, senior management and employees must accept responsibility for maintaining and enhancing the Company's reputation for integrity and fairness in its business dealings.

In its everyday business transactions the Company must be seen to be dealing evenhandedly and honestly with all its consumers, customers, suppliers, employees, contractors, governments & regulators and others with whom the Company has a relationship.

Anyone should not offer to bribe or similar consideration to any person or company in order to obtain business for the company. Any commission paid, payments made, favorable terms conceded or other advantages given by you in the conduct of the company's business shall be in accordance with the company's policies on such matters as determined and outlined by the company. This type of transactions should be promptly put in writing.

As much as possible, you should transact or consummate all purchases and contracts directly with the supplier and manufacturer and not with agents or brokers unless the latter render tangible service to the company. Request the supplier or manufacturer to disclose the identity of the broker agent should there be any.

Any discount, commission or any favor/advantage in any form obtained while transacting business shall be reverted back to the company and not your personal benefit. Directors, managers and others with supervisory responsibility have a duty to ensure that employees and contractors under their supervision are aware of and comply with this policy. Violation of this policy may subject the individual to disciplinary action, including dismissal and cessation of contract.

#### (c) Receipts of gifts from third parties

Gifts and entertainment – The Group and employees of the Company must ensure that they deal with customers, suppliers and other business relationships in a way that avoids their

independent judgment on behalf of the Company being influenced by personal advantage, or any appearance that this may be the case.

## (d) Compliance with Laws and Regulations Directors / Senior Management

To strictly observe and implement the provisions of the Manual, the following penalties shall be imposed, after notice and hearing, on the Corporation's directors, officers staff, in case of violation of the provision of this Manual:

Minor violation- written reprimand on the violator up to suspension for the office: the duration of the suspension shall depend on the gravity of the violation.
 Major violation-suspend from office up to maximum penalty of removal

from office.

A major violation of the Corporate Governance Manual by any member of the board of the Corporation shall be sufficient from removal from leadership.

The **Compliance officer** shall be responsible for determining violation/s through notice and hearing and shall recommend to the Chairman of the Board the impossible penalty for such violation, for further review and approval of the Board.

#### **Employees**

All employees are required to comply with the Code of Employees Behavior and are personally responsible for doing so. It is the responsibility of the Board of Waterfront Philippines Inc. to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the principles and ethical values embodied in this Code are communicated to all colleagues of the Company.

### The Company provided legends for the guidance of all concerns:

WW - Written Warning 7S - 7 days suspension 15S - 15 days suspension 30S - 30 days suspension D - Dismissal

**Special Provisions:** 

1. Any offense not included in the established Code will be treated on a case to case basis. An employee may, therefore, be subjected to disciplinary action for misconduct favorable to the interest of the Company/Guest other than those listed.

2. The Company reserves the right to impose a heavier or lighter penalty than what is specified in the preceding pages for a particular offense if the damage caused and the aggravating and or mitigating circumstances attending to its commission warrant it.

3. The imposition of any of the preceding penalties is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate criminal and / or civil actions by the parties concerned.

#### AMENDMENTS:

The Company may from time to time, change any of these rules and regulations, in the form of issued memoranda in which revisions, additions and / or deletions shall be made effective ten (10) days from the date of the circulation and publication in the Bulletin Boards.

The employees must update themselves and fully understand the changes. Ignorance of the rules and regulations of the Company is never an excuse to be exempted from the imposition of the disciplinary action whenever a violation is committed. Each employee must therefore note the amendments in the blank spaces of the Employee Handbook.

## (e) Respect for Trade Secrets / Use of Non-Public Information

Observe confidentiality. A director should observe the confidentiality of non-public information acquired by reason of his position as director. He should not disclose any information to any other person without the authority of the Board. Protecting confidential information - employees must ensure that confidential information is preserved and protected. Confidential information is that which is not generally known outside the Company and either gives or could give the Company a competitive advantage or disadvantage, or could lead to the loss of an existing competitive advantage, if it became known to others or became known in the public domain. This kind of information may not be revealed to anyone outside of the Company or Group unless an appropriate confidentiality agreement is in place and such disclosure is necessary for business purposes. Employees are required to respect these confidentiality provisions even after their employment with the Company comes to an end.

Violation of this rule will be dealt accordingly.

## (f) Use of Company Funds, Assets and Information

Authorities - the existence of an agreed authorities structure is an essential requirement for establishing an effective financial and operational control environment. All business units are required to establish and maintain appropriate levels of authority to cover all items of asset value or expenditure and all transactions which need to be subject to management approval.

Integrity of company financial records - the books and records of the Company must accurately reflect the nature of the underlying transactions and no undisclosed or unrecorded liabilities or assets shall be established or maintained. Books and records must be maintained in all respects according to law and the accounting principles, policies and procedures that the Company has adopted. The Company will not evade tax obligations and all taxable benefits which employees may receive will be listed and declared for tax purposes.

**Protecting confidential information** - employees and contractors must ensure that confidential information is preserved and protected. Confidential information is that which is not generally known outside the organization and either gives or could give the Company a competitive advantage or disadvantage, or could lead to the loss of an existing competitive advantage, if it became known to others or became known in the public domain. This kind of information may not be revealed to anyone outside of the organization unless an appropriate confidentiality agreement is in place and such disclosure is necessary for business purposes. Employees and contractors are required to respect these confidentiality provisions even after their employment with the Company comes to an end.

#### (g) Employment & Labor laws & Policies

There are many laws and regulations applicable to the Company's business. All employees, BOD, officers and contractors must be aware of and observe all laws and regulations governing their activities. Some specific areas of legal and regulatory attention include: health & safety; antibribery laws, employment and work place practices; protection of the environment; competition; intellectual property; and, the payment of taxes and social security. Compliance with the Company's internal operating policies and procedures is of equal importance.

## (h) Disciplinary Action

Directors, managers and others with supervisory responsibility have a duty to ensure that employees and contractors under their supervision are aware of and comply with the policy. Violation of the policies may subject the individual to disciplinary action, including dismissal and cessation of contract or even civil/criminal cases.

The Company also provided "LEGENDS" for everybody's guidance.

## (i) Whistle Blower

In order to sustain the longevity and sustainability of the company, ones must protect its assets. Thus, whistle blowing is created to report any anomalies, correct SOPs and to prevent any bigger problems. The Corporate Internal Auditors are the assigned group to do such audit and send the final reports to designated body. Whenever needed, the Company provides a confidential "whistle blower" hotline or mailbox that employees may use to report any violation of the Company's policies.

## (j) Conflict Resolution

The principles, requirements and guidelines are incorporated into the Code of Business Conduct. All employees and contractors are required to comply with this Code and are personally responsible for doing so. It is the responsibility Company to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the principles and ethical values embodied in the Code is communicated to all colleagues of the Company. Employees at all levels will be required to certify, annually, that they understand the code and that they (and those they supervise who do not have a Company email address) are in full compliance with this Code for the operations for which they have responsibility. On the annual basis by Internal Audit, the Board monitors the findings of this certification. All findings will be communicated through email or memos. Any severe cases will go through panel hearing.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

#### (a) Policies and Procedures

The Board of Directors of Waterfront Philippines Inc., (the "Company"), acting upon the recommendation of its Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (the "Committee"), has adopted the following policy with regard to Related Party Transactions, as defined below.

#### Policy

Related Party Transactions, which are limited to those described in this policy, shall be subject to the approval or ratification by the Committee in accordance with this Policy.

#### Background

Our Code of Ethics, which applies to all employees and directors, provides that all conflicts of interest should be avoided. Pursuant certain regulations of Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), certain transactions between the issuer and certain related persons need to be disclosed in our filings with the SEC. In addition, certain transactions between the Company and our directors and officers may need to be approved by our Board of Directors or a duly authorized

committee of the Board. Finally, SEC rules and standards require our Board to assess whether relationships or transactions exist that may impair the independence of our outside directors.

This Policy is intended to provide guidance and direction on Related Party Transactions.

#### "Related Party" means any of the following:

\* a director (which term when used herein includes any director nominee),

\* an executive officer,

\* a person known by the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Company's common stock (a "5% stockholder"),

\* or a person known by the Company to be an immediate family member of any of the foregoing. "Immediate family member" means a child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, spouse, sibling, motherin-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of such director, executive officer, nominee for director or beneficial owner, and any person (other than a tenant or employee) sharing the household of such director, executive officer, nominee for director or beneficial owner.

#### **Review and Approval of Related Party Transactions**

#### **Related Party Relationship**

A related party relationship exists when one party has the ability to control, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Such relationships also exist between and/or among entities which are under common control with the reporting enterprise, or between, and/or among the reporting enterprise and its key management personnel, directors, or its stockholders. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, and not merely the legal form.

At each of its meetings, the Committee will be provided with the details of each new, existing or proposed Related Party Transaction, including the terms of the transaction, the business purpose of the transaction, and the benefits to the Company and to the relevant Related Party.

In determining whether to approve a Related Party Transaction, the Committee will consider, among other factors, the following factors to the extent relevant to the Related Party Transaction:

□ whether the terms of the Related Party Transaction are fair to the Company and on the same basis as would apply if the transaction did not involve a Related Party;

□ whether there are business reasons for the Company to enter into the Related Party Transaction;

 $\hfill\square$  whether the Related Party Transaction would impair the independence of an outside director; and

□ whether the Related Party Transaction would present an improper conflict of interests for any director or executive officer of the Company, taking into account the size of the transaction, the overall financial position of the director, executive officer or Related Party, the direct or indirect nature of the director's, executive officer's or Related Party's interest in the transaction and the ongoing nature of any proposed relationship, and any other factors the Committee deems relevant.

Any member of the Committee who has an interest in the transaction under discussion will abstain from voting on the approval of the Related Party Transaction, but may, if so requested by the Chairperson of the Committee, participate in some or all of the Committee's discussions of the Related Party Transaction. Upon completion of its review of the transaction, the Committee may determine to permit or to prohibit the Related Party Transaction.

A Related Party Transaction entered into without pre-approval of the Committee shall not be deemed to violate this Policy, or be invalid or unenforceable, so long as the transaction is brought to the Committee as promptly as reasonably practical after it is entered into or after it becomes reasonably apparent that the transaction is covered by this policy.

## Accounting for Inter-company Loans

This provides guidance on how should an interest free or below market rate loan between group companies be accounted for in the separate/ stand-alone financial statements of the lender and the borrower (i) on the initial recognition of the loan; and (ii) during the periods to repayment.

For due from related parties, the Group uses judgment based on the available facts and circumstances, including but not limited to, assessment of the related parties, operating activities, business viability and overall capacity to pay in providing reserve allowance against recorded receivable amounts.

## (b) Conflict of Interest

## (i) Directors/Officers and 5% or more Shareholders

Name of Stockholder of Record	No. of Shares	%
The Wellex Group, Inc.	1, 128, 466, 800	45.16
PCD Nominee Corporation (Filipino)	580,381,575	23.22
Silver Green Investment LTD	180, 230, 000	7.21
Chesa Holdings, Inc.	175, 924, 000	7.04
Tybalt Investment LTD	135, 010, 000	5.40

#### □ No conflict of interest involved.

#### (ii) Mechanism

The Company is committed to proactively encouraging its group and employees to demonstrate responsible business behavior and high standards of business conduct. Hence, safety measures were also provided to avoid such. All senior officers are required to disclosed any businesses that they currently have and thus, declaring this through SEC reports. The Company also has independent auditors to objectively solve the issue for the Group. In addition the Company also provided Corporate Internal Auditors, to see whether SOPs' are followed. These auditors conduct quarterly audit or even less.

## Family, Commercial and Contractual Relations

#### (a) Family Relationship

Mr. Kenneth T. Gatchalian is the son of Ms. Dee Hua T. Gatchalian. Ms. Elvira A. Ting is a sister of Ms. Dee Hua T. Gatchalian and an aunt of Kenneth T. Gatchalian.

Mr. Reno Magadia is also a son of Mr. Renato B. Magadia.

There is no voting trust holder of 5% or more.

There are no persons holding a certain class of stocks under a voting trust or similar agreement. There are also no arrangements that may result in a change in control of the registrant.

There are no other relationships among the officers listed.

(b) The following is known to the Company to be directly or indirectly the record or beneficial owner of more than 5% of any class of the Company's voting securities:

Name of Stockholder of Record	No. of Shares	%
The Wellex Group, Inc.	1, 128, 466, 800	45.16
PCD Nominee Corporation (Filipino)	580,381,575	23.22
Silver Green Investment LTD	180, 230, 000	7.21
Chesa Holdings, Inc.	175, 924, 000	7.04
Tybalt Investment LTD	135, 010, 000	5.40

(c) Shareholder agreements that may impact on the control, ownership and strategic direction of the company.

There are no arrangements that may result in a change in control of the registrant.

## 6) Alternative Dispute Resolution

This Policy resolution of most disputes. The process may vary depending on the nature or circumstances of the dispute.

**Step 1 : Prevention** 

#### **Conflict avoidance**

Open consultation between the parties can help prevent the onset of disputes. Meetings should allow affected parties to explain details, express points of view, confine issues and resolve differences in an atmosphere conducive to conciliation or negotiation.

Early consultation of the Company's development projects with stakeholders may help avoid parties becoming locked into inflexible positions of conflict and prevent their developing into full-scale disputes.

## **Contract clauses**

Mandatory inclusion and incorporation of ADR options and provisions in contracts entered into by the Company will ensure the use of such options and assist in determining whether ADR is appropriate for specific disputes.

Step 2: Negotiation

Step 3: Third Party Assistance

>Mediation >Conciliation >Expert determination

#### Step 4: Third Party Decision through Arbitration

#### **Workplace Conflicts**

The Company shall adopt and employ policies that maintain and promote a productive and healthy working environment. Potential disputes shall be identified and settled, at the earliest stage possible and at the lowest possible organizational level before these develop into full blown disputes thus avoiding a formal and adversarial process. Thus, "The Code of Employee Behavior" was created to guide the employees of the company.

#### Legal Management

The Legal Department shall protect the Company from unnecessary litigation to the best of its ability. Subject to the assent of the other party, it shall incorporate ADR clauses in contracts. In monitoring the Company's legal obligations and rights, it shall review information and cases for possible use of ADR processes at the earliest stage of a conflict as possible and to find appropriate neutrals for the resolution of conflict.

#### C. BOARD MEETINGS & ATTENDANCE

#### 1) Meetings Schedule

- \* February 22, 2017
- \* April 10, 2017
- \* April 12, 2017
- \* April 24, 2017
- \* June 01, 2017
- \* August 07, 2017
- \* August 18, 2017
- \* August 29, 2017
- \* September 23, 2017
- \* October 06, 2017
- \* October 23, 2017

2) Attendance of Directors

Name of Director	Position	Votes Received
Renato B. Magadia	Chairman of the Board	100%
Kenneth T. Gatchalian	President/Director	100%
Elvira A. Ting	Treasurer/Director	100%
Reno I. Magadia	Director	100%
Arthur M. Lopez	Director	100%
Dee Hua T. Gatchalian	Director	100%
Lamberto B. Mercado, Jr.	Director	100%
* Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis, Jr.	Independent Director	100%
* Ruben D. Torres	Independent Director	100%

\* Election is held every Annual Stockholders Meeting. For the year 2017, it was conducted on September 23, 2017. \* There were 11 scheduled meetings for the year and all directors attended on it.

3) Separate meeting for non-executive directors without the presence of any executive. NONE

4) Is the minimum quorum requirement for Board decisions set at two-thirds of board members?

Under Section 24 of the Corporation Code, cumulative voting is allowed in the election of Directors. Thus, a stockholder may vote such number of shares for as many persons as there are directors to be elected, or he may cumulate his shares and give one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of shares shall equal, or he may distribute them on the same principle among as many candidates as he shall see fit, provided, that the total number of votes cast by him shall not exceed the number of shares owned by him as shown in the books of the corporation multiplied by the whole number of directors to be elected. In all regular or special meeting of shareholders, majority of the outstanding capital stock must be present to constitute a quorum or else meeting shall be adjourned until requisite amount of stock shall be present.

5) Access to Information

## **Right to Information**

4.1) The Shareholders shall be provided, upon request, with periodic reports which disclose relevant personal and professional information about the directors and officers and certain other matters such as their holdings of the Company's shares dealings with the Company, relationships among the directors and key officers, and the aggregate compensation of directors and officers as required under the pertinent rules of the PSE and the Commission.

4.2) The Minority shareholders shall be granted the right to propose the holding of a meeting, and the right to propose items in the agenda of the meeting, provided the items are for legitimate purpose in accordance with the By-laws.

4.3) The minority shareholders shall have access to relevant information relating to matters for which the management is accountable for and those relating to matters for which the management shall include such information and f not included, then the majority shareholders shall be allowed to propose to include such matters in the agenda of the stockholder's meeting.

# a) Number of days is board papers prepared in advance for board of meetings provided to the board.

To enable the members of the Board to properly fulfill their duties and responsibilities, Management shall provide them with complete, adequate and timely information about the matters to be taken in their meetings. They should supply informations on a timely manner.

Reliance on information volunteered by Management would not be sufficient in all circumstances and further inquiries may have to be made by a member of the Board to enable him to properly perform his duties and responsibilities. Hence, the members

shall be given independent access to Management and the Corporate Secretary. The information may include the background or explanation on matters brought before the Board, disclosures, budgets, forecasts and internal financial documents. The members, either individually or as a Board, and in furtherance of their duties and responsibilities, should have access to independent professional advice at the Corporation's expense.

# b) Do board members have independent access to Management and Corporate Secretary?

Directors should also have a separate and independent access to the Corporate Secretary. The role of the Corporate Secretary should be clearly defined and should include responsibility for ensuring that Board procedures are being followed and that applicable rules and regulations are complied with. The Corporate Secretary should attend all Board meetings.

The Board should have a procedure for disclosures, either individually or a as a group in the furtherance of their duties, to take independent professional advice, if necessary, at the corporation's expense.

## The Corporate Secretary

The Corporate Secretary, who should be a Filipino citizen and a resident of the Philippines, is an officer of the corporation. He should –

(i) Be responsible for the safekeeping and preservation of the integrity of the minutes of the meetings of the Board and its committees, as well as the other official records of the Corporation;

(ii) Be loyal to the mission, vision and objectives of the Corporation;

(iii) Work fairly and objectively with the Board, Management and stockholders;

(iv) Have appropriate administrative and interpersonal skills;

(v) If he is not at the same time the Corporation's legal counsel, be aware of the laws, rules and regulations necessary in the performance of his duties and responsibilities;

(vi) Have a working knowledge of the operations of the Corporation;

(vii) Inform the members of the Board, in accordance with the by-laws, of the agenda of their meetings and ensure that the members have before them accurate information that will enable them to arrive at intelligent decisions on matters that require their approval;

(viii) Attend all Board meetings, except when justifiable causes such as, illness, death in the immediate family and serious accidents, prevent him from doing so;

(ix) Ensure that all Board procedures, rules and regulations are strictly followed by the members; and

(x) If he is also the Compliance Officer, perform all the duties and responsibilities of the said officer as provided for in this Manual.

## **Committee Procedures**

# Executive

The Board may create an executive committee of such number as the Board shall determine who shall hold office for (1) one year and/ or until their respective successors shall be designated, provided that the majority of the executive committee shall be members of the Board. The Executive committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure and shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings. The executive committee, during the intervals between the meetings of the Board,

possess and may exercise powers of the Board which can lawfully delegated in the management and direction of the affairs of the corporation in all cases in which specific directions shall not been given by the Board. All actions by the executive committee shall be reported to the Board at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alteration by the Board, provided that no rights of third parties shall be affected by any such revision or alteration.

#### **Audit Committee**

Shall consist of at least three (3) directors, who shall preferably have accounting and finance backgrounds, one of whom shall be an independent director and another with audit experience.

The chair of the Audit Committee shall be an independent director. The Audit Committee shall have the following functions:

a) Assist the Board in the performance of its oversight responsibility for the financial reporting process, system of internal control, audit process, and monitoring of compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations;

b) Provide oversight over Management's activities in managing credit, market, liquidity, operational, legal and other risks of the Corporation. This function shall include regular receipt from Management of information on risk exposures and risk and risk management activities.

c) Perform oversight functions over the Corporation's internal and external auditors. It should ensure that the internal and external auditors act independently from each other, and that both auditors are given unrestricted access to all records, properties and personnel to enable them to perform their respective audit functions;

d) Review the annual internal audit plan to ensure its conformity with the objectives of the Corporation. The plan shall include the audit scope, resources and budget necessary to implement it;

e) Prior to the commencement of the audit, discuss with the external auditor the nature, scope and expenses of the audit, and ensure proper coordination if more than one audit firm is involved in the activity to secure proper coverage and minimize duplication of efforts;

f) Organize an internal audit department, and consider the appointment of an independent internal auditor and the terms and conditions of its engagement and removal;

g) Monitor and evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control system, including financial reporting control and information technology security;

h) Review the reports submitted by the internal and external auditors;

i) Review the quarterly, half-year and annual financial statements before their submission to the Board, with particular focus on the following matters:

□ Any change/s in accounting polices and practices

□ Major judgment areas

□ Significant adjustments resulting from the audit

□ Going concern assumptions

□ Compliance with tax, legal and regulatory requirements.

j) Coordinate monitor and facilitate compliance with laws and rules and regulations;

k) Evaluate and determine the non-audit work, if any, of the external auditor, and review periodically the non-audit fees paid to the external auditor in relation to their significance to the total annual income of the external auditor and to the Corporation's overall consultancy expenses. The committee shall disallow any non-audit work that will conflict with his duties as external auditor or will pose as a threat to his independence. The non-audit work, if allowed, should be disclosed in the Corporation's annual report;

 Establish and identify the reporting line of the Internal Auditor to enable him to properly fulfill his duties and responsibilities. He shall functionally report directly to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall ensure that; in the performance of the work of the Internal Auditor, he shall be free from interference by outside parties. The Board may also organize the following committees:

a) A Nomination Committee, which may be composed of at least three (3) members and one of whom should be an independent director, to review and evaluate the qualifications of all persons nominated to the Board and other appointments that require Board approval, and to assess the effectiveness of the Board's processes and procedures in the election or replacement of directors;

b) A Compensation or Remuneration Committee which may be composed of at least three (3) members and one of whom should be an independent director, to establish a formal transparent procedure for developing a policy on remuneration of directors and officers to ensure that their compensation is consistent and the business environment in which it operates.

## **Corporate Governance Committee**

Functions are as follows:

a) To ensure that the shareholders and the market in general have a complete, truthful and timely access to the information.

b) To oversee the performance of the Audit Committee.

c) To assess, on a regular basis, the compliance with the Corporate Governance Code. When necessary, to propose to the Board of Directors amendments in order to improve and execute correctly the Corporate Governance Code.

d) To oversee practices and policies of Corporate Governance.

e) To keep up to date about the best practices, new regulation and any other change on the Corporate Governance area in order to comply with the Committee's duties and responsibilities efficiently.

f) Review and assess the way in which the Board of Directors complied with its duties throughout the term.

g) To coordinate the procedure of selection, appointment and rotation of the Board of Directors.

h) To oversee the compliance with the requirements and procedures for the election of the Board of Directors (competences, inabilities and limitations, among other features.

i)To propose to the Board of Directors the remuneration policy of the members of the Board of Directors, the policy must be approved by the General Assembly of Shareholders.

j) To support the Chairman of the Board of Directors on the annual assessment of the Board, examine the results of the process and make suggestion in order to improve the performance of the Board.

k) To review the proposals to reform the bylaws and the Corporate Governance Code related to the good governance, and to present the amendments, updates and repeals of the provision about Corporate Governance.

l) To know any behavior of the members of the Board of Directors that might be against the by laws, the Regulation of the Board of Directors and any other internal norm. To inform the Board of Directors about these behavior when the Committee deems it is necessary.

m) Review and provide concept about the Annual Corporate Governance Report.

#### 6) External Advice

Indicate whether or not a procedure exists whereby directors can receive external advice and, if so, provide details:

The Board, after consultations with the Audit Committee, shall recommend to the stockholders an external auditor duly accredited by the Commission who shall undertake an independent audit of the Corporation, and shall provide an objective assurance on the manner by which the financial statements shall be prepared and presented to the stockholders. The external auditor shall not, at the same time, provide internal audit services to the Corporation. Non-audit work may be given to the external auditor, provided it does not conflict with his duties as an independent auditor, or does not pose a threat to his independence.

If the external auditor believes that any statement made in an annual report, information statement or any report filed with the Commission or any regulatory body during the period of his engagement is incorrect or incomplete, he shall give his comments or views on the matter in the said reports.

#### 7) Change/s in existing policies

All material information/policies about the Corporation which could adversely affect its viability or the interests of the stockholders shall be publicly and timely disclosed. Such information shall include, among others, earnings results, acquisition or disposition of assets, off balance sheet transactions, related party transactions, and direct and indirect remuneration of members of the Board and Management. All such information should be disclosed through the appropriate Exchange mechanisms and submissions to the Commission.

#### **D. REMUNERATION MATTERS**

#### **Remuneration of CEO, Directors and Officers**

The levels of remuneration of the Corporation should be sufficient to be able to attract and retain and services of qualified and competent directors and officers. A portion of the remuneration of executive directors may be structured or be based on corporate and individual performance. The Corporation may establish formal and transparent procedures for the development of a policy on executive remuneration or determination remuneration levels for individual directors and officers depending on the particular needs of the Corporation. No director shall participate in deciding his remuneration. The Corporation's annual reports and information and proxy statements shall include a clear, concise and understandable disclosure of all fixed and variable compensation that may be paid, directly or indirectly, to its directors and top (4) management officers during the preceding fiscal year.

To protect the funds of the Corporation, the Commission may, in exceptional cases, e.g., when a corporation is under receivership or rehabilitation, regulate the payment of the compensation, allowances, fees and fringe benefits to its directors and officers.

None of the Directors receive compensation for serving as Directors of the Company. The President has no remuneration benefit.

The members of the Board of Director are elected for a term of one year. Director per diem is at a rate of Php8, 000.00 (net of 20% ewt) per board meeting including independent directors. Except for the Chairman and the CEO, Directors, are not entitled to compensation package. Except as herein mentioned, no director received bonuses or profit sharing plans for the years ended 31 December 2017 and December 2016 and December 2015.

## The aggregate paid to the (4) four most highly compensated

	Fiscal Ye	Fiscal Year Ending December 31			
	2017	2016	2015		
a) Aggregate compensation paid to four most highly compensated executive officers: - estimated	11,249,070.00	10,713,400.00	10,912,500.00		
i) Anders Hallden					
ii) Precilla Toriano iii) Maria Socorro Cotelo iv) Lanelle Cristina Barba					
<ul> <li>b) Aggregate compensation paid to other Officers as a group unnamed - estimated</li> </ul>	7,907,456.90	7,677,142.62	7,311,564.40		

#### Stock Rights, Options, Warrants and Other Benefits

To date WPI has not issued any options or implemented any option scheme to its directors and officers. The Company has no immediate plan with regard to any bonus, profit sharing, pension/retirement plan granting of extension of any option, warrant or right to purchase any securities.

### **Amendments of Incentive Programs**

There was none as to amendments and discontinuation of any incentive programs.

# 5) REMUNERATION OF MANAGEMENT

Aggregate Compensation paid to the highly compensated executive	Principal Position	Total Remuneration
officers		
Anders Hallden	General Manager	
Precilla Toriano	Corporate Finance Director	11,249,070.00
Maria Socorro Cotelo	Corporate Planning Director	
Lanelle Barba	Corporate Peers Resources and	
	Development Director	

## **B. BOARD COMMITTEES**

# 1) Number of Members, Functions and Responsibilities

Provide details on the number of members of each committee, its functions, key responsibilities and the power/authority delegated to it by the Board:

Executive has 4 executive directors and 1 independent director. Audit has 2 executive directors and 1 independent director. Nomination has 2 executive directors and 1 independent director. Remuneration has 2 executive directors and 1 independent director. Its powers, functions and responsibilities were discussed in page 14 and 15.

## 2) Committee Members

## (a) Executive Committee

Office	Name	Date of Appointment	No. of Meetings Held	No. of Meetings Attended	%	Length of Service in the Committee
Chairman	Renato B. Magadia	September 23, 2017	11	11	100%	13
Member (ED)	Kenneth T. Gatchalian	September 23, 2017	11	11	100%	16
Member (ED)	Elvira A. Ting	September 23, 2017	11	11	100%	17
Member (ID)	Arthur M. Lopez	September 23, 2017	11	10	90%	17
Member	Lamberto B. Mercado Jr.	September 23, 2017	11	10	90%	14

# (b) Audit Committee

Office	Name	Date of Appointment	No. of Meetings Held	No. of Meetings Attended	%	Length of Service in the Committee
Chairman	Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis Jr.	23-Sep-17	11	10	90%	11
Member (ID)	Arthur M. Lopez	23-Sep-17	11	10	90%	17
Member	Ruben D. Torres	23-Sep-17	11	2	18%	11

Member	Lamberto B. Mercado Jr.	23-Sep-17	11	10	90%	14
Member	Reno I. Magadia	23-Sep-17	11	1	9%	12

Disclose the profile or qualifications of the Audit Committee members.

Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis, Jr. Director

He has degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from De La Salle University; PhD Humanities from Central Luzon State University, and PhD Business Technology from Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology. He is the President and CEO of Philippine Exporters Confederation, Inc. An Honorary Chairman of Philippine Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Employers Confederation of the Philippines as well as Integrated Concepts & Solutions, Inc. He is the Vice Chairman of Alliance Global, Inc., Export Development Council. He is a Director of Manila Exposition Complex, Inc., Lasaltech Academy, Philippine Estate Corporation, BA Securities, Rural Bank of Baguio, PILAK Foundation, and Universal Access Center for Trade and Philippine International Training Corporation. He is a Council Adviser Member of Philippine Foundation, Inc., a Founding Director of International Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines and GS1. He is also a member of the Board of Advisers of Southville International School and Colleges. He is a commissioner of Patrol 117, a Financing Champion of National Competitiveness Council and a Private Sector Representative of Bamboo Council. He is also a Chairman of Rotary Club of Green Meadows Foundation and also a Chairman of Council of Advisers Eastern Police District. He is the Past President of Rotary Club of Green Meadows Quezon City RI District 3780; a Board of Advisers Member of Council of Advisers Philippine National Police, a senator of Philippine Jaycee Senate, Captain of Philippine Coastguard Auxiliary and a member of the League of Corporate Foundation. He is the Honorary Consul General of Consulate of Romania in the Philippines, a Treasurer of Consular Corps of the Philippines and an Honorary Adviser of International Association of Education for World Peace. Some awards that he received were International Peace Award for Economic Development in 2005, Most Outstanding Citizen of Nueva Ecija in the Field of Business in 2005 also, Most Outstanding Pasigueno in 2006, Ulirang Ama also in 2006 and Presidential Merit Award Medal in 2007. He became an Independent Director of Waterfront Philippines, Inc. since August 2006-present. This 2014, he attended Exporter's Partner in Gearing the Country for the AEC Markets of the World 2, Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship as Competitive Strategies PHILAAS 63rd Annual Convention and lastly, Bringing the Buy Pinoy Campaign to the Next Level.

Arthur M. Lopez Director

Arthur M. Lopez is the Principal Consultant of AML Hotel Consultants, an independent Hotel Consultant. The President of the Philippine Hotel Federation Inc. Currently he is the Hotel Management Consultant of Jin Jiang Inn Ortigas, Jin Jiang Inn Makati, Hotel 101 Manila, Injap Tower Iloilo, Hotel 101 Fort; Hotel Advisor/Director Bellevue Hotel and the B Hotel and the Bellevue Bohol Resort in Panglao, Hotel Advisor of Cathay International Resources Corp., Hotel Technical Services Adviser and Management Consultant of Hotel of Asia Inc. Director of Asia Pacific Top Management International Resources Corp. and, Chairman of Acesite Philippines Hotel Corporation and Director of Philippine Estates Corporation. He is the Owner's Representative and Advisor of the Sheraton Langkawi Beach Resort in Malaysia, Four Points by Sheraton Kuching, Malaysia, the Santubong Resort in Kuching, Malaysia and Helang Hotel, Langkawi, Malaysia. He was the Management Consultant at the Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa and the Aitutaki Lagoon Resort and Spa in Cook Islands and has done hotel and club consultancy work in Japan, Palau, China and Indonesia. He was the Management and Technical Services Consultant of Federal Land's Grand Hyatt Manila project and assisted in the negotiation of the management and technical services agreement with Hyatt Hotels. Pre-opening Management and Technical Services Consultant Bloomberry Casino Hotels and Resorts/Solaire Hotel and Casino. He was elected as Chairman of Acesite (Phil's.) Hotel Corp., since 2004-present.

He is 69 years old and a Masters Degree holder in Business Administration from the University of Santo Tomas. He's been a director of Waterfront Philippines, Inc. since October 2000-present. In 21st September 2013, he received the Certificate of Recognition in the Field of Business Management BSC Management 1968, "in grateful appreciation for giving pride, honor and prestige to UST College Alumni Foundation as well as living the true Thomasian legacy". He was one of the UST Commerce Outstanding Alumni 2013 in the field of Business Management given in 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013. This was in recognition of his having shown professional excellence, exemplary moral and Christian conduct in his chosen field, living the true Thomasian legacy. On 2014, he attended the basic course on Corporate Good Governance.

Ruben D. Torres	Director

Mr. Ruben Torres graduated in the University of the Philippines with a degree of Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) after which, he finished the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the same university. Presently he is also the President of BPO Workers Association of the Philippines and Senior Partner of Torres Caparas Torres Law Office. He is also the Secretary General of Katipunan ng Manggagawa at Magsasaka ng Pilipinas. He is associated with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and Philippine Academy of Professional Arbitrators. His former positions include being a Member of the House of Representatives of the 2nd District of Zambales, Executive Secretary of the Office of the President in Malacañang, Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment. Mr. Torres became an Independent Director of Waterfront Philippines, Inc. since August 2006-present.

#### Lamberto B. Mercado, Jr.

Director

A lawyer and a CPA by profession, Atty. Mercado is a member of the Board of Directors of several publicly-listed companies namely: Waterfront Philippines, Inc., Metro Alliance Holdings & Equities Corp., Forum Pacific, Inc., Acesite (Philippines) Hotel Corporation and Wellex Industries, Inc. He is currently the Vice-President for Legal Affairs of the Wellex Group, Inc. In the past as Deputy Administrator for Administration, he had supervised the largest group in the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA). He had also, helped in the drafting of Administrative Orders to effectively implement R.A. 7227 (the law creating the Subic Bay Freeport Zone) and its implementing rules and regulations. He was the President of Freeport Service Corporation, a subsidiary of SBMA and helped in the creation and organization of this service corporation. He was also a Director of Acesite (Phils.) Hotel Corporation since June 24, 2004-present. Associate Lawyer of Gascon, Garcia and Associates. He studied BSC Major in Accountancy at the University of Santo Tomas and Bachelor of Laws (LLB) at the Ateneo de Manila University School of Law, graduated in 1985 and 1990, respectively. He has been a director of Waterfront Philippines Inc., since July 2003-present.

Reno I. Magadia	Director

A Master's degree holder in Business Administration from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, California, Mr. Magadia is currently the Managing Director of holding firm, Misons Industrial and Development Corp. He is also the Managing Director of Metro Combined Logistics Solutions, Inc. He is on the Board of Directors of Metro Alliance Holdings and Equities Corporation. He held the posts of Vice President and Director of Mercator Filter Manufacturing Corporation. He also worked as Head Portfolio Manager of stock brokerage firm, Papa Securities Corporation. He was also the President and Founder of the Youth Leaders for Change, a nonprofit and multi-sectoral organization for youth leaders in Quezon City. He was elected as Director of Waterfront Philippines, Inc., since September 17, 2005-present.

## (c) Nomination Committee

Office	Name	Date of Appointment	No. of Meetings Held	No. of Meetings Attended	%	Length of Service in the Committee
Chairman	Arthur M. Lopez	September 23, 2017	11	10	90%	17
Member (ED)	Lamberto B. Mercado Jr.	September 23, 2017	11	10	90%	14
Member (ID)	Ruben D. Torres	September 23, 2017	11	2	18%	11

# (d) Remuneration Committee

Office	Name	Date of Appointment	No. of Meetings Held	No. of Meetings Attended	%	Length of Service in the Committee
Chairman (ID)	Arthur M. Lopez	September 23, 2017	11	10	90%	17
Member (ED)	Renato B. Magadia	September 23, 2017	11	11	100%	12
Member (ED)	Kenneth T. Gatchalian	September 23, 2017	11	11	100%	16

# (e) Corporate Governance Committee

Office	Name	Date of Appointment	No. of Meetings Held	No. of Meetings Attended	%	Length of Service in the Committee
Chairman	Ruben D. Torres	23-Sep-17	11	2	18%	11
Member	Arthur M. Lopez	23-Sep-17	11	10	90%	17
Member	Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis Jr.	23-Sep-17	11	10	90%	11

# (f) Others (Specify)

NONE

## 3) Changes in Committee Members

No changes in committee membership that occurred during the year.

## 4) Work Done and Issues Addressed

Describe the work done by each committee and the significant issues addressed during the year.

Appointment of External Auditors The board recommends KPMG R.G. Manabat and Co., as the Corporate External Auditor for the year 2016.

Appointment of External Counsel

For 2016, the board recommends Corporate Counsels, Philippines as the Legal Counsel of the Company.

# Ratification of the acts of the Board of Directors and Management Acts of Management and resolutions of the Board including:

• To appoint and constitute BOD Trust and Investment Group as our Stock Transfer Agent to issue shares of the company in scrip less or uncertificated form in accordance with Section 43 of the Securities Regulation Code and to link our database to the EDR(Electronic Direct Registration) system of Pastra Net. Inc.

• Renewal of licenses with government agencies/offices and other

contracts and designation of the authorized signatories.

• All other administrative matters concerning Waterfront Philippines, Inc..

## 5) Committee Program

## C. RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

## 1) Background

**Risk Management** is the identification, assessment, and prioritization of risks followed by coordinated and economical application of resources to minimize, monitor, and control the probability and/or impact of unfortunate events or to maximize the realization of opportunities. Risks can come from uncertainty in financial markets, project failures (at any phase in design, development, production, or sustainment life-cycles), legal liabilities, credit risk, accidents, natural causes and disasters as well as deliberate attack from an adversary, or events of uncertain or unpredictable root-cause.

The strategies to manage risk typically include transferring the risk to another party, avoiding the risk, reducing the negative effect or probability of the risk, or even accepting some or all of the potential or actual consequences of a particular risk. Certain aspects of many of the risk management standards have come under criticism for having no measurable improvement on risk, whether the confidence in estimates and decisions seem to increase.

#### **Risk Management Structure**

#### **Board of Directors**

The BOD is mainly responsible for the overall risk management approach and for the approval of risk strategies and principles of the Group. It has also the overall responsibility for the development of risk strategies, principles, frameworks, policies and limits. It establishes a forum of discussion of the Group's approach to risk issues in order to make relevant decisions.

#### **Risk Management Committee**

Risk management committee is responsible for the comprehensive monitoring, evaluating and analyzing of the Group's risks in line with the policies and limits set by the BOD.

The Group's management reviews and approves policies for managing each of these risks as often as possible or yearly.

#### 2) Risk Policy and Control Set Up

#### (a) Company

Give a general description of the company's risk management policy, setting out and assessing the risk/s covered by the system (ranked according to priority), along with the objective behind the policy for each kind of risk:

## Purpose

The Company recognizes the importance of managing risk in the business to sustain growth.

## The purpose of this policy is to ensure that:

(i) appropriate systems are in place to identify the material risks facing the Company;

(ii) the potential financial impact of identified risks is ascertained;

(iii) appropriate controls and strategies are adopted to manage exposure to those risks;

(iv) appropriate responsibilities are delegated to control identified risks effectively;

(v) any material changes to the Company's risk profile are disclosed in accordance with the Company's continuous disclosure policy.

# 2. Responsibility & Accountability

# Board

The Board is responsible for the management of risk in the Company. The Board will report annually to the market that management has reported on the Company's management of risk.

# Audit Committee

The Audit, Compliance and Risk Management Committee provides assistance to the Board in fulfilling its risk management responsibilities as set out in the Committee Charter.

# Managing Director

The Managing Director is required and is delegated authority by the Board to:

(i) design and implement a risk management and internal control system to manage the Company's material business risks;

(ii) review and approve the risk profile of the Company;

(iii) review and approve the controls and strategies implemented for the management of identified risks;

(iv) allocate risk owners' to implement controls and strategies;

(v) require reporting by risk owners' on the performance of controls and strategies to manage risks;

(vi) review annually the Company's financial capacity to absorb risk and approving appropriate exposure limits;

(vii) report to the Board on whether risks are being managed effectively. The Managing Director is accountable to the Board, through regular reporting to the Audit Committee and the Board.

# Risk Owners are accountable to the Managing Director for:

(i) the development, implementation, maintenance and review of appropriate controls and strategies to manage allocated risks;

(ii) reporting to the Managing Director on controls and strategies.

## **Risk Management**

Is accountable to the Managing Director to facilitate and co-ordinate risk management activities by Risk Owners.

Employees

All employees are responsible for taking all reasonable and practicable

steps to perform their responsibilities delegated under this policy and related procedures.

## Key risks

The key risks currently under management by the Company in accordance with this Policy and the RM Framework are as follows:

(i) Professional Liability.

(ii) Law Reform- the Company is exposed to regulatory reform its practice areas and as an incorporated legal practice.

(iii) Acquisition & Growth- there is a risk that the Company may not achieve its strategic objectives to grow the business through acquisitions and diversification and expansion of practice areas, alternatively such growth objectives may not realize the forecast profits.

(iv) Recruitment & Retention- there is a risk that the Company may not be able to recruit

or retain suitably qualified or experienced people to achieve strategic objectives.

(v) Competition- there is a risk that the Company will not be in a position to continue to compete effectively with current or future competitors.

(vi) Reputation & Intellectual Property- there is a risk that the Company's reputation may

for providing high quality legal services and access to justice for clients may be da maged. There is a risk of unauthorized use of the Company's intellectual property.

(vii) Information Systems and Operational Risk- there is a risk that of catastrophic

information system failure or other operational failure or malfunction.

(viii) Employee Misconduct.

(ix) Governance Failure.

(x) Economic Risk, Market Conditions, Liquidity and Investment Returns.

## (b) Group

Give a general description of the Group's risk management policy, setting out and assessing the risk/s covered by the system (ranked according to priority), along with the objective behind the policy for each kind of risk:

## **Financial Risk Management**

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, due from related parties, AFS investments, accounts payable and accrued expenses, other current liabilities, due to related parties, loans payable, and other non-current liabilities. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finances for the Group's operations.

The main risks arising from the financial instruments of the Group are credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. The Group's management reviews and approves policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarized as follows:

## Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Group's trade and non-trade receivables.

The Group trades only with recognized, creditworthy third parties. It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the Group's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

With respect to credit risk from other financial assets of the Group, which mainly comprise of due from related parties, the exposure of the Group to credit risk arises from the default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. There is no other significant concentration of credit risk in the Group.

## **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they

fall due. The Group monitors and maintains a level of cash deemed adequate by the management to finance the Group's operation and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. Additional short-term funding is obtained thru related party advances and from bank loans, when necessary.

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the BOD, which has established an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Group's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves, by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. For the Group's short-term funding, the Group's policy is to ensure that there is a sufficient working capital inflow to match repayments of short-term debt.

## Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or cash flows of a financial instrument of the Group will fluctuate due to change in market prices. Market risk reflects interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risks.

## **Interest Rate Risk**

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flow of the financial instruments will fluctuate because of the changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

## **Foreign Currency Risk**

Currency risk arises when transactions are denominated in foreign currencies.

## Price Risk

The Group is exposed to equity securities price risk because of the investment in shares of stock of WII held by the Group which are classified as AFS investments in the consolidated statements of financial position. These securities are listed in the PSE. The Group is not exposed to commodity price risk.

## (c) Minority Shareholders

## Stockholders' Rights and Protection of Minority Stockholders' Interests

A) The Board shall respect the rights of the stockholders as provided for in the Corporation Code, namely:

(i) Right to vote on all matters that requires their consent or approval;

- (ii) Pre-emptive right to all stock issuances of the Corporation;
- (iii) Right to inspect corporate books and records;
- (iv) Right to information;
- (v) Right to dividends; and
- (vi) Appraisal right.

B) The Board shall be transparent and fair in the conduct of the annual and special stockholders' meetings of the Corporation. The stockholders should be encouraged to personally attend such meetings. If they cannot attend, they should be apprised ahead of time of their right to appoint a proxy. Subject to the requirements of the bylaws, the exercise of that right

shall not be unduly restricted and any doubt about the validity of a proxy should be resolved in the stockholder's favor.

It is the duty of the Board to promote the rights of the stockholders, remove impediments to the exercise of those rights and provide an adequate avenue for them to seek timely redress for breach of their rights.

The Board shall take the appropriate steps to remove excessive or unnecessary costs and other administrative impediments to the stockholders' meaningful participation in meetings, whether in person or by proxy. Accurate and timely information should be made available to the stockholders to enable them to make a sound judgment on all matters brought to their attention for consideration or approval.

Although all stockholders should be treated equally or without discrimination, the Board should give minority stockholders the right to propose the holding of meetings and the items for discussion in the agenda that relate directly to the business of the Corporation.

#### D. INTERNAL AUDIT AND CONTROL

#### 1) Internal Control System

There are many definitions of internal control, as it affects the various constituencies of an organization in various ways and at different levels of aggregation.

Under the COSO Internal Control-Integrated Framework, a widely-used framework in not only the United States but around the world, internal control is broadly defined as a process, effected by an entity's board of directors, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in the following categories: a)Effectiveness and efficiency of operations; b) Reliability of financial reporting; and c) Compliance with laws and regulations.

#### Internal control as having five components:

1. Control Environment-sets the tone for the organization, influencing the control consciousness of its people. It is the foundation for all other components of internal control.

2. Risk Assessment-the identification and analysis of relevant risks to the achievement of objectives, forming a basis for how the risks should be managed

3. Information and Communication-systems or processes that support the identification, capture, and exchange of information in a form and time frame that enable people to carry out their responsibilities

4. Control Activities-the policies and procedures that help ensure management directives are carried out.

5. Monitoring-processes used to assess the quality of internal control performance over time.. Discrete control procedures or controls are defined by the SEC as: "...a specific set of policies, procedures, and activities designed to meet an objective. A control may exist within a designated function or activity in a process. A control's impact...may be entity-wide or specific to an account balance, class of transactions or application. Controls have unique characteristics. Controls within a process may consist of financial reporting controls and operational controls (that is, those designed to achieve operational objectives).

More generally, setting objectives, budgets, plans and other expectations establish criteria for control. Control itself exists to keep performance or a state of affairs within what is expected, allowed or accepted. Control built within a process is internal in nature. It takes place with a

combination of interrelated components – such as social environment effecting behavior of employees, information necessary in control, and policies and procedures. Internal control structure is a plan determining how internal control consists of these elements.

The concepts of corporate governance also heavily rely on the necessity of internal controls. Internal controls help ensure that processes operate as designed and that risk responses (risk treatments) in risk management are carried out. In addition, there needs to be in place circumstances ensuring that the aforementioned procedures will be performed as intended: right attitudes, integrity and competence, and monitoring by managers.

The Group's management reviews and approves policies for managing each of these risks as often as possible or yearly.

#### 2) Internal Audit

## **Role, Scope and Internal Audit Function**

Everyone in an organization has responsibility for internal control to some extent. Virtually all employees produce information used in the internal control system or take other actions needed to affect control. Also, all personnel should be responsible for communicating upward problems in operations, noncompliance with the code of conduct, or other policy violations or illegal actions. Each major entity in corporate governance has a particular role to play:

Management: The Chief Executive Officer (the top manager) of the organization has overall responsibility for designing and implementing effective internal control. More than any other individual, the chief executive sets the "tone at the top" that affects integrity and ethics and other factors of a positive control environment. The chief executive fulfills this duty by providing leadership and direction to senior managers and reviewing the way they're controlling the business. Senior managers, in turn, assign responsibility for establishment of more specific internal control policies and procedures to personnel responsible for the unit's functions. In a smaller entity, the influence of the chief executive, often an owner-manager, is usually more direct. In any event, in a cascading responsibility, a manager is effectively a chief executive of his or her sphere of responsibility. Of particular significance are financial officers and their staffs, whose control activities cut across, as well as up and down, the operating and other units of an enterprise.

**Board of Directors:** Management is accountable to the board of directors, which provides governance, guidance and oversight. Effective board members are objective, capable and inquisitive. They also have knowledge of the entity's activities and environment, and commit the time necessary to fulfill their board responsibilities. Management may be in a position to override controls and ignore or stifle communications from subordinates, enabling a dishonest management which intentionally misrepresents results to cover its tracks. A strong, active board, particularly when coupled with effective upward communications channels and capable financial, legal and internal audit functions, is often best able to identify and correct such a problem.

Auditors: The internal auditors and external auditors of the organization also measure the effectiveness of internal control through their efforts. They assess whether the controls are properly designed, implemented and working effectively, and make recommendations on how to improve internal control. They may also review Information technology controls, which relate to the IT systems of the organization. There are laws and regulations on internal control related to financial reporting in a number of jurisdictions. To provide reasonable assurance that internal

controls involved in the financial reporting process are effective, they are tested by the external auditor (the organization's public accountants), who are required to opine on the internal controls of the company and the reliability of its financial reporting.

Audit Committee: The role and the responsibilities of the audit committee, in general terms, are to:

(a) Discuss with management, internal and external auditors and major stakeholders the quality and adequacy of the organization's internal controls system and risk management process, and their effectiveness and outcomes, and meet regularly and privately with the Director of Finance; (b) Review and discuss with management and the external auditors and approve the audited financial statements of the organization and make a recommendation regarding inclusion of those financial statements in any public filing. Also review with management and the independent auditor the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives as well as off-balance sheet issues in the organization's financial statements;

(c) Review and discuss with management the types of information to be disclosed and the types of presentations to be made with respect to the Company's earning press release and financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies;

(d) Confirm the scope of audits to be performed by the external and internal auditors, monitor progress and review results and review fees and expenses. Review significant findings or unsatisfactory internal audit reports, or audit problems or difficulties encountered by the external independent auditor. Monitor management's response to all audit findings;

(e) Manage complaints concerning accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; (f) Receive regular reports from the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and the Company's other Control Committees regarding deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls and any fraud that involves management or other employees with a significant role in internal controls; and

(g) Support management in resolving conflicts of interest. Monitor the adequacy of the organization's internal controls and ensure that all fraud cases are acted upon.

**Personnel Benefits Committee:** The role and the responsibilities of the personnel benefits, in general terms, are to:

(a) Approve and oversee administration of the Company's Executive Compensation Program;
(b) Review and approve specific compensation matters for the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer (if applicable), Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel, Senior Human Resources Officer, Treasurer, Director, Corporate Relations and Management, and Company Directors;

(c) Review, as appropriate, any changes to compensation matters for the officers listed above with the Board; and (d)Review and monitor all human-resource related performance and compliance activities and reports, including the performance management system. They also ensure that benefit-related performance measures are properly used by the management of the organization.

**Operating Staff:** All staff members should be responsible for reporting problems of operations, monitoring and improving their performance, and monitoring non-compliance with the corporate policies and various professional codes, or violations of policies, standards, practices and procedures. Their particular responsibilities should be documented in their individual personnel files. In performance management activities they take part in all compliance and performance data collection and processing activities as they are part of various organizational units and may also be responsible for various compliance and operational-related activities of the organization.

Staff and junior managers may be involved in evaluating the controls within their own organizational unit using a control self-assessment.

#### (a) Audit Control Policies and Procedures

#### **Duties and Responsibilities of the Audit Committee**

Review all financial reports against compliance with both the internal financial management policy and pertinent accounting standards, including regulatory requirements. Review management policy on financial management, specifically in the areas of managing credit, market, liquidity, operational, legal and other risks of the Corporation, crisis management. Review audit plans, scope and frequency of the external audit to the extent advisable, interface with the internal and external auditors. Develop a plan to elevate to international standards the accounting and auditing processes, practices and methodologies, including: a realistic timetable within which the accounting system of the Corporation will be 100% International Accounting Standards (IAS) compliant; an accountability statement that will specifically identify officers and or personnel directly responsible for the accomplishment of such task; Develop a transparent financial management system that will ensure the integrity of internal control activities throughout the Company through a step-by-step procedures and policies handbook that will be used by the entire organization.

The Board is primarily accountable to the stockholders. It should provide them with a balanced and comprehensible assessment of the Corporation's performance, position and prospects on a quarterly basis, including interim and other reports that could adversely affect its business, as well as reports to regulators that are required by law.

Management shall provide all members of the Board with accurate and timely information that would enable the Board to comply with its responsibilities to the stockholders. Management shall formulate, under the supervision of the Audit Committee, the rules and procedures on financial reporting and internal control in accordance with the following guidelines:

(i) The extent of its responsibility in the preparation of the financial statements of the Corporation, with the corresponding delineation of the responsibilities that pertain to the external auditor, should be clearly explained;

(ii) An effective system of internal control that will ensure the integrity of the financial reports and protection of the assets of the Corporation should be maintained;
(iii) On the basis of the approved audit plans, internal audit examinations should cover, at the minimum, the evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of controls that cover the Corporation's governance, operations and information systems, including the reliability and integrity of financial and operational information, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, protection of assets, and compliance with contracts, laws, rules and regulations;
(iv) The Corporation should consistently comply with the financial reporting requirements of the Commission;

(v) The external auditor should be rotated or changed every five (5) years or earlier, or the signing partner of the external auditing firm assigned to the Corporation, should be changed with the same frequency. The Internal Auditor should submit to the Audit Committee and Management an annual report on the internal audit department's activities, responsibilities and performance relative to the audit plans and strategies as approved by the Audit Committee. The annual report should include significant risk exposures, control issues and such other matters as may be needed or requested by the Board and Management. The Internal Auditor should certify that he conducts his activities in accordance with the International Standards on the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. If he does not, he shall disclose to the Board and Management the

reasons why he has not fully complied with the said standards. The Board, after consultations with the Audit Committee, shall recommend to the stockholders an external auditor duly accredited by the Commission who shall undertake an independent audit of the Corporation, and shall provide an objective assurance on the manner by which the financial statements shall be prepared and presented to the stockholders. The external auditor shall not, at the same time, provide internal audit services to the Corporation. Non-audit work may be given to the external auditor, provide it does not conflict with his duties as an independent auditor, or does not pose a threat to his independence.

If the external auditor resigns, is dismissed or ceases to perform his services, the reason/s for and the date of effectivity of such action shall be reported in the Corporation's annual and current reports. The report shall include a discussion of any disagreement between him and the Corporation on accounting principles or practices, financial disclosures or audit procedures which the former auditor and the Corporation failed to resolve satisfactorily. A preliminary copy of the said report shall be given by the Corporation to the external auditor before its submission.

If the external auditor believes that any statement made in an annual report, information statement or any report filed with the Commission or any regulatory body during the period of his engagement is incorrect or incomplete, he shall give his comments or views on the matter in the said reports.

#### **Independent Public Accountants**

The external auditor of Waterfront Philippines, Inc. (WPI) for the most recently completed calendar year ending December 2016 is KPMG R.G. Manabat and Co., under Mr. Tireso Randy F. Lapidez, Partner in-charge, and they are being recommended by the board of directors for the approval of stockholders for this coming year. The firm also audited the Company's previous calendar year.

In compliance with SRC Rule 68, Paragraph 3(b)(iv) which states that external auditors shall be rotated every after five (5) years of engagement, the signing partner of the company for the past 5 years Mr. Virgilio L. Manguilimotan was then superseded by the current partner in-charge, Mr. Tireso Randy F. Lapidez Representatives of said firm are expected to be present at the stockholders' meeting, and they will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

#### (b) Mechanisms and Safeguards

The quality of the **audit opinion** is a vital element in maintaining confidence in financial reporting. A key element is that the audit opinion should be free from bias. If the auditors are to achieve this, they must be objective in reaching their opinion. This requires independence of mind from the company being audited. In addition, particularly in respect of listed and other public interest companies, they need to consider external perception of independence.

The approach places the onus on the auditor to consider the particular circumstances and assess whether safeguards can be implemented to reduce threats to independence to an acceptable level. Accordingly, oversight by the audit committee takes on added importance.

#### In broad outline the approach consists of three elements:

• fundamental principles - principles which must always be observed by the auditor:

integrity, objectivity, competence, performance and courtesy. The key fundamental principle in the case of auditor independence is objectivity;

• identification and consideration of the threats to independence – the auditor must conscientiously consider, before taking on audit or other work, whether the work involves threats which would impede observance of the fundamental principles. Actual threats need to be considered, and so do situations that might be perceived as threats by a reasonable and informed observer even if they are not actual threats; and.

• **consideration of safeguards** – where threats to independence exist, the auditor must put in place safeguards that eliminate them or reduce them to clearly insignificant levels. If unable to implement fully adequate safeguards, the auditor must not carry out the work.

The provision of **non-audit** services will often result in the audit team obtaining information regarding the audit client's business and operations that is helpful in relation to the audit engagement. The greater the knowledge of the audit client's business, the better the audit team will understand the audit client's procedures and controls, and the business and financial risks that it faces. The provision of such services may, however, create threats to the independence of the firm, a member of the audit firm's network (network firm) or the members of the audit team, particularly with respect to perceived threats to independence. Consequently, it is necessary to evaluate the significance of any threat created by the provision of such services. In some cases, it may be possible to eliminate or reduce the threat created by application of safeguards. In other cases, no safeguards are available to reduce the threat to an acceptable level.

In general terms, the aim of guidance in this area is to ensure that in providing a nonaudit service, external auditors do not:

- audit their own work;
- make management decisions for the company;
- create a mutuality of interest; or
- find themselves in the role of advocate for the company

During the audit, management requests and receives significant input regarding such matters as accounting principles and financial statement disclosure, the appropriateness

of controls and the methods used in determining the stated amounts of assets and liabilities. Technical assistance of this nature is appropriate to promote the fair presentation of the financial statements. Similarly, the audit process may involve assisting an audit client in resolving account reconciliation problems, analyzing and accumulating information for regulatory reporting, providing assistance and advice in respect of the preparation of consolidated financial statements (provided this does not involve origination of transactions), suggesting disclosure items, proposing adjusting journal entries and providing assistance and advice in the preparation of local statutory accounts of subsidiary entities. These services are considered to be a normal part of the audit process and do not, under normal circumstances, threaten independence provided management takes the decisions.

In general, where auditors provide assistance relating to the accounting records or financial statements provided they do not take management decisions, the threats can be reduced to an acceptable level through the application of safeguards. However, due to the perception of auditor involvement in this area, the rules make a distinction on listed interest clients:

#### Audit clients that are listed or other public interest entities

Because of the greater importance of the perceived threat to auditor independence with such entities, with limited exceptions an audit firm should not provide accounts preparation services to listed or other public interest entities which are audit clients.

The guidance allows the provision of such services only where they fall within the normal statutory audit mandate, or where there is a genuine emergency situation. In addition, work of a technical, mechanical or informative nature may be undertaken for subsidiaries if the fees earned from the services are immaterial. All services are subject to the general prohibition on taking management decisions.

(h) State the officers (preferably the Chairman and the CEO) who will have to attest to the company's full compliance with the SEC Code of Corporate Governance. Such confirmation must state that all directors, officers and employees of the company have been given proper instruction on their respective duties as mandated by the Code and that internal mechanisms are in place to ensure that compliance.

#### **Article 9: Commitment to Good Corporate Governance**

The Corporations shall establish and implement their corporate governance rules in accordance with the Code of Corporate Governance. The rules shall be embodied in a manual that can be used as reference by the members of the Board and Management. The manual should be submitted to the Commission for its evaluation to enable the Commission to determine its compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance taking into consideration the nature, size and scope of the business of the Corporation. The manual shall be made available for inspection by any shareholder at reasonable hours on business days.

The Chairman and the CEO attest to the company's full compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission and in addition, proper instruction are delegated to senior management and employees for their guidance and reference.

# E. ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS

1) Disclose the company's policy and activities relative to the following:

As a holding company, the Company has no policy or activities on customers' welfare but for our hospitality businesses/hotels and other subsidiaries, The Company makes sure that all complaints, suggestions, feedbacks and comments are properly addressed and acted upon immediately.

Customer welfare - Refers to the individual benefits derived from the consumption of goods and services. In theory, individual welfare is defined by an individual's own assessment of his/her satisfaction, given prices and income. Exact measurement of consumer welfare therefore requires information about individual preferences. As a hotel industry, excellent service must be given to clients as well as satisfaction. In order to be updated with the things that the hotel has to improve including the services, the hotel incorporated the "Guest Comment Services". This will lead the team to innovate, develop rooms and improve services.

**Supplier/contractor selection practice -** All suppliers of the company undergoes an accreditation process before any transaction is made with said supplier. The supplier must submit all necessary documents and comply with the company's rules and regulations. This will serve as guidelines to

(a) ensure that all properties have the same accredited suppliers for all standard hotel amenities,(b) ensure good buy/price of supplies through volume purchases and (c) to ensure good supply, quantity and quality-wise of goods and services.

**Environmentally friendly value-chain** – Aside from gaining profit, the company is also concern about the environment. The company makes sure that we have proper segregation of garbage and proper disposal at the same time.

**Community interaction** – The company makes it possible to reach the community as a sort of givingback and spirit of sharing. Yearly, the company conducted feeding to less fortunate or giving bundles of joy.

Anti-corruption programmes and procedures – This was design to make sure that all peers are under one goal. Anti corruption programs and procedures are discussed earlier. Aside from quarterly audit on standard operating procedures if being followed, the company also adds whistle blowing.

**Safeguarding creditor's rights** – It is the policy of the company to ensure that we have proper control over credit granting and receivable and to prevent potential losses. All credit lines granted to clients must be within the contract to protect both parties.

**Performance-enhancing mechanisms for employee participation Safety, health and Welfare** To further ensure everybody's safety, a committee has been organized to establish safety procedures and regulations for everyone's protection.

The success of the safety program developed is dependent upon your total cooperation and participation. Everybody must report any unsafe act or condition to the department head for immediate action. Thus, the company also is providing some safety rules to be observed strictly.

## Company's rewards and compensation

The company offers special rewards to employees with proven records of their diligence, reliability, dependability, professional integrity, and for their contributions towards the growth of the company.

# Company's procedures for handling complaints by employees concerning illegal (including corruption) and unethical behaviour.

The Corporate Internal Auditors are the assigned group to do such audit and send the final reports to designated body. Whenever needed, the Company provides a confidential "whistle blower" hotline or mailbox that employees may use to report any violation of the Company's policies.

Any unethical behavior will be under investigation by the panel and will have to undergo due process.

## F. DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENCY

## 1) Ownership Structure

(a) Holding 5% shareholding or more

Title of Class	Name & Address of	Name of Beneficial	Citizenship	No. of	% of
	Record Owner & Relationship with Issuer	Owner & Relationship with Record Owner	children	Shares Held	Class
Common	The Wellex Group, Inc. 22nd Flr Citibank Tower Paseo de Roxas, Makati City TWGI is the holding company and major stockholder of WPI.	The Wellex Group, Inc. 22nd Flr Citibank Tower Paseo de Roxas, Makati City) • Represented by Miss Elvira A. Ting, who is a nominee of said company. Directors & Officers are William T. Gatchalian, Dee Hua T. Gatchalian, Kenneth T. Gatchalian, Arthur R. Ponsaran & Yolanda T. de La Cruz	Filipino	1,128,466,800	45.16
Common	PCD Nominee Corporation (Fil.) 37/F Tower I, The Enterprise Center 6766 Ayala Ave., Paseo de Roxas, Makati City (PCD Nominee is not related to WPI)	Various Clients	Filipino	580,381,575	23.22
Common	Silver Green Investments LTD. Commence Overseas LTD. Commence Chambers P.O Box 2200, Road Town Tortola, BVI	As of the date of this definitive report the authorized person to vote is not yet known.	Non Filipino	180,230,000	7.21
Common	Chesa Holding, Inc Unit 401 Joy bldg., No.6 Joy St, Grace Village Brgy. Balingasa	As of the date of this definitive report the authorized person to vote is not yet known.	Filipino	175,924,000	7.04
Common	Tybalt Investment	As of the date of this	Filipino	135,010,000	5.40

LTD Scotia Ctr 4/F P.O 2804 George Town Grand Cayman Island British	definitive report the authorized person to vote is not yet known.		
West Indies			

There is no voting trust holder of 5% or more.

There are no persons holding a certain class of stocks under a voting trust or similar agreement. There are also no arrangements that may result in a change in control of the registrant.

## 2) Does the Annual Report disclose the following:

Key risks	$\checkmark$
Corporate objectives	√
Financial performance indicators	$\checkmark$
Non-financial performance indicators	$\checkmark$
Dividend policy	√
Details of whistle-blowing policy	$\checkmark$
Biographical details (at least age, qualifications, date of first appointment,	
relevant experience, and any other directorships of listed companies) of	
directors/commissioners	V
Training and/or continuing education programme attended by each	
director/commissioner	1
Number of board of directors/commissioners meetings held during the year	
Attendance details of each director/commissioner in respect of meetings held	√
Details of remuneration of the CEO and each member of the board of	
directors/commissioners	√

## 3) External Auditor's fee

Name of Auditor	Audit Fee	Non-Audit Fee
KPMG R.G. Manabat and Co.	3,770,000.00	OPEX - 15% of Audit Fee

## 4) Medium of Communication

At Waterfront, we promote open communications at all levels. We use:

a) Notice Boards

- This displays interesting and up-to-date information.

b) Employee Newsletter

- An in-house newsletter will be produced to keep you informed of the happenings in the Waterfront group. The Editorial Committee is responsible for the production of the newsletter and all employees are invited to submit articles, photographs, and any other items of interest for publication.

c) Daily Briefings

- Conducted at the beginning of every duty shift. The purpose of these briefings is to keep you up-dated on urgent and last minute happenings.

d) Divisional/Departmental Meetings

- Respective departments or divisions discuss departmental issues and ensure

coordination amongst department heads.

e) General Employee Meeting/Assembly

- Held once or twice a year where employees and management can discuss and exchange ideas and information on general issues.

f) Open Door Policy

- If you have any personal or work-related problems, you are encouraged to bring these up anytime with your Supervisor or Department Head or Human Resources Manager or General Manager himself.

- g) Suggestion Box
- This is for people who find it difficult to talk with Admin.
- h) Personal Records
- This is to update your records for emergency purposes.

5) Date of release of audited financial report.

Audited FS shall be released after final meeting has done with the audit client and after all Important issues are being tackled but must be before April 15 which is BIR's deadline.

6) Company Website

Does the company have a website disclosing up-to-date information about the following?

Business operations	1
Financial statements/reports (current and prior years)	$\checkmark$
Materials provided in briefings to analysts and media	V
Shareholding structure	V
Group corporate structure	V
Downloadable annual report	V
Notice of AGM and/or EGM	1
Company's constitution (company's by-laws, memorandum and articles of association)	1

## 7) Disclosure of RPT

When RPTs are involved, these processes are in place to address them in the manner that will safeguard the interest of the company and in particular of its minority shareholders and other stakeholders:

Protection of Minority Stockholders Interests are as follows:

a) Voting Rights

- Right to elect, remove and replace directors and vote on certain corporate acts in accordance with the Corporate Code.

b) Pre-emptive Right

- All stockholders shall have this right, unless the same is denied in the Articles of Incorporation or an amendment thereto.

c) Power of Inspection

- All stockholders are allowed to inspect corporate books and records including minutes of Board meetings and stock registries in accordance with the Corporation code and shall be furnished with annual reports, including financial statements, without costs or restrictions. d) Right to Information

- The minority shareholders shall have access to relevant information relating to matters for

which the management is accountable for and those relating to matters for which the management shall include such information and if not included, then the minority shareholders shall be allowed to propose to include such matters in the agenda of the stockholder's meeting. e) Right to Dividends

- Shareholders must have the right to receive dividends.

f) Appraisal Right

- Right to dissent and demand payment of the fair value of their shares in the manner provided under Section 82 of the Corporation code.

It shall be the duly of the directors to promote shareholders rights, remove impediments to the Exercise of the shareholder's rights and allow possibilities to seek redress for violation of their rights. They shall encourage the exercise of shareholder's voting right and solution of collective action problems through appropriate mechanisms. They shall be instrumental in removing excessive costs and other administrative or practical impediments to shareholders participating in meeting and/or voting in person.

# **G. RIGHTS OF STOCKHOLDERS**

1) Right to participate effectively in and vote in Annual/Special Stockholders' Meetings

## (a) Quorum

Give details on the quorum required to convene the Annual/Special Stockholders' Meeting as set forth in its By-laws.

<b>Quorum Required</b>	Stockholders representing more than 2/3 of the issued and outstanding stock of the Corporation
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# (b) System Used to Approve Corporate Acts

Explain the system used to approve corporate acts.

System Used	A pyramid certification system
-	Has been established, based on the identification of the persons
	responsible for each business and corporate function at each
Description	subsidiary, who certify the information on their respective areas of responsibility prior to the overall certification performed by the Chairman & chief executive officer, the chief operating officer, and the director of Administration and Control.

# (c) Stockholders' Rights

List any Stockholders' Rights concerning Annual/Special Stockholders' Meeting that differ from those laid down in the Corporation Code.

All rights of the stockholders' laid down in the Corporation Code must be exercise in any meetings may it be annual or special.

## Dividends

The right to dividends has always been in mind of the Company but since 2004 no dividends have been issued due to financial status of the Company.

### (d) Stockholders' Participation

1. State, if any, the measures adopted to promote stockholder participation in the Annual/Special Stockholders' Meeting, including the procedure on how stockholders and other parties interested may communicate directly with the Chairman of the Board, individual directors or board committees. Include in the discussion the steps the Board has taken to solicit and understand the views of the stockholders as well as procedures for putting forward proposals at stockholders' meetings. The shareholders had been granted the right to propose the holding of a meeting, right to propose items in the agenda, but to date none has been communicated to the management of the Company regarding such proposals.

2. State the company policy of asking shareholders to actively participate in corporate decisions regarding:

Prior to Annual Stockholders' Meeting, notices and definitive reports will be distributed to all stockholders for them to be guided during the meeting. All questions are also entertained during the meeting and can be addressed directly to the Chairman or CEO.

#### a. Date of sending out notices:

August 31, 2017 - Distribution of notice of stockholders' meeting, definitive information statement, proxy form and management report which is at least fifteen (15) business days from the date of the annual stockholders' meeting (SRC Rule 20. 3, C iv) and at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual stockholders' meeting (Art. II, Sec. 4, By-laws). b. Date of the Annual/Special Stockholders' Meeting: September 23, 2017

State, if any, questions and answers during the Annual/Special Stockholders' Meeting. The shareholders had been granted the right to propose the holding of a meeting, right to propose items in the agenda, but to date none has been communicated to the management of the Company regarding such proposals.

During the meeting, no significant questions being raised by the stockholders and minority.

#### Results of Annual Stockholder's Meeting.

This has been an exceedingly good year for the Waterfront group, marked by robust revenue across the board and extraordinary double-digit growth in key areas. Overall efficiency is better than ever, reflected in our stellar profitability, which has been bolstered by our ever-increasing proficiency in delivering cost savings across multiple decisive areas of our operations.

This synergism between astute revenue-generation and augmented efficiency in cost control has proven to be the ideal co-action responsible for driving our present success. Our ability to achieve greater revenue through aggressive efforts in creative marketing and savvy identification of important offline and online channels has boosted our consolidated figures, with Gross Revenue at PHP 2.14 billion this year, up 2% from the previous year's PHP 2.10 billion. Gross Operating Profit (GOP) is up 11% this year at PHP 772.97 million from last year's PHP 696.53 million. Net income is at PHP 318.88 million, up a striking 101% from 2015's PHP 158.71 million.

Operating expenses are down by notable 3%, from PHP 1.4 billion in 2015 to PHP 1.36 billion. We have reduced overall payroll cost by 5%, from PHP 354.95 million in 2015 to PHP 336.52 million

this year. Total energy cost has been reduced by 1%, from PHP 333.24 million to PHP 330.68 million, an improvement that not only reflects cost-efficiency but also a smaller environmental footprint. Waterfront, considering environmental protection drives as an important part of our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, has invested in new technology and equipment consistently in order to reduce dependence on inefficient, wasteful energy generation grids and improve energy costs and conservation. All of these efforts in trimming expenses in overall operations, Human Resource and energy further contribute to greater company sustainability, indicative of consistent year-on-year "leaning up" of operations while not sacrificing, in fact, improving profitability.

Consolidated Room Revenue is up by 9%, from PHP 606.47 million in 2015 to PHP 662.12 million this year. Rental Revenue is at PHP 805.70 million. Consolidated F&B Revenue is up 2% at PHP 595.04 million from PHP 585.76 million last year. Occupancy, Revpar and ARR are all improved. Occupancy is up at 69% over last year's 66%, a positive variance of 3%. Revpar is up by 4%, from PHP 1,498 to PHP 1,554. ARR has jumped 4%, from PHP 2,270 to PHP 2,355.

Waterfront Cebu City Hotel (WCCH) posted an exceptional year with gains in nearly every aspect of hotel operations. Occupancy rate increased by 2%, at 61% this year versus the previous year's 59%. Revpar is now at PHP 1,537, up 7% from 2015's PHP 1,434. ARR is up 4% from PHP 2,414 to PHP 2,508. Rooms Revenue has increased by 7%, from PHP 279.72 million in the previous year to PHP 300.67 million. F&B Income is steady at PHP 308.33 million. Rent and related income has improved by 12% at PHP 328.21 million versus 2015's PHP 293.99 million. Income from other operating departments is significantly up by 41%, from PHP 10.08 million the previous year to PHP 14.23 million this year. Gross Revenue for WCCHC has grown 7% from PHP 892.98 million to PHP 951.44 million.

Cost and expenses for WCCHC were reduced by 2% this year, from PHP 569.75 million to PHP 558.17 million. GOP is up by double digits at 22%, leaping from PHP 323.22 million in 2015 to PHP 393.27 million in 2016. NOP (after tax) is up by a monumental 145%, from PHP 64.32 million to PHP 157.62 million. Payroll cost has been significantly reduced by 12%, from PHP 133.99 million in 2015 to PHP 117.78 million. Energy cost for the hotel is at PHP 146 million.

Acesite this year reports an Occupancy Rate of 56%. Revpar is at PHP 1,270 and ARR at PHP 2,274, reflecting an increase of 2% from the past year's PHP 2,232. Rooms Revenue for the hotel is at PHP 151.60 million, up 2% from 2015's PHP 149.12 million. Rent and Related Income posted a level growth rate, although still reflecting an income increase of PHP 151,106 from PHP 332.57 million in 2015 to PHP 332.72 million this year. Food and Beverage is up by 0.7% this year, from PHP 101.57 million to PHP 102.25 million. Income from other operating departments is at PHP 2.66 million. Cost and expenses total PHP 373.17 million, reflecting a significant cost reduction of 8% from the previous year's PHP 404.81 million. GOP is at 216.07 million. NOP is PHP 70.47 million. The establishment has posted cost reduction in payroll, from PHP 131.55 million in 2015 to PHP 126.66 million in 2016, a variance of 4%. Energy cost has also dropped by 6%, saving the company PHP 6.40 million, from PHP 108.91 million in 2015 to PHP 102.51 million this year.

Waterfront Insular Hotel Davao (WIHD) reports an increased Occupancy Rate of 70%, up 3% from the previous year's 67%. Revpar has grown by 8%, from PHP 1,362 to PHP 1,468. ARR is up 3% at PHP 2,104 this year versus PHP 2,035 in 2015. Rooms Revenue is up by 10%, from PHP 73.12 million in 2015 to PHP 80.43 million in 2016. F&B Revenue has a growth rate of 8%, increasing from PHP 98.04 million to PHP 105.64 million. Other operating departments' income grew by 2% from PHP 5.37 million to PHP 5.47 million. Gross Revenue for the property is up this year by 9%, from PHP 176.53 million to PHP 191.54 million.

Cost and expenses for the hotel amounted to PHP 161.21 million. GOP is at PHP 30.33 million and NOP (after tax) is PHP 12.40 million. Payroll cost for the property is PHP 42.95 million and energy cost is PHP 27.03 million. WIHD continues to be a valuable property that represents the Waterfront group in a key city in Southern Philippines.

Waterfront Airport Hotel (WAH) boasts of positive across-the-board growth in 2016. Occupancy is at a record high, growing 12% from an already impressive 79% to 91% in 2016. Revpar has increased by 21% from PHP 1,902 to PHP 2,298. ARR is up by 6%, from PHP 2,399 to PHP 2,534. Rooms Revenue has grown by 24% from PHP 104.52 million to PHP 129.42 million. Rent and related Income is up by 3%, from PHP 141.15 million in the previous year to PHP 145.49 million this year. F&B Income also grows at 5%, from PHP 73.14 million to PHP 76.89 million. Other operating departments posted an aggregate income of PHP 11.38 million, up 21% from PHP 9.41 million last year.

Cost and expenses at the property amount to PHP 197.25 million. GOP has risen a notable 23%, from PHP 134.62 million last year to PHP 165.92 million this year. NOP (after tax) is up by double digits too, rising 44% from PHP 60.95 million in 2015 to PHP 87.52 million this year. Payroll cost is at PHP 35.17 million. Energy cost has been significantly lowered by 24%, from PHP 60.22 million to PHP 45.97 million, an achievement considering the increase in occupancy.

We are proud of this property's performance, posting double-digit growth among most significant markers. We continue to expect great things from WAHC owing to its strategic position as a highly valued property right across a major gateway to the Philippines, the Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA), currently undergoing aggressive expansion under international management. The ability of our organization to foresee developments and build right at the hubs of tourism and urban growth is our competitive edge. I congratulate our people for being ever so skilled at responding to opportunities, managing costs and maximizing profitability, for taking care of our guests and being excellent stewards of the Waterfront brand as it serves an expanding market.

Our present success gives us much reason to celebrate. I believe this is also the best time to pause and take stock of all our strategic efforts of the past years that have led to this level of efficiency and profitability overall for the group. All of this is proof that prudent management and strategic investments over the years, with eyes on the future, helped our company weather many challenges, maintaining its stability while positioning it to take advantage of future growth opportunities. One major breakthrough that has stood out in 2016 is our ability to manage costs across our properties. Overall costs and expenses for the entire group was reduced by 2.99% or PHP 41.99 million. From PHP 1.40 billion in 2015, costs dropped to PHP 1.36 billion in 2016. This stems from the establishment of various cost control mechanisms that, over the years, have become effectively embedded in our operations. The breakthroughs in overall cost reduction this year are due to efficient management among these categories: energy cost, cost of sales and manning cost.

In terms of energy cost, best practices and well-established habits add up to high energy efficiency, resulting in cost reduction. Energy cost for the entire group dropped this year by 1% or PHP 2.56 million—from PHP 333.24 million in 2015 to PHP 330.68 million in 2016. This is reflective of a larger and continuing downward trend in energy expenses year on year as a result of cumulative efforts and increased overall energy efficiency.

For cost of sales, resources conservation, effective planning and resource management are all effective strategies in ensuring that this cost category is efficiently reduced.

In terms of manning cost, we have ongoing retirement programs that offer reasonable packages for voluntary early retirement. This has delivered tremendous cost savings among our various properties, as it has contributed to the streamlining of our workforce. We also encourage multitasking to a certain extent in various departments, eliminating redundancies and overstaffing, therefore building a team that is leaner and more effective. Personnel costs were reduced by 5% or PHP 18.43 million, from PHP 354.95 million in 2015 to PHP 336.52 million in 2016.

Repairs and maintenance cost dropped by double digits, 36% or PHP 27.02 million, from PHP 75.63 million in 2015 to PHP 48.61 million in 2016. Consolidated rent cost was reduced by 28% or PHP 18.85 million, from PHP 66.78 million in 2015 to PHP 47.93 million in 2016. Rooms expenses dropped by 24% or PHP 11.91 million, from PHP 48.93 million in 2015 to PHP 37.02 million in 2016.

While Waterfront is driven to improve its cost efficiency dramatically, we make sure to never sacrifice our quality of service. To guarantee consistent service excellence, we are committed to constantly developing our workforce. Our people are our heart and soul, the software complementing our vast hardware. They are the main drivers of our business, giving life to our infrastructure.

Peers' training and development for the group in 2016 remains active and robust. The group's total achieved Training Index of 129.15 hours per person exceeded the target of 90 hours per person by 44%.

The group has supported the continuing development of its top-level executives through international professional certifications. Our partnership with the American Hotel and Lodging Association through its educational arm, American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI), has been renewed. Through this partnership, twenty (20) peers from all our properties were enrolled in its self-paced Professional Certification Designations. This program enables our

people to be part of an elite group of hospitality professionals who combine education and experience to achieve a high level of expertise. Managers and Section Heads underwent AHLEI's Certified Guest Service Professional program certification. Our Peers in the Engineering Division have undergone national-level training programs that qualified them to be Pollution Control Officers and Managing Environmental Heads for our properties. WCCHC strengthened its Engineering team by sponsoring two of its peers to the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program (ETEEAP) of the Commission on Higher Education. Even more resources were put into reorientation on our newly-upgraded Engineering Maintenance Systems and further screening and hiring of new engineering professionals.

Our Peers went through sessions on Severe Disaster Preparedness and Risk Awareness, a program designed to further strengthen our organization when it comes to dealing with emergencies. The Department Heads and Managers across all our properties were sent to several conventions at international, national and regional levels to keep them informed of the trends, requisites, innovations and optimization issues in our industry. Among these were Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, The Power of X: Digital Multiplied by the Internet and Mobile Marketing Association of the Philippines, Japanese Language Program by Speedtalk, Peso Security Features by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, plus many more.

MPH clocked the highest training index of 139.76 hours. WAHC was a close second with 134.63 hours, followed by WCCHC with 123.88 hours and WIHD with 118.33 training hours per person for 2016.

As we continue to grow both our offline and online distribution channels, we are seeing significant returns on our decisions to innovate. Our online channels have yielded impressive figures this year.

For WCCH, online contribution percentage rose from 40% to 44%, a 10% growth rate. The property generated PHP 307.06 million Total Rooms Revenue in 2016, of which Online Segment Revenue contributed PHP 133.80 million. By comparison, online contribution in 2015 was PHP 113.24 million out of Total Rooms Revenue of PHP 285.78 million. The annual growth rate for Online Segment Revenue (from PHP 113.24 million to PHP 133.80 million) is in double digits at 18%.

WAH has demonstrated high growth in this area too, with online contribution percentage rising from 46% to 49% of Total Rooms Revenue. In 2015, Online Segment Revenue was PHP 48.41 million out of Total Rooms Revenue of PHP 105.01 million. In 2016, Online Segment Revenue was PHP 63.41 million of the Total Rooms Revenue of PHP 130.25 million. Growth for Online Segment Revenue is at 31%, while the growth rate for percentage of online contribution for this property is at 6%.

WIHD posts its 2016 Online Segment Revenue at PHP 18.54 million out of PHP 81.16 million Total Rooms Revenue, a percentage contribution of 23%. The past year's Online Segment Revenue was at PHP 12.31 million out of Total Rooms Revenue of PHP 73.87 million, a percentage contribution of 17%. Growth rate for Online Segment Revenue is at 51%, while percentage online contribution rose by 37%.

MPH delivered an Online Segment Revenue of PHP 53.19 million in 2016, out of a Total Rooms Revenue of PHP 151.61 million, a percentage contribution of 35%. By comparison, 2015 yielded PHP 44.93 million online contribution out of PHP 149.22 million Total Rooms Revenue, a percentage contribution of 30%. Growth rate for MPH Online Segment Revenue is 18%, while the percentage of online contribution grew by 17%.

Our Central Reservations Office (CRO) continues to be a valuable channel for our reservations, with the number of calls received still growing from 79,229 in 2015 to 88,159 in 2016, reflecting a growth rate of 11%. The number of dropped calls have been significantly reduced, a positive indication of our follow-through efficiency and quality of service. Dropped calls have been slashed from 6% in 2015 to 4% in 2016, a reduction of 2%. Percentage of online-based inquiries to the CRO has increased, from 2% in 2015 to 6% in 2016, a triple-digit hike of 200%. For our Central Reservations System, we continue to use Compass Edge as our booking engine under its own website for WCCHC, WAHC and WIHD; for MPH we are working with DirectWithHotels as our engine.

We are also contracting Compass Edge to develop our China market online through a Chinese Website powered by the same company. In January of 2016, we contracted Compass Edge to create a web page in simplified Chinese published in the hotel's subdomain, www.waterfrontcebucityhotel.com.cn. The page went live in May 2016. The site's SEO was facilitated through Baidu, where it was submitted for indexing. Features include mobilefriendliness and mobile-responsiveness, and linkage to social media via Weibo, one of China's top social media platforms. We are optimistic that through these new methods of customer engagement, we can gain more access to the Chinese market, talking directly to our customers and reaching them where they spend most of their time.

The Waterfront appplication is delivering outstanding results this year as customers move to it as one of their favourite touch points. For WCCHC, the app's growth rate for production in room nights, ARR and revenue all increased by 502%, 31% and 689% respectively. WAH has seen 154% increase in room nights via the app, and a 125% increase in app-generated revenue. MPH posted even bigger figures as app-generated room nights experienced a 3500% increase, ARR a growth rate of 90% and Revenue spike of 6750%.

Other online channels continue to be a frontier for growth as online travel agencies (OTAs) contribute mostly double-digit growth. For WCCHC, OTA contribution to room nights grew by 16%, ARR by 6% and Revenue by 23%. WAHC's OTA-generated Room nights grew by 14%; ARR by 8% and revenue by 23%. WIHD also experienced growth in OTA-generated revenue. Room nights grew by 42%, ARR by 9% and revenue by 55%. MPH sees a 19% growth rate in OTA-generated room nights and 19% growth in revenue. Overall, OTA contributions are robust and retain an important component of our total revenue.

Consistent with our practice of supporting future growth trajectories, Waterfront prides itself in continually striving to provide value to its customers. On top of all the successes of the year, 2016 is also pivotal in that management has come to a decision to embark on new projects to reinvigorate the Waterfront brand.

We have engaged master planners to look into the site potentials of the hotels as they are located in three major cities across the country. As these properties sit on vast areas of land, the master planners have been tasked to evaluate our properties and derive the true potential of our assets, with the goal of increasing overall real estate value. These master planners are both local and international in prestige, such as AECOM, Casas and Recio Architects. These international and world-class teams unlock value by determining best use capacity through careful professional studies of each property's sites.

We are looking to diversify revenue streams and exploit the opportunities afforded by these properties, being strategically built close to airports and key business areas. These prime locations have a massive potential that has yet to be further unlocked through best use. We open up new revenue streams by complementing, enhancing and improving on our core business which is hospitality.

Through this next bold step, the brand moves forward into the future. We look to deliver even greater value as part of our unwavering commitment to our shareholders. We are contemplating a change that sparks our revenue potential, exploiting unexplored channels, expanding our revenue stream and safeguards our position through constant innovation.

Without a doubt, even as we experience double-digit growth, the Waterfront brand is being reinvented as we speak.

I must congratulate our entire organization for making this a truly prosperous year. Without the steadfast and trustworthy support of our partners, shareholders, peers and patrons, our company would not be where it is today. I am confident that the wisdom we have gained in building our current profitability serves as a platform for a new era for the company. Our business minds are having to do a form of time travel: constantly laying the foundation for our future triumphs while we graciously celebrate our present ones.

After clarifications made on various matters raised from the floor, the stockholders, on motion duly made and seconded, approved the 2016Annual Report and the accompanying Audited Financial Statements of the Corporation as of December 31, 2016

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The stockholders present or represented were furnished with copies of the minutes of the annual stockholders' meeting held on September 24, 2016. On motion duly made and seconded, the stockholders approved the minutes of the annual stockholders' meeting held on September 24, 2016.

### **REPORT TO THE STOCKHOLDERS**

The President, Mr. Kenneth T. Gatchalian, reported on the highlights of the Company's financial and operational performance for the year 2015, as reflected in the Annual Report.

### RATIFICATION OF THE ACTS OF THE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

The Chairman asked for the approval and ratification the approval and ratification of the acts of the Board and Management for the year ended December 31, 2016 s well as the contracts and transactions entered into by the Corporation for the same period.

On motion duly made and seconded, the stockholders unanimously approved the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, That all acts of the Board of Directors and Management for the year ended December 31, 2016 as well as contracts and transactions entered into by the Corporation for the same period, all as reflected in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the board committees, the Annual Report and the Financial Statements, be approved and ratified."

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Proceeding with the agenda, the Chairman entertained nominations for directors to serve for the term 2016-2017 The following were nominated and elected directors:

Mr.Renato B. Magadia Mrs. Dee Hua Gatchalian Mr.Kenneth T. Gatchalian Mr.Reno Magadia Atty. Lamberto B. Mercado, Jr Ms.Elvira A. Ting Mr. Arthur M. Lopez - Independent Director Mr. Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis, Jr. - Independent Director Atty. Ruben D. Torres - Independent Director

### APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Chairman informed the stockholders that the next item in the agenda was the designation of the Corporation's external auditor. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved:

"RESOLVED, that the accounting firm of KPMG R.G. Manabat & Co. is hereby designated as the Corporation's external auditors for the year 2016-2017."

### APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL COUNSEL

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved: "RESOLVED, that Corporate Counsels, Philippines Law Offices and Gancayco, Balasbas Law Offices be, as they are hereby, designated external counsel of the Corporation."

(e) Modifications

State, if any, the modifications made in the Annual/Special Stockholders' Meeting regulations during the most recent year and the reason for such modification:

The Chairman said the next item in the agenda is the approval of the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, more specifically the amendment of Article THIRD concerning the specific principal office address of the Corporation from "Cebu City, Philippines" to "No. 1 Waterfront Drive Off Salinas Drive, Lahug, Cebu City, Philippines".

On motion duly made and seconded, the stockholders, representing at least two thirds of the total issued and outstanding capital stock of the Corporation, approved the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that Article THIRD of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation be amended to read as follows:

"THIRD: The place where the principal office of the Corporation is to be established is at No. 1 Waterfront Drive Off Salinas Drive, Lahug, Cebu City, Philippines".

(f) Stockholders' Attendance

(i) Details of Attendance in the Annual and Special Stockholders' Meeting Held:

Names of Board Members / Officers Present	Date of Meeting	Voting Procedure (by poll, show of hands, etc.)	% of SH Attending in Person	% of SH in Proxy	Total % of SH Attendance
Renato B. Magadia Kenneth T. Gatchalian Elvira A. Ting Reno I. Magadia Arthur M. Lopez Dee Hua T. Gatchalian Lamberto B. Mercado, Jr. * Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis, Jr. * Ruben D. Torres	September 23, 2017	By Hands	18%	None	100%
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(ii) Does the company appoint an independent party (inspectors) to count and/or validate the votes at the ASM/SSMs?

The Assistant Corporate Secretary does the responsibility

(iii) Do the company's common shares carry one vote for one share? If not, disclose and give reasons for any divergence to this standard. Where the company has more than one class of shares, describe the voting rights attached to each class of shares.

At every meeting of the stockholders of the corporation, each share of stock entitles its owner to one vote, provided, however, that in the case of election of directors, every stockholder entitled to vote shall be entitled to cumulate his shares and give one nominee as many votes as the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of his shares, or he may distribute them on the same principle among as many nominees as he shall see fit, provided that the entire number of votes cast by him shall not exceed the number of shares owned by him multiplied by the entire number of directors to be elected.

#### (g) Proxy Voting Policies

State the policies followed by the company regarding proxy voting in the Annual/Special Stockholders' Meeting. Every stockholder entitled to vote at any meeting of the stockholders may so vote in person or by proxy, provided that the proxy shall have been appointed in writing by the stockholder himself or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact. Unless otherwise provided in the proxy, it shall be valid only for the meeting at which it has been presented to the Secretary. The instrument authorizing a proxy to act must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than forty-eight hours before the time for the meeting axe (Article II, Sec. 7 of the By-Laws). Voting shall be by raising hands and need not be by ballot, the Corporate Secretary shall duly count any action authorized upon the vote of the majority of the votes cast, except in the election of directors, which shall be on the basis of cumulative voting hitch.

#### (h) Sending of Notices

State the company's policies and procedure on the sending of notices of Annual/Special Stockholders' Meeting. Distribution of notice of stockholders' meeting, definitive information statement, proxy form and management report which is at least fifteen (15) business days from the date of the annual stockholders' meeting (SRC Rule 20. 3, C iv) and at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual stockholders' meeting (Art. II, Sec. 4, By-laws).

Notices for regular or special meetings of shareholders may be sent by the Secretary by personal delivery or by mailing the notice two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting to each shareholder of record at his last known post office address or by publishing the notice in the newspaper of national circulation. The notice must contain the necessary details or purposes for which the meeting is called.

Number of Stockholders entitled to receive	
Definitive Information Statements and	452
Management Report and Other Materials	
Date of Actual Distribution of Definitive	
Information Statement and Management	
Report and Other Materials held by market	
participants/certain beneficial owners	August 31, 2017
Date of Actual Distribution of Definitive	
Information Statement and Management	
Report and Other Materials held by	
stockholders	August 31, 2017
State whether CD format or hard copies	
were distributed	CD
If yes, indicate whether requesting	

#### (i) Definitive Information Statements and Management Report

stockholders were provided hard copies

Complied

(j) Does the Notice of Annual/Special Stockholders' Meeting include the following:

Each resolution to be taken up deals with only one item.	V
Profiles of directors (at least age, qualification, date of first	
appointment, experience, and directorships in other listed companies)	
nominated for election/re-election.	$\checkmark$
The auditors to be appointed or re-appointed.	$\checkmark$
An explanation of the dividend policy, if any dividend is to be	
declared.	$\checkmark$
The amount payable for final dividends.	$\checkmark$
Documents required for proxy vote.	$\checkmark$

## H. INVESTORS RELATIONS PROGRAM

Communication activities will seek to leverage the company's extensive experience, expertise, and knowledge products so that they have greater impact. Recognition for these contributions will help position the Group as a key reference point for perspectives on Philippine development issues and support its leadership role. Communication activities will be geared towards increasing awareness (i) of financial, technical and intellectual soundness; (ii) its contribution to development in the country.

Visibility without credibility, however, will not enhance the company's reputation, and care will need to be taken to ensure that communication is soundly based on evidence and results. Communications will also need to address identified misperceptions about the company. Communication will therefore need to carefully segment and target messages.

#### **Internal Communications**

- Meetings, speeches, management meetings, messages to staff and memoranda to staff;
- Notices and all mediums stated at employees handbook., which serves as the central platform for disseminating information to staff.
- E-Marketing which is all over lobby area.

#### **External Communication**

**External** communication activities have also expanded in recent years, as management has considered it important to increase awareness of the company's activities among key stakeholders.

These target groups have included regional and non-regional member country government authorities, investors, the private sector, grassroots communities, civil society organizations, universities, researchers, and the media, as well as the general public.

# The main products include:

- The external website,
- Press releases

• Publications, provides support regarding graphic design, layout, printing, promotion, information disclosure registration.

• Media relations, in particular, in support of presidential speeches and major events.

#### Mergers, Consolidations, Acquisitions and Similar Matters

As of 2016 Waterfront Philippines, Inc. has no plans to merge, and consolidate with other company, to acquire other company's securities, to acquire any other going business or of the assets thereof, to sell or transfer any substantial part of its assets and to liquidate or dissolve the Company.

### I. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES

Discuss any initiative undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by the company. Apart from the financial side and operational, the Company also creates programs to respond to social needs. Partaking in Earth hour, feeding to our least fortunate neighbors, bundles of joy and even reaching out to fellow Filipinos under state of calamity. Religious activities were also inculcated to enriched spiritual needs.

#### J. BOARD, DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE AND CEO APPRAISAL

Disclose the process followed and criteria used in assessing the annual performance of the board and its committees, individual director, and the CEO/President.

#### **CEO Evaluation**

The Compensation/Human Resources Committee of the Board annually evaluates the performance of the CEO. The Corporate Governance/ Nominating Committee make recommendations to the Board with respect to CEO succession.

The Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee is also responsible to ensure that processes are in place for management development and succession.

#### **Annual Performance Evaluation of the Board**

The Board annually conducts a self-evaluation using a process approved by the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee. The Audit, Corporate Governance/Nominating, Compensation/ Human Resources and Finance Committees are each required by their written charters to conduct annual self-evaluations.

## K. INTERNAL BREACHES AND SANCTIONS

Discuss the internal policies on sanctions imposed for any violation or breach of the corporate governance manual involving directors, officers, management and employees.

To strictly observe and implement the provisions of this Manual, the following penalties shall be imposed, after notice and hearing, on the Corporation's directors, officers staff, in case of violation of the provision of this Manual:

• Minor violation- written reprimand on the violator up to suspension

- for the office: the duration of the suspension shall depend on the gravity of the violation.
- Major violation-suspend from office up to maximum penalty of removal from office..

A major violation of this Manual by any member of the board of the Corporation shall be sufficient from removal from leadership.

The compliance officer shall be responsible for determining violation/s through notice and hearing and shall recommend to the Chairman of the Board the impossible penalty for such violation, for further review and approval of the Board.