

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

We, at SBS Transit Ltd (SBS Transit or Company, and together with its subsidiary, the Group), believe that a fundamental measure of our success is the shareholder value we create over the long-term.

We will continue to:

- Focus relentlessly on our customers;
- Make corporate decisions to build long-term value rather than short-term considerations;
- Maintain our lean culture as we understand the importance of being cost conscious;
- Hire and retain skilled and dedicated Employees; and
- Look for sustainable ways to protect the environment.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

SBS Transit strongly believes that good Corporate Governance makes good business sense. To this end, we maintain the highest standards of Corporate Governance, professionalism and integrity as we build an organisation that our Shareholders, Employees, Business Partners, the Authorities and other Stakeholders can trust and be proud of.

We adhere to the Code of Corporate Governance issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore dated 2 May 2012 (Code) and ensure that it is upheld throughout the Group<sup>1</sup>. We have also adopted a Code of Business Conduct, which sets out the principles and policies upon which our businesses are to be conducted, and implemented a Whistle Blowing Policy which provides a mechanism for Employees to raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting or other improper business conduct, whilst protecting the whistleblowers from reprisal within the limits of the law.

This Report sets out the Corporate Governance practices that were in place during the year, with specific references to the Code. For the Financial Year 2018, we are pleased to report that the Company complied in all material aspects with the principles and guidelines set out in the Code.

## 1. BOARD MATTERS

In choosing directors, the Company seeks individuals who have integrity, expertise, business acumen, shareholder orientation and a genuine interest in the Group.

<sup>1</sup> The revised Code of Corporate Governance which was issued on 6 August 2018 ("2018 Code") will apply to Annual Reports covering financial years from 1 January 2019.

## Principle 1: The Board's Conduct of Affairs

### Board's Role

At the helm of the decision-making process of the Company is the Board of Directors. The Board is headed by the non-executive and non-independent Chairman, Mr Lim Jit Poh, and is responsible for:

- Providing entrepreneurial leadership and guidance, setting strategic directions and objectives of the Group (which include appropriate focus on value creation, innovation and sustainability) and ensuring that adequate financial and human resources are in place to achieve the objectives;
- Ensuring that appropriate and adequate systems of internal controls, risk management processes and Financial Authority Limits are in place to safeguard Shareholders' interests and the Group's assets, and to achieve an appropriate balance between risks and company performance;
- Challenging Management constructively and monitoring its performance;
- Identifying the key Stakeholder groups and guiding Management in the Company's strategy and approach in addressing the concerns of these key Stakeholder groups, and ensuring transparency and accountability to all Stakeholders;
- Instilling ethical corporate culture and ensuring the Company's values, standards, policies and practices are consistent with the culture; and
- Considering environmental, social and governance issues as part of its strategic formulation on sustainability.

### Reserved Matters

SBS Transit has adopted internal guidelines setting forth certain matters that require the Board's approval. Under these guidelines, acquisitions of businesses, disposals or changes in equity interests in existing subsidiaries/associates, investment in financial instruments, tender for businesses above the prescribed limits, assessing and approving key business decisions, funding and investment initiatives and other corporate actions, including approval of the Financial Authority Limits, Annual Budget and Capital Expenditure and the release of the quarterly and full-year Financial Results require approval from the Board. In addition, the acceptance of credit facilities from banks, the establishment of capital market programmes and the issuance of debt instruments require the approval of the Board.

The Board periodically reviews the adequacy of internal controls and Financial Authority Limits to ensure that while there is delegation of authority, there are sufficient checks and balances in place to monitor such delegation.

### Independent Judgement

All Directors are aware of their fiduciary duties and exercise due diligence and independent judgement in ensuring that their decisions are objective and in the best interests of the Group.

## Delegation by the Board

To assist the Board in the detailed consideration of the various issues at hand and to facilitate decision-making, four Board Committees are formed, namely, the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC), the Nominating Committee (NC), the Remuneration Committee (RC) and the Service Quality Committee (SQC). In November 2018, the Board formed a Bus Tender Committee (BTC) to provide oversight on bus tender strategies and bid preparation. Ad hoc committees are also formed to look at specific issues from time to time.

Each Board Committee is governed and regulated by its own terms of reference, which sets out the scope of its duties and responsibilities, regulations and procedures governing the manner in which the Board Committee is to operate and how decisions are to be taken.

Although the Board Committees are empowered to make their own decisions, the Board is ultimately responsible for all decisions made by the Board Committees.

## Directors' Attendance at Board and Board Committee Meetings

At least four scheduled Board Meetings are held every year for the purpose of approving the release of the Financial Results every quarter and the Annual Budget. The Board Meetings to approve the Financial Results are held within 45 days after the end of each quarter and the financial year. The Annual Budget is approved at the Board Meeting convened to consider the third quarter's results. Ad hoc Board and Board Committee Meetings are also held from time to time when the need arises. For instance, in 2018, the NC also held additional meetings to review the appointment of new Directors.

Directors who are unable to attend meetings in person can still participate in the discussions through tele-conferencing. Decisions of the Board and Board Committees may also be obtained via circular Resolutions. Directors are free to seek clarifications and explanations from Management on the reports and papers submitted to the Board.

### Attendance of Directors at Annual General Meeting, Board and Board Committee Meetings in 2018

Name	Annual General Meeting Attended	Board		Audit and Risk Committee		Nominating Committee		Remuneration Committee		Service Quality Committee	
		No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended
Lim Jit Poh	✓	4	4	-	-	3	3	2	2	-	-
Yang Ban Seng	✓	4	4	1	1 <sup>a</sup>	3	3 <sup>a</sup>	2	2 <sup>a</sup>	-	-
Gan Juay Kiat	✓	4	4	5	5 <sup>a</sup>	2	2 <sup>a</sup>	2	2 <sup>a</sup>	2	2 <sup>a</sup>
John De Payva	✓	4	3	-	-	3	3	2	2	-	-
Kong Yim Pui Susan	✓	4	4	-	-	3	3	2	2	-	-
Lee Sok Koon	✓	4	4	5	5	-	-	-	-	2	2
Lim Seh Chun	✓	4	4	5	5	-	-	-	-	2	2
Lim Siang Hoe Benny <sup>c</sup>	✓ <sup>d</sup>	3	3	3	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
Wee Siew Kim	✓	4	3	5	5	-	-	-	-	2	1
Yu Ching Man <sup>c</sup>	✓ <sup>d</sup>	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Cheong Yip Seng <sup>b</sup>	✓	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1
Chin Harn Tong <sup>b</sup>	✓	1	1	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-

#### Notes:

(a) Attended meetings by invitation of the Committee

(b) Retired on 25 April 2018

(c) Appointed on 26 April 2018

(d) Attended by invitation of the Company prior to appointment as a Director

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### Induction and Training of Directors

Upon appointment as a Director, the Board Chairman will send an official letter of appointment to the Director, which clearly explains his/her role, duties and responsibilities.

Management will conduct a comprehensive orientation programme for newly appointed Directors, where key aspects of the businesses, including financial and Corporate Governance policies are discussed. Site visits will also be arranged for new Directors so that they can better familiarise themselves with the Group's operations. When a Director is appointed to a Board Committee, he/she is provided with its terms of reference.

Directors are encouraged to attend courses to update their knowledge and better equip themselves to discharge their duties as Directors. The fees for the courses are paid for by the Company. The Company Secretaries assist in professional development and training by regularly disseminating details of suitable seminars and courses organised by the Singapore Institute of Directors and other professional bodies and arranging for the Directors to attend such courses when requested.

The Company Secretaries also update the Board on Corporate Governance practices and circulate articles relating to changes in laws relevant to the Group's businesses. During the year, the Directors attended several training programmes. Details of the training sessions are as follows:

Training Provider	Topic
Deloitte & Touche LLP	International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) convergence and the new/revised accounting standards
WongPartnership LLP	Corporate Governance briefing: Understanding the revised Code
Singapore Institute of Directors	Sustainability for Directors
Singapore Institute of Directors	Audit Committee Seminar for 2018
Singapore Institute of Directors	SID Directors' Conference

Regular presentations are made by Management to the Board to enable Directors to better familiarise themselves with the Group's businesses. Site visits for the Board are also organised to enable Directors to learn more about the Group's operations. During such visits, Directors spend time with Management to discuss key strategies and policies pertaining not just to the specific operation, but also to the Group in general. Such meetings help Directors become better equipped to make informed decisions relating to the future direction of the Group.

### Principle 2: Board Composition and Guidance

#### Board Independence

As at 31 December 2018, the Board comprised ten Directors of which 70% are independent Directors. There is a strong element of independence in the Board. Except for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who is an executive Director, seven of the remaining nine non-executive Directors (NED) are considered by the NC to be independent. Following Mr Gan Juay Kiat's resignation, Mr Yang Ban Seng was re-designated as Executive Deputy Chairman and CEO on 15 January 2019. Mr Gan Juay Kiat ceased to be CEO on 14 January 2019 and ceased to be an Executive Director on 27 March 2019. With these changes, the Board now comprises nine Directors of which 78% are independent. This composition exceeds the Code's requirement of at least half of the Board to comprise independent Directors where the Chairman is not an independent Director. The Chairman is a nominee of ComfortDelGro Corporation Limited (ComfortDelGro), a 10% Shareholder\*, and is therefore non-independent. As such, a Lead Independent Director has been appointed with effect from 1 January 2013. The Chairman and the CEO are different persons and are not immediate family members. The Chairman is also not part of the Management team. No person will be able to influence the decisions of the Board as the over-whelming majority of the Directors are independent NEDs.

The NC is responsible for assessing the independence of the Directors on an annual basis. Each Director is required to complete a Confirmation of Independence checklist which is drawn up in accordance with the guidelines provided in the Code and requires each Director to assess his/her own independence. The Director is required to declare any circumstances in which he/she may be considered non-independent. The NC will then review the Confirmation of Independence to determine whether a Director is independent. The NC deems a Director who is associated with a 10% Shareholder in the current and immediate past financial year (as defined in the Code) as non-independent. Mr Lim Jit Poh is deemed as non-Independent as he is the Chairman of ComfortDelGro, a 10% Shareholder.

As at 31 December 2018, two out of seven independent Directors have served on the Board for more than nine years. They are Mr John De Payva and Mr Wee Siew Kim. The NC takes the view that a Director's independence cannot be determined solely and arbitrarily on the basis of the length of service. A Director's contributions in terms of experience, expertise, professionalism, integrity, objectivity and independent judgement in engaging and challenging Management in the best interests of the Group as he/she performs his/her duties in good faith, are more critical measures in ascertaining his/her independence than the number of years served on the Board. Hence, the Board does not impose a limit on the length of service of the independent Directors. In taking a holistic approach, the Board and the NC exercise due and careful review, taking into consideration all other factors, in assessing the independence of a Director. These factors include, inter alia, if the Director has any interest, business, relationship and/or any other material contractual relationship with the Group which could reasonably be perceived to compromise his/her independence and interfere with the exercise of his/her independent business judgement. The Board is of the view that all independent Directors remain independent in the exercise of their judgement on Board matters.

\* As defined under the Code

### Board Size, Composition and Competency

The NC examines the size and composition of the Board and the Board Committees annually to ensure an appropriate balance and diversity of skills, experiences and gender and the size is conducive to effective discussion and decision making, with an appropriate number of independent Directors.

The bulk of the Group's businesses is regulated. Having considered the scope and nature of the operations of the Group and the requirements of its businesses, the NC and the Board are of the view that the current size of ten Directors as at 31 December 2018 is appropriate.

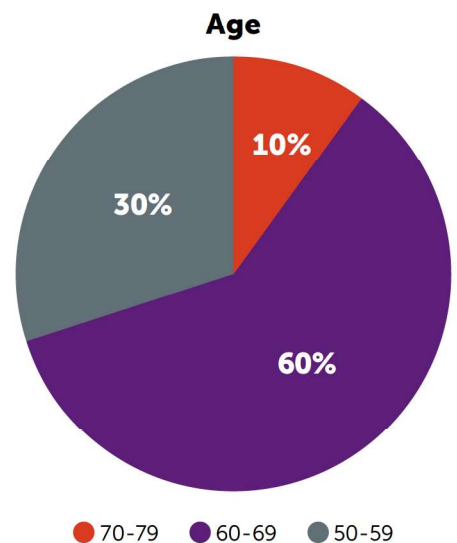
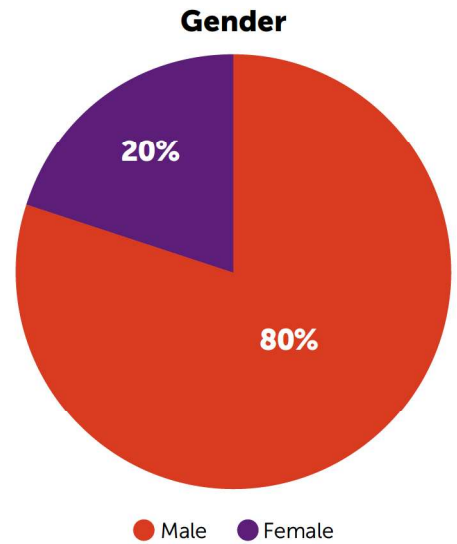
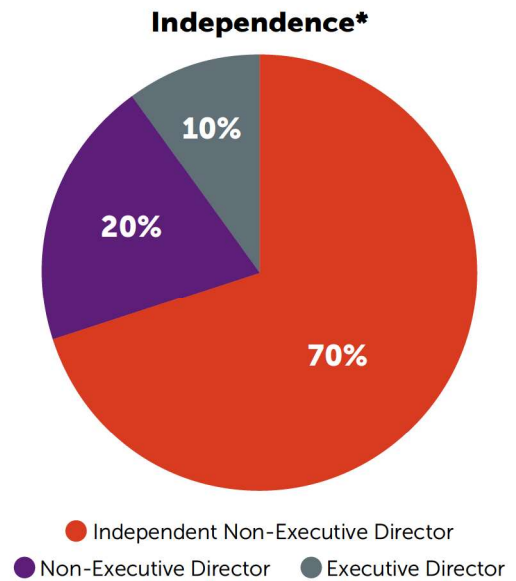
The Group is committed to building an open, inclusive and collaborative culture and recognises the importance of all aspects of diversity in supporting the achievement of its strategic objectives, growth and sustainable development.

The Board recognises the merits of gender diversity in relation to composition of the Board and in identifying suitable candidates for new appointments to the Board would ensure that female candidates are included for consideration. In this respect, out of ten directors on the Board two of them or 20% are females. It is the intention to increase the number of female directors on the Board in the future.

The Directors are individuals with leadership experiences in business, government and the labour movement and with a broad diversity of expertise and experience including accounting, finance, legal, engineering, internal security, regulatory and business management, both domestically and internationally. Each Director provides a valuable network of industry contacts and brings in different perspectives and ideas at Board discussions.

The NC is satisfied that the Board and Board Committees comprise Directors who as a group provide an appropriate balance and diversity of skills, experience, gender, knowledge and core competencies required for the Board and Board Committees to discharge their responsibilities effectively and ensure that the Group continues to be able to meet the challenges and demands of the markets in which it operates. The current makeup of the Board and Board Committees reflects our commitment to all aspects of diversity.

The individual profile of the Directors, their principal directorships and chairmanships held currently and their directorships and chairmanships held in listed and unlisted companies in the preceding five years, are found in the 'Board of Directors' and 'Directors' Particulars' sections on pages 9 to 13 and pages 50 to 55 of this Annual Report.



\* As at 31 December 2018

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### Non-Executive Directors' Participation

All NEDs have unrestricted access to the Management and are well supported by accurate, complete and timely information, including monthly and quarterly performance reports. They participate actively at Board and Board Committee Meetings to constructively challenge Management and help develop proposals on business strategy and other business and governance issues and also review the performance of Management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance.

All the members of the ARC, RC and NC are NEDs. There is no executive Director on these Committees.

The non-executive Chairman meets with the Chairman of the ARC and External Auditors annually in the absence of Management. From time to time when required, the NEDs meet without the presence of Management before or after Board Meetings.

### Principle 3: Chairman and CEO

#### Roles of Chairman and CEO

The roles of the Chairman and the CEO are kept separate and distinct to ensure an appropriate balance of power, increased accountability and greater capacity of the Board for independent decision making. This is a deliberate policy agreed by the Board and one that is strictly adhered to. This ensures Management accountability and Board independence. The Chairman is responsible for the effective functioning of the Board, while the CEO is responsible for the operations and management of the Group's businesses. The Chairman and the CEO are not related.

The Chairman:

- (i) Leads the Board, facilitates effective contribution of all Directors, sets the agenda and promotes comprehensive, rigorous and open discussions at Board Meetings among the Directors, as well as between the Board and Management;
- (ii) Oversees the translation of the Board's decisions into executive actions;
- (iii) Ensures adequacy and timeliness of information flow between the Board and Management and effective communications with Shareholders and other Stakeholders;
- (iv) Encourages constructive relations within the Board and between the Board and Management; and
- (v) Promotes high standards of Corporate Governance and transparency.

The CEO is given full executive responsibility for the management of the Group's businesses and the implementation of the Group's strategies and policies as decided by the Board and reports to the Board on a regular basis.

The Chairman and the CEO represent the Board at official functions and meetings with Shareholders and other Stakeholders such as employees, regulators and customers. A detailed description of our engagements with Stakeholders can be found in the 'Sustainability Report' section on pages 24 to 29 of this Annual Report.

### Lead Independent Director

Consistent with the Code, as the Chairman is deemed non-independent, the Board unanimously appointed Mr John De Payva as the Lead Independent Director with effect from 1 January 2013.

### Principle 4: Board Membership

There is a formal and transparent process for the appointment and reappointment of Directors to the Board.

#### Nominating Committee

The NC comprises four NEDs, of whom three including the chairman is independent. The NC is responsible for regularly reviewing the composition of the Board, identifying and proposing suitable candidates for appointment to the Board and ensuring succession plans are in place. The renewal of Board membership is an ongoing process to ensure good governance and to maintain relevance in a changing business environment. All decisions by the NC are made by a majority of votes of the NC members who are present and voting. The key terms of reference of the NC include the following:

- (i) Review the Board's succession plans and make recommendations to the Board on all appointments and re-appointments of Directors of the Company;
- (ii) Assess the effectiveness of the Board and Board Committees and contribution by each individual Director;
- (iii) Develop a process for evaluation of the Board's performance, including comparison with industry peers; and
- (iv) Make recommendations to the Board on the review of training and professional development programmes for the Board.

#### Multiple Board Representations

The NC subscribes to the view that it is important for Directors to devote sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Group. Consistent with the guidelines in the Code, the NC and the Board have adopted the following as a proactive step in ensuring this:

- A Director who is in full-time employment should not serve as a Director on the Board of more than three listed companies; and
- A Director who is not in full-time employment should not serve as a Director on the Board of more than six listed companies.

As the number of board representations should not be the only measure of a Director's commitment and ability to contribute effectively, the NC takes the view that if a Director wishes to hold more board representations than the maximum stated in the guidelines, a request must be made to the Chairman of the Board for approval. As a policy, the Chairman himself should not hold more than six directorships in listed companies if he is not in full-time employment and not more than three directorships in listed companies if he is in full-time employment.

In assessing a Director's contribution, the NC takes a holistic approach. Focusing solely on Directors' attendance at Board and Board Committee Meetings per se may not be an adequate evaluation of the contribution of the Directors. Instead, their abilities to provide valuable insights and strategic networking to enhance the businesses of the Group, availability for guidance and advice outside the scope of formal Board and Board Committee Meetings and contributions in specialised areas are also factors relevant in assessing the contributions of the Directors.

As a policy, the CEO, being an executive of the Company, besides adhering to the guidelines set on the maximum number of board representations on listed companies, will also have to seek the approval of the Chairman before accepting any directorships of companies not within the Group. In considering whether or not to grant the approval, the Chairman will consider the time commitment of the CEO and whether the new external directorships will provide strategic fit and networking for the businesses of the Group. The Chairman will also ensure that the CEO will not accept appointments to the boards of competitors.

As at 31 December 2018, all Directors comply with the guideline on multiple board representation, save for Mr Wee Siew Kim. With the permission from the Chairman, he has taken up one more listed directorship. He currently holds four listed directorships.

### Alternate Director

Consistent with the Code, there is no alternate Director on the Board.

### Process for Selection, Appointment and Re-appointment of Directors

As part of the Board Succession Plan, new Directors may be identified from time to time for appointment to the Board after the NC evaluates and assesses their suitability in strengthening the diversity of skills, experience, gender, knowledge and core competencies of the Board relevant to the businesses of the Group.

The process for selection of new Directors is as follows:

- (i) The NC assesses the desired competencies and attributes of the Board taking into account the Group's businesses and its strategic objectives.
- (ii) The NC then assesses the competencies and attributes to include into the current representation to achieve the desired mix. This forms the basis for selection of new Directors.
- (iii) New Directors are sourced through various channels, including recommendations of Directors and Management.
- (iv) Potential candidates are interviewed by the NC to assess suitability and commitment.
- (v) The NC makes recommendations to the Board for approval.

In compliance with the Bus Service Industry Act 2015, Cap. 30 and the Rapid Transit Systems Act, Cap. 263A, all appointments to the Board are subject to approvals of the Land Transport Authority of Singapore.

The Constitution of the Company provides that one-third of the Directors are subject to retirement and re-election by rotation at every Annual General Meeting (AGM). All Directors are required to retire from office at least once every three years. Re-election is, however, not automatic, and all Directors are assessed by the NC on their past performance and contributions before being recommended to Shareholders for re-election. Newly appointed Directors are also subject to retirement and re-election at the AGM immediately following their appointments. At the forthcoming AGM, Mr John De Payva, Professor Lim Seh Chun and Mr Wee Siew Kim are due for re-election pursuant to Regulation 100 of the Constitution, while Mr Lim Siang Hoe Benny and Professor Yu Ching Man are due for re-election pursuant to Regulation 106 of the Constitution. Mr Wee Siew Kim will not be seeking re-election and will retire at the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM.

### Principle 5: Board Performance

Each year, the NC undertakes a process to assess the effectiveness of the Board in terms of overall performance and growth of the Group, achieving an adequate return for Shareholders, preventing conflicts of interest and balancing the competing demands of the Group. In evaluating the contributions and performance of each individual Director, factors taken into consideration include attendance at AGM, Board and Board Committee Meetings and corporate activities, contributions in specialist areas and maintenance of independence. The performance criterion is determined by the NC and does not change from year to year.

In the last quarter of 2018, the NC conducted an evaluation of Board Performance which included key points on Board's composition, Board's contributions, contributions at Board Committees and conduct of proceedings and whether the Directors had discharged their duties effectively. The findings were then presented by the chairman of the NC to the Board during its meeting for deliberation and discussion on possible areas for improvement to enhance overall effectiveness. Chairman of the Board had evaluated the individual Directors and confirmed that they are effective.

### Principle 6: Access to Information

#### Complete, Adequate and Timely Information

Prior to each Board and Board Committee Meeting, and where needed, Management provides Directors with complete, adequate and timely information. The Board also receives monthly management accounts, updates on key performance indicators and quarterly Investor Relations (IR) Reports covering IR activities and updates of analysts' and investors' views and comments. This enables the Board to make informed and sound business decisions and be kept abreast of key challenges, opportunities and developments for the Group. As a general rule, reports to the Board and Board Committees are disseminated to Directors prior to meetings to provide sufficient time for review and consideration, so that discussions at the meetings are productive and effective. All information is encrypted if distributed electronically.

Directors can request for additional information and the Board has full access to Management. Should there be a need to obtain independent professional advice on matters relating to the businesses of the Group or issues affecting the duties of

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the Directors, the Company will arrange for the appointment of relevant professional advisers at its own cost.

### Company Secretaries

The Company Secretaries assist in scheduling Board and Board Committee Meetings and prepare the agenda in consultation with the Chairman and CEO. The Company Secretaries attend the Board and Board Committee Meetings. The Company Secretaries keep the Directors informed of any significant developments or events relating to the Group, including compliance with all relevant rules and regulations. The Directors have separate and independent access to the Company Secretaries. The appointment and removal of the Company Secretaries are subject to the approval of the Board.

## 2. REMUNERATION MATTERS

### Principle 7: Procedures for Developing Remuneration Policies

SBS Transit recognises the importance of having a skilled and dedicated workforce to manage and grow the businesses in an increasingly competitive and challenging environment. It therefore places great emphasis on motivating staff through engagement, recognition and an alignment of rewards to the performance and long-term interests of the Group.

### Remuneration Committee

The RC plays an important role in the Group's remuneration policies, as well as oversees the talent management and succession planning for Senior Management staff. Besides providing the Board with an independent review and assessment of Directors' remuneration, it also reviews the remuneration framework and strategy for executive compensation, with the purpose of developing talent and building leadership bench strength to ensure the Group's continued success.

As at 31 December 2018, the RC comprised four NEDs, of whom three including the chairman are independent. This is in accordance with the Code. Members of RC are independent of Management and also free from any business or other relationships, which may materially interfere with the exercise of independent judgement.

All decisions by the RC are made by a majority of votes of the RC members who are present and voting. Any member of the RC with a conflict of interest in relation to the subject matter under consideration would abstain from voting, approving or making recommendations that would affect the decisions of the RC. The CEO is not present at any RC discussions pertaining to his own compensation and the review of his performance. He is, however, in attendance when the compensation of Senior Management staff is discussed.

The key terms of reference of the RC include the following:

- (i) Oversee the talent management and succession planning for Senior Management staff;
- (ii) Review and recommend to the Board the remuneration framework for compensation to each Director, and ensure that the level of remuneration offered is appropriate to the level of contribution;
- (iii) Review and approve the remuneration of Key Executives that is aligned with the long-term interests of the Group to ensure that the overall remuneration package is attractive to retain and motivate Key Executives; and
- (iv) Review the Group's obligations arising in the event of termination of Directors' and Key Executives' services in a fair, reasonable and equitable manner, including the cessation of financial incentives that have been earned but not yet disbursed due to exceptional circumstances of misstatement or misconduct.

The RC has unrestricted access to the ComfortDelGro Group Chief Human Resource Officer, who attends all RC meetings and provides the relevant market remuneration data and practices to the Committee. The RC may also seek external expert advice on such matters where needed. In 2018, the Group engaged the services of an external consulting firm, Willis Towers Watson, to conduct an Executive Compensation Benchmarking exercise for an independent review of the compensation packages of its senior executives.

### Principle 8: Level and Mix of Remuneration

#### Performance-related Remuneration

The remuneration packages of the CEO and Key Executives of the Group comprise fixed and variable components. The variable component in the form of year end performance bonuses, forms a significant proportion of the remuneration packages and is dependent on the profitability of the Group and individual performance. Subject to market conditions and the operating environment, the Group targets a total compensation package with fixed to variable component ratios of 70:30 for Rank and File Employees, 60:40 for Middle Management staff and 50:50 for Senior Management staff. The Group believes that a higher proportion of performance related component would ensure greater alignment of interests of the employees with those of Shareholders and contributes to sustainable performance in the long-term.

#### Short-term and Long-term Incentive Schemes

The SBS Transit Share Option Scheme expired in June 2010 and hence no option had been granted since then. Eligible SBS Transit employees shall be eligible to participate in the ComfortDelGro Executive Share Award Scheme to be introduced in 2019.

#### Remuneration of Non-Executive Directors

The structure for the payment of fees to NEDs is based on a framework comprising basic fees and additional fees for serving on Board Committees and also for undertaking additional

services for the Group. The fees are subject to the approval of Shareholders at the AGM.

by the subsidiary to the Company. The CEO does not receive Director's fees for his Board Directorship with the Company.

The CEO, being an executive of the Group, does not retain any fees paid by the subsidiaries. Instead, fees due to him are paid

The Directors' fee structure for 2018 is set out below:

<b>Board</b>		<b>Basic fee (per annum)</b>	
		<b>\$</b>	
Chairman			64,000
Deputy Chairman			48,000
Lead Independent Director			38,400
Member			32,000

<b>Board Committee</b>	<b>Additional fees (per annum) as</b>	
	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Member</b>
		<b>\$</b>
Audit and Risk Committee	21,333	14,933
Nominating Committee	10,667	7,467
Remuneration Committee	10,667	7,467
Service Quality Committee	10,667	7,467

The attendance fees payable to non-executive Directors for attendance at each Board and Board Committee Meeting are as follows:

<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Attendance fee (per meeting)*</b>	
	<b>In-person</b>	<b>Dial-in</b>
		<b>\$</b>
Board	1,000	500
Board Committee	1,000	500

*\* Directors are only paid one attendance fee when two or more meetings are held on the same day.*

## Principle 9: Disclosure on Remuneration

### Remuneration of Directors and Executives

CEO's remuneration:

<b>Remuneration</b>	<b>The Group</b>			<b>Total Compensation</b>
	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Bonus</b>	<b>Others</b>	
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
2018				
Gan Juay Kiat	528,000	686,000	45,180	1,259,180



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The remuneration of the non-executive Directors comprised entirely Directors' fees as follows:

	The Group 2018 \$
Lim Jit Poh	78,934
Yang Ban Seng <sup>1</sup>	48,000
John De Payva	56,533
Kong Yim Pui Susan	49,125
Lee Sok Koon	54,400
Lim Seh Chun	57,600
Lim Siang Hoe Benny <sup>2</sup>	37,260
Wee Siew Kim	60,800
Yu Ching Man <sup>3</sup>	32,146
Cheong Yip Seng <sup>4</sup>	14,786
Chin Harn Tong <sup>5</sup>	18,148

### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Mr Yang's Directors' fees are paid to the company's holding company, ComfortDelGro Corporation Limited.
- <sup>2</sup> Amount constitutes Mr Lim Siang Hoe Benny's Directors' fees for the period from 26 April 2018 to 31 December 2018. Mr Lim was appointed as a Director as well as a Member of both the Audit and Risk Committee and the Nominating Committee on 26 April 2018.
- <sup>3</sup> Amount constitutes Professor Yu Ching Man's Directors' fees for the period from 26 April 2018 to 31 December 2018. Professor Yu was appointed as a Director as well as a Member of both the Remuneration Committee and the Service Quality Committee on 26 April 2018.
- <sup>4</sup> Amount constitutes Mr Cheong Yip Seng's Directors' fees from 1 January 2018 to 25 April 2018. Mr Cheong stepped down as a Member of the Nominating Committee and the Service Quality Committee on 25 April 2018.
- <sup>5</sup> Amount constitutes Mr Chin Harn Tong's Directors' fees from 1 January 2018 to 25 April 2018. Mr Chin stepped down as a Member of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Remuneration Committee on 25 April 2018.

The remuneration of the Executives in the five key portfolios having regard to the performance of the individuals and the Group, are as follows:

Remuneration band	The Group			Total Compensation %
	Salary %	Bonus %	Others %	
2018				
\$250,000 to \$499,999				
Leong Yim Sing	55.0	39.0	6.0	100
Goei Beng Guan, Alex	54.7	38.8	6.5	100
Tan Eng Kok, Ivan	51.9	41.1	7.1	100
Pang Fui Eng, Ivan	54.3	36.2	9.5	100
Yeo See Peng	55.2	36.8	8.1	100

The total remuneration paid to these five Executives holding the key portfolios (who are not Directors or the CEO) amounts to \$1,941,118.

### Remuneration of Certain Related Employees

During the Financial Year 2018, no key executive was an immediate family member of a Director or the CEO and whose remuneration exceeds \$50,000. "Immediate family member" means the spouse, child, adopted child, step-child, brother, sister and parent.

## 3. ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

### Principle 10: Accountability

The Board has overall accountability to the Shareholders of the Company and ensures that the Group is managed well and guided by sustainable long-term strategic objectives. The Board is responsible to provide a balanced and understandable assessment of the Group's performance, position and prospects. Price sensitive information, Annual Reports and other material corporate developments are disseminated in a timely manner and posted on the Company's website as well as SGXNet. The Financial Results are reported each quarter via SGXNet with an accompanying Negative Assurance by the Board to confirm that nothing has come to its attention that may render the results false or misleading in any material aspects. The Company believes that

prompt and full compliance with statutory reporting requirements is fundamental to maintaining Shareholder confidence and trust.

SBS Transit has formalised a Policy on Securities – Restrictions Against Dealings to provide guidance to Directors and executives of the Group in relation to dealings in the securities of the Company, ComfortDelGro and VICOM Ltd (VICOM). Directors and executives of the Group are prohibited from dealing in the securities of the Company, ComfortDelGro and VICOM during the period commencing two weeks before the announcement of the Company's, ComfortDelGro's and VICOM's first, second and third quarter results, and one month before the announcement of the full-year results and ending on the date of the announcement of the relevant results. All Directors and executives are notified of the trading blackout periods before the start of the financial year and are given reminders prior to each trading blackout period.

All Directors and executives of the Group are also told that they must not deal in (i) the securities of the Company, ComfortDelGro and VICOM on short-term consideration and/or while in possession of unpublished material price-sensitive information relating to the relevant securities; and (ii) the securities of other listed companies while in possession of unpublished material price-sensitive information relating to those securities. Executives are required to notify the Company upon disposal of shares arising from the exercise of options under the Employees' Share Option Scheme which expired on 8 June 2010.

In line with the changes to the SGX-ST Listing Manual, the Group has put in place a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on compilation of information on privy persons who have access to material information of transactions that have yet to be disclosed to the public. The SOP prescribes that the person-in-charge of such transactions must remind all privy persons to keep all material information strictly confidential.

### Principle 11: Risk Management and Internal Controls

Risk management is an important and integral part of SBS Transit's strategic planning and decision making process. Key risks are identified and presented to the ARC and Board annually. Ownership of the risk management process is clearly defined and cascaded to the executive and functional level, with stewardship retained at Senior Management. Plans that are necessary to manage and mitigate the risks are in place and closely monitored. The adequacy of the risk governance, risk policy and internal controls in place is also assessed as part of the process. A detailed description of the Group's approach to internal controls and risk management can be found from pages 56 to 58 of this Annual Report.

The Internal and External Auditors conduct reviews in accordance with their audit plans. Any material non-compliance and recommendations for improvements on the internal controls are reported to the ARC. The ARC also reviews the effectiveness of the actions taken by Management on the recommendations made by the Internal and External Auditors. The recommendations are followed up as part of the Group's continuous review of the system of internal controls.

For the Financial Year 2018, the Board has received assurance from the CEO and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) that (i) the financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements are prepared in compliance with the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) and are correct in all material aspects and give a true and fair view of the operations and finances of the Group; and (ii) the Group's internal controls (including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls) and risk management systems are adequate and effective.

Key risks, mitigating controls and business continuity plans in place are reviewed annually by the ARC and the Board. Based on these reviews, the Board is of the view, with the concurrence of the ARC, that there are adequate and effective internal controls in place within the Group to address its financial, operational, compliance and information technology risks and to provide reasonable assurance against material financial misstatements or loss.

### Principle 12: Audit and Risk Committee

The ARC comprises four independent NEDs. None of the ARC members are previous partners or directors of the External Auditors within the previous 12 months and none of the ARC members hold any financial interest in the External Auditors. The Chairman and Members of the ARC are rotated periodically. The Board has reviewed and is satisfied that the members of the ARC are appropriately qualified to discharge their responsibilities.

The members collectively bring with them recent and relevant managerial and professional expertise in accounting and related financial management domains, as follows:

- (i) Mr Wee Siew Kim, Chairman of the ARC, is currently Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NIPSEA Group of Companies. He was previously the Deputy CEO of Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd. In addition to other academic qualifications Mr Wee holds a Master of Business Administration from the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University.
- (ii) Mr Lim Siang Hoe Benny, Member of the ARC, is the Chairman of Temasek Foundation Connects CLG Limited and Rysense Ltd and an Independent Director of Tridex Pte Ltd and Raffles Health Insurance Pte Ltd. He is also the Independent Non-Executive Chairman of the National Parks Board and a Member of the National Records Advisory Committee (National Library Board).
- (iii) Ms Lee Sok Koon, Member of the ARC, was the Finance Director of Lum Chang Holdings Ltd and AF Global Ltd (formerly known as L.C. Development Ltd), public companies which are listed on the Singapore Exchange Ltd. Ms Lee holds a Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons) from the then University of Singapore.
- (iv) Prof Lim Seh Chun, Member of the ARC, is the Associate Provost, Student Affairs at the Singapore University of Technology and Design. Prior to this, he spent more than 30 years with the National University of Singapore during which he held a number of management appointments.

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Members of the ARC keep abreast of relevant changes to accounting standards and issues through attendance at relevant seminars/talks, articles and news circulated by the Company Secretaries and regular updates by the External Auditors at ARC Meetings.

The roles of the ARC are aligned with the provisions of Section 201B(5) of the Companies Act, Cap. 50 and include the following:

- (i) Risk identification and reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls and risk management systems to ensure effectiveness in the management of risks and compliance with internal policies and external regulations;
- (ii) Review the effectiveness of the Group's internal audit function;
- (iii) Review the quarterly and annual financial statements and also significant accounting and reporting issues and their impact on financial statements so as to ensure the integrity of the financial statements and any formal announcements relating to the Group's financial performance and recommend to the Board the acceptance of such financial statements;
- (iv) Review the scope and results of the audits undertaken by the Internal and External Auditors, including non-audit services performed by the External Auditors to ensure that there is a balance between maintenance of objectivity and cost effectiveness;
- (v) Review Interested Person Transactions;
- (vi) Recommend the appointment, re-appointment or removal of the External Auditors at the AGM and review the fees due to them;
- (vii) Review and approve the annual audit plans of the External Auditors;
- (viii) Review and approve the Internal Auditor's annual and three-year rolling work plans; and
- (ix) Review the effectiveness of the Group's Whistle Blowing Policy. The Whistle Blowing Policy is described on page 56 of this Annual Report.

### Audit and Risk Committee's Activities

The ARC held five meetings during the financial year under review. The CEO, CFO, ComfortDelGro Group Chief Internal Audit Officer (GCIAO) and the External Auditors were present at these meetings. The ARC reviewed and considered the following:

- (i) Overall scope of both internal and external audits and results of their respective audits;
- (ii) Significant internal and external audit observations and Management's responses;
- (iii) Quarterly and full year results announcements and the financial statements and recommendation to the Board;

- (iv) Adoption of the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International);
- (v) Interested Person Transactions;
- (vi) Corporate Service Charges for 2018;
- (vii) Risk management and internal controls;
- (viii) Detection of Malware;
- (ix) Independence of the External Auditors; and
- (x) Re-appointment of External Auditors and its remuneration and recommendation to the Board.

In the performance of its duties, the ARC has explicit authority to investigate the affairs falling within its terms of reference, with full access to and cooperation from Management, discretion to invite any Director to attend its meetings and reasonable resources to enable it to discharge its duties properly.

The ARC meets with the Internal and External Auditors annually in the absence of Management. During these meetings, the Auditors may raise issues encountered in the course of their work directly to the ARC.

### Significant Financial Reporting Matters

In the review of the financial statements of the Group, the ARC considered the following key audit matters:

Significant matters	Review of significant matters by the ARC
Valuation and completeness of provision for accident claims.	The ARC considered the approach and methodology applied to the valuation and completeness of provision for settlement of accident claims. Following the review and discussions with Management and the External Auditor, the ARC is satisfied with the estimates used in determining the probability and amounts of expected settlement claims.

Following the review and discussions on the above, the ARC recommended to the Board to approve the financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

### Review of Independence of External Auditor

Prior to the re-appointment of the External Auditors, the ARC assesses their independence based on the guidelines set by the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority. Having satisfied itself that the independence of the External Auditors, Deloitte & Touche LLP, is not impaired by their provision of non-audit services to the Group and that Rules 712 and 715 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual have been complied with, the ARC has recommended to the Board that Deloitte & Touche LLP be nominated for reappointment as the Company's External Auditors at the next AGM.

As a further safeguard of Deloitte & Touche LLP's independence, the Deloitte & Touche LLP's partner in-charge of auditing the Company is changed every five years.

### Principle 13: Internal Audit

The internal audit function of the Group is performed by the ComfortDelGro Group Internal Audit Division comprising six suitably qualified and experienced Internal Audit staff including the GCIAO. The ComfortDelGro Group Internal Audit staff have professional qualifications and are members of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, Information Systems Audit and Control Association or Institute of Internal Auditors. The GCIAO reports functionally to the Chairman of the ARC and administratively to the CEO. The ComfortDelGro Group ARC approves the hiring, removal, evaluation and compensation of the GCIAO.

The ComfortDelGro Group Internal Audit Division adopts a risk based approach in its continuous audit work with focus on material internal control systems including financial, operational, information technology and compliance controls. It provides an independent and objective evaluation of the internal control systems and Corporate Governance processes of the Group. The annual and three year rolling audit plans are developed by the GCIAO in consultation with, but independent of, Management and are subject to the ARC's approval before the start of each financial year. Quarterly internal audit summary reports are also prepared and submitted to the ARC on the status of audits carried out. Any material non-compliance or lapses in internal controls are reported to the ARC and the CEO for improvements to be made. The ARC has full access to the GCIAO and the independence of the internal audit function is ensured as the ARC meets with the GCIAO at least once a year in the absence of Management. The ComfortDelGro Group Internal Audit Division is given unfettered access to all the Group's documents, records, properties and personnel, including access to the ARC.

The activities and organisational structure of the ComfortDelGro Group Internal Audit Division are monitored and reviewed by the ARC periodically to ensure that it has the necessary resources to adequately perform its functions and that there are no unjustified restrictions and limitations placed on the performance of its duties. The ComfortDelGro Group Internal Audit Division has adopted the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing laid down in the International Professional Practices Framework issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA Standards). The ComfortDelGro Group Internal Audit Division successfully completed its external Quality Assurance Review in 2018 by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and continues to meet or exceed the IIA Standards in all key aspects. The next Quality Assurance Review is scheduled for 2023.

The ARC finds the ComfortDelGro Group Internal Audit Division independent, effective and adequately resourced.

## 4. SHAREHOLDERS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Principle 14: Shareholders Rights

#### Disclosure of Information to Shareholders

The Company notifies Shareholders in advance of the dates of release of its Financial Results through the Company's website as well as SGXNet. Communications with Shareholders is conducted through announcements to the SGXNet, media and analyst briefings after the announcement of the Financial Results, as well as the posting of announcements and press releases on the Company's website. The Group has formalised a Policy on Securities – Drafting and Releasing SGX Announcements to provide guidance on preparation of SGX announcements. Shareholders may send in their requests or queries through the feedback channel provided on the website. The ComfortDelGro Group's Investor Relations (IR) team is accessible throughout the year to address Shareholders' queries. The contact details of the ComfortDelGro Group Chief Investor Relations Officer (GCIRO) can be found on the website.

Beyond complying with the requirements of the Code, the SGX-ST Listing Manual and the Companies Act, Cap. 50, the Company has also taken various additional measures to enhance Corporate Governance and improve transparency, including:

- (i) The Notice of AGM is released publicly at least 28 days before the AGM is held; and
- (ii) The Annual Report is available to all Shareholders at the Company's website at least 28 days before the AGM to ensure that all Shareholders have adequate time to review the Annual Report before the AGM. The electronic documentation demonstrates the Group's commitment towards Green and sustainable efforts. Upon request, hard copies are provided to Shareholders.

### Principle 15: Communication with Shareholders

#### Regular, Effective and Fair Communications with Shareholders

It is our policy to disseminate accurate and pertinent information to the market in a timely manner as part of good Corporate Governance. We have put in place an IR programme to promote regular, effective and fair communications with Shareholders and the investment community. The dedicated ComfortDelGro IR team works with Senior Management to proactively carry out this engagement programme.

Communications with the SGX-ST is handled by the Company Secretaries, while communications with Shareholders, analysts and fund managers is handled by the GCIRO. Specific guidelines have been laid down for compliance in respect of all public communications. The Company does not practise selective disclosure in the communication of material information.

In addition, the Company has put in place operational procedures to respond promptly to queries from the SGX-ST on any unusual trading activities in its securities and to clear all announcements to the SGXNet with the Board.

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The Sustainability Report section found in this Annual Report highlights the economic, environmental and social aspects of our developments and operations.

### Dividend Policy

The Company's dividend policy is to pay out at least 50% of profit attributable to Shareholders of the Company. The dividend policy takes into account the long-term objective of maximising shareholder value, availability of cash and retained earnings, projected Capital Expenditure and growth opportunities. The Company declares dividend semi-annually and informs its Shareholders of the dividend payments via announcements in the SGX-Net. Dividends are paid to Shareholders in an equitable and timely manner.

### Principle 16: Conduct of Shareholder Meeting

The Company views the AGM as a good opportunity for Shareholders to meet the Board and Senior Management. The top criterion for selecting the AGM venue is an easy to reach location within Singapore accessible by public transport. Shareholders are informed of Shareholders' Meetings through notices published in the newspapers and circulars sent to all Shareholders. All registered Shareholders are invited to attend and participate actively in the AGM and are given the opportunity to seek clarification or question the Group's strategic direction, business, operations, performance and proposed Resolutions.

All Directors including the Chairman of the Board, CEO and the Chairmen of the various Board Committees together with Senior Management and the Company Secretaries are present to address any question or feedback raised by the Shareholders at the AGM and thereafter, including those pertaining to the proposed Resolutions before they are voted on. The External Auditors are also present to address Shareholders' queries about the conduct of audit and the preparation and contents of the Auditor's Report.

The Board had since 2009 removed and stopped seeking the general authority to issue shares to address concerns from the Shareholders that if this general authority to share issue was mandated, the Company could subsequently issue shares pursuant to this mandate, which would dilute their shareholding percentages and affect their voting rights.

The Constitution of the Company provides for voting in person and by proxy at the AGM of the Company. Each Shareholder is allowed to appoint up to two proxies to vote on his behalf at Shareholders' Meetings through proxy forms sent in advance. Relevant intermediaries such as the Central Provident Fund and custodian banks are entitled to appoint more than two proxies to attend, speak and vote at Shareholders' Meetings. Shareholders who hold shares through these relevant intermediaries will be allowed to attend, speak and vote at the AGM subject to being appointed a proxy by their respective relevant intermediaries.

Each issue or matter requiring Shareholders' approval is tabled as a separate and distinct Resolution. All the Resolutions at the Shareholders' Meetings are single item Resolutions. The Company will consider implementing absentia voting methods such as voting via mail, e-mail or fax when security, integrity and other pertinent issues are satisfactorily resolved.

The Company prepares Minutes of General Meetings that include substantial and relevant comments or queries from Shareholders relating to the agenda of the meeting and responses from the Board and Management. The Minutes are available to Shareholders upon their request.

The Company has adopted electronic poll voting for General Meetings since 2013 to ensure greater transparency and efficiency in the voting process and results. Shareholders are invited to vote on each of the Resolutions by poll, using an electronic voting system. The results of all votes cast for or against each Resolution or abstentions if any and the respective percentages (Voting Results) and the names of the independent scrutineers for the AGM are presented during the AGM and are announced via the SGXNet after the AGM. The Company is committed to high standards of Corporate Governance and transparency.

## 5. ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENHANCE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has also undertaken various additional measures to enhance Corporate Governance as follows:

### Corporate Gifts/Entertainment Policy

Whilst business gifts and entertainment are courtesies that build goodwill and sound working relationships among Business Partners, the Group does not tolerate the improper use of gifts or entertainment to gain any special advantage in a business relationship.

The Group discourages the receipt of gifts or acceptance of entertainment, loans or other favours as these may compromise an employee's ability to make objective, independent and fair business decisions. Offering excessive gifts in whatever form or entertainment to others can also be opened to misinterpretation.

Employees are therefore not permitted to offer or accept any gifts or entertainment without first seeking their supervisor's authorisation. Employees who receive gifts directly or indirectly in relation to their employment with the Group are expected to notify their supervisors and declare such gifts to the Group Human Resource Department. All gifts declared are processed through structured corporate procedures to ensure proper accountability.

Business gifts presented and entertainment on the Group's behalf are consistent with generally Corporate Governance accepted business practices and ethical standards and do not violate any applicable laws, regulations or policies of any country we operate in or company in which we have dealings with.

### Anti-Corruption Policy

The Group complies with all the laws of the jurisdictions in which it operates and conducts businesses in an open, transparent manner, and prohibits employees from directly or indirectly offering, promising to pay, or authorising the payment of money or anything of value for the purpose of gaining perceived personal advantage for the Group. All employees are responsible for following the Group's procedures, including audit controls, for carrying out and reporting business transactions.

### Block Leave Policy

As a further risk mitigation measure and to enhance governance, the Group has a Block Leave Policy in place which applies to Employees holding key functions. This arrangement allows covering officers to fully step into the duties of the Employees on leave as an additional check and balance against any breaches.

### Health and Safety Policy

Given the nature of the Group's businesses, the health and safety of the employees and customers are of paramount importance. We comply with statutory requirements and regulations and procedures are put in place to guide proper safe work practices for the well-being of all employees and customers. Employees are sent for training to equip them with the required competencies.

Employees are to observe safety rules and carry out safe work practices that apply to their jobs to ensure a safe work environment for everyone.

### Information Protection Policy

The Group has also implemented an Information Protection Policy to ensure that all documents and data information of the Group are properly safeguarded.

Information is classified into secret, confidential, restricted and unrestricted use based on its nature, contents and implications. Processes and systems used to store, process or communicate the information provide protection from unauthorised disclosure and use.

### Data Protection Policy

Business Units in Singapore have implemented data protection policies and practices to ensure compliance with the obligations under the Personal Data Protection Act and Do Not Call provisions that came into force in 2014.

### Cyber Security Policy

The Group has adopted the International Information Security Standard ISO 27000 in assessing and formulating our cyber security framework. The Group regularly reviews our cyber security measures to ensure effective protection of our information technology systems and databases. We have implemented multi-layered defence, including firewalls, intrusion prevention system, network access control, server hardening, data encryption and employee security training. We keep abreast of the evolving threats and the latest techniques, and actively collaborate with cyber security authorities and regulators to develop appropriate countermeasures.

We will continue to strengthen our capabilities in light of the way cyber security risks will evolve with the digital age. As and when necessary, we will take appropriate risk management decisions and implement security controls to secure our information infrastructure, systems and databases.

### Supplier Ethics Policy

The Group procures a wide range of goods and services from various businesses, companies, persons and entities and requires its suppliers to be in full compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and practice fair competition in accordance with local anti-trust and competition regulations. Suppliers must conduct their businesses with integrity, transparency and honesty and the Group does not condone any corrupt and fraudulent practice.

Suppliers must have in place health and safety policies for its employees and be committed to good environmental, social and governance practices. Suppliers must not trade in the securities of the Group while in possession of confidential non-public information.

### Creditors' Payment Policy

The Group values its suppliers and is committed to safeguarding creditors' rights and acknowledges the importance of paying invoices, especially those of small businesses, in a timely manner. It is the Group's practice to agree terms with suppliers when entering into contracts. We negotiate with suppliers on an individual basis and meet our obligations accordingly.

### Interested Person Transactions

#### Listing Manual – Rule 907

Name of Interested Person	Aggregate value of all Interested Person Transactions during the financial year under review (excluding transaction less than \$100,000 and transaction conducted under Shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920)
ComfortDelGro and its associates	\$5,236,000

The aggregate value of the above transactions does not include the aggregate value of \$3.2 million from the renewal of Licence Agreement disclosed in the Introductory Document of the Company dated 3 December 1997. These transactions relate to leasing charges paid to ComfortDelGro for use of the premises. There is no Shareholders' mandate for Interested Person Transactions pursuant to Rule 920 of the Listing Manual.

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### Disclosure on Compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance 2012

Guideline	Questions	How has the Company complied?
General	<p>(a) Has the Company complied with all the principles and guidelines of the Code? If not, please state the specific deviations and the alternative corporate governance practices adopted by the Company in lieu of the recommendations in the Code.</p> <p>(b) In what respect do these alternative corporate governance practices achieve the objectives of the principles and conform to the guidelines in the Code?</p>	<p>Yes, the Company has complied with all material aspects of the principles and guidelines of the Code.</p> <p>Not applicable.</p>
<b>Board Responsibility</b>		
Guideline 1.5	What are the types of material transactions which require approval from the Board?	SBS Transit has adopted internal guidelines setting forth certain matters that require the Board's approval. Under these guidelines, acquisitions of businesses, disposals or changes in equity interests in existing subsidiaries/ associates, investment in financial instruments, tender for businesses above the prescribed limits, assessing and approving key business decisions, funding and investment initiatives and other corporate actions, including approval of the Financial Authority Limits, Annual Budget and Capital Expenditure and the release of the quarterly and full-year Financial Results require approval from the Board. In addition, the acceptance of credit facilities from banks, the establishment of capital market programmes and the issuance of debt instruments require the approval of the Board.
<b>Members of the Board</b>		
Guideline 2.6	<p>(a) What is the Board's policy with regard to diversity in identifying director nominees?</p> <p>(b) Please state whether the current composition of the Board provides diversity on each of the following – skills, experience, gender and knowledge of the Company, and elaborate with numerical data where appropriate.</p> <p>(c) What steps has the Board taken to achieve the balance and diversity necessary to maximize its effectiveness?</p>	<p>The Board believes that it is important to have diversity of competencies including gender diversity to support the growth of the Group. The Nominating Committee (NC) reviews annually the balance and diversity of skills, experience, gender and knowledge required by the Board and the size of the Board.</p> <p>Yes. The NC is satisfied that the Board and Board Committees comprise Directors who as a group provide an appropriate balance and diversity of skills, experience, gender, knowledge and core competencies required for the Board and Board Committees to discharge their responsibilities effectively.</p> <p>In relation to gender diversity, 20% of the Board, or two out of the ten Board Members are females. There is intention to increase the number of female directors in the future.</p> <p>The NC reviews the composition of the Board annually to ensure that the Board is of an adequate size with the right mix of skills and experience that facilitates effective decision making.</p>

Guideline	Questions	How has the Company complied?
Guideline 4.6	Please describe the Board nomination process for the Company in the last financial year for (i) selecting and appointing new directors and (ii) re-electing incumbent directors.	<p><b>For new Directors</b></p> <p>The NC annually reviews the size, effectiveness, diversity of skills and core competencies of the Board taking into consideration the current and future business needs of the Group.</p> <p>The NC considers the range of skills, knowledge, attributes and experience of the existing Directors, the retirement and re-election of Directors, each Director's contribution and commitment and whether new competencies are required to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. When the need for a new Director arises, the NC will shortlist and meet potential candidates and recommend the most suitable candidate to the Board for appointment as a Director.</p> <p><b>For incumbent Directors</b></p> <p>Pursuant to the Company's Constitution, one-third of the Directors retire from office at the Company's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Newly appointed Directors are subject to retirement and re-election at the AGM immediately following their appointments.</p> <p>The NC reviewed each of the retiring Director's contribution and performance, such as attendance, preparedness, participation and candour, and made the relevant recommendations to the Board for subsequent Shareholders' approval at the AGM.</p>
Guideline 1.6	<p>(a) Are new directors given formal training? If not, please explain why.</p> <p>(b) What are the types of information and training provided to (i) new directors and (ii) existing directors to keep them up-to-date?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Management will conduct a comprehensive orientation programme for newly appointed Directors, where key aspects of the businesses, including financial and corporate governance policies are discussed. Site visits will also be arranged for new Directors so that they can better familiarise themselves with the Group's operations. When a Director is appointed to a Board Committee, he/she is provided with its terms of reference.</p> <p>The Company Secretaries assist in professional development and training by regularly disseminating details of suitable seminars and courses organised by the Singapore Institute of Directors and arranging for the Directors to attend such courses when requested. The Company Secretaries organize in-house trainings for Directors where necessary. The Company Secretaries also update the Board on corporate governance practices and circulate articles relating to changes in laws relevant to the Group's businesses.</p>



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Guideline	Questions	How has the Company complied?
Guideline 4.4	(a) What is the maximum number of listed company board representations that the Company has prescribed for its directors? What are the reasons for this number?	The Board has determined that the maximum number of listed company board representations held by a Director who is not in full-time employment should not exceed six. For a Director who is in full-time employment, it should not exceed three. This is to ensure that all Directors have sufficient time and attention to discharge their duties adequately. None of the Directors had exceeded the maximum number of listed board representations prescribed by the Board.
	(b) If a maximum number has not been determined, what are the reasons?	Not applicable.
	(c) What are the specific considerations in deciding on the capacity of directors?	The contributions of a Director are key in deciding on a Director's capacity to take on other multiple board appointments.
<b>Board Evaluation</b>		
Guideline 5.1	(a) What was the process upon which the Board reached the conclusion on its performance for the financial year?	In the last quarter of 2018, the NC conducted an evaluation of Board Performance which included key points on the Board's composition, Board's contributions, contributions from Board Committees and conduct of proceedings and whether the Directors had discharged their duties effectively. The findings were then presented by the NC Chairman to the Board during its Meeting for the Board to deliberate on the findings and discuss possible areas of improvement to enhance the Board's overall effectiveness.
	(b) Has the Board met its performance objectives?	Yes. The Board was effective as a whole based on the overall assessment for 2018.
<b>Independence of Directors</b>		
Guideline 2.1	Does the Company comply with the guideline on the proportion of independent directors on the Board? If not, please state the reasons for the deviation and the remedial action taken by the Company.	Yes. The Board comprises ten Directors and seven of them are considered by the NC to be independent. This composition exceeds the Code's requirement of at least half of the Board to comprise independent Directors where the Chairman is not an independent Director.
Guideline 2.3	(a) Is there any director who is deemed to be independent by the Board, notwithstanding the existence of a relationship as stated in the Code that would otherwise deem him not to be independent? If so, please identify the director and specify the nature of such relationship.	No.
	(b) What are the Board's reasons for considering him independent? Please provide a detailed explanation.	Not applicable.
Guideline 2.4	Has any independent director served on the Board for more than nine years from the date of his first appointment? If so, please identify the director and set out the Board's reasons for considering him independent.	Yes, Mr John De Payva and Mr Wee Siew Kim are independent Directors who have served on the Board for more than nine years as at 31 December 2018.  The NC considered that these Directors have each demonstrated independent judgement at Board and Board Committee Meetings, and was of the firm view that they have at all times been exercising independent judgement in the best interests of the Company in the discharge of their duties as Directors.

Guideline	Questions	How has the Company complied?
<b>Disclosure on Remuneration</b>		
Guideline 9.2	Has the Company disclosed each director's and the CEO's remuneration as well as a breakdown (in percentage or dollar terms) into base/fixed salary, variable or performance-related income/bonuses, benefits in kind, stock options granted, share-based incentives and awards, and other long-term incentives? If not, what are the reasons for not disclosing so?	Yes, disclosures are made in accordance with the Code.
Guideline 9.3	(a) Has the Company disclosed each key management personnel's remuneration, in bands of \$250,000 or in more detail, as well as a breakdown (in percentage or dollar terms) into base/fixed salary, variable or performance-related income/bonuses, benefits in kind, stock options granted, share-based incentives and awards, and other long-term incentives? If not, what are the reasons for not disclosing so?	Yes, disclosures are made in accordance with the Code.
	(b) Please disclose the aggregate remuneration paid to the top five key management personnel (who are not directors or the CEO).	Yes, disclosure is made in accordance with the Code.
Guideline 9.4	Is there any employee who is an immediate family member of a director or the CEO, and whose remuneration exceeds \$50,000 during the year? If so, please identify the employee and specify the relationship with the relevant director or the CEO.	Nil.
Guideline 9.6	(a) Please describe how the remuneration received by executive directors and key management personnel has been determined by the performance criteria.	<p>The Group advocates a performance-based remuneration system that aligns the remuneration of CEO and Senior Management to business results and shareholder returns. The total remuneration mix comprises fixed and variable components. The variable component, in the form of an annual performance incentive bonus, forms a significant proportion of the remuneration packages.</p> <p>The annual performance incentive is linked to the Group's and the individual's performance. The Performance Scorecard is used to measure both financial and non-financial performance of key executives. The individual's scorecard performance areas are linked to the overall strategic goals and objectives of the Group.</p>
	(b) What were the performance conditions used to determine their entitlement under the short-term and long-term incentive schemes?	<p>The amount and mix of reward incentives, which are developed with a focus on long-term shareholders' returns, are responsive to the operating environment and labour market.</p> <p>In awarding the incentives, the Group takes into account the key executive's performance in four key broad areas of the Performance Scorecard, namely</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial;</li> <li>Customers;</li> <li>Processes; and</li> <li>People Development.</li> </ol>

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Guideline	Questions	How has the Company complied?
	(c) Were all of these performance conditions met? If not, what were the reasons?	Yes.
<b>Risk Management and Internal Controls</b>		
Guideline 6.1	What types of information does the Company provide to independent directors to enable them to understand its business, the business and financial environment as well as the risks faced by the Company? How frequently is the information provided?	Prior to each Board and Board Committee Meeting, Management provides Directors with complete, adequate and timely information. The Board also receives monthly management accounts and quarterly Investor Relations (IR) Reports covering IR activities and updates of analysts' views and comments. This enables the Board to make informed and sound business decisions and be kept abreast of key challenges, opportunities and developments for the Group.
Guideline 13.1	Does the Company have an internal audit function? If not, please explain why.	Yes.
Guideline 11.3	<p>(a) In relation to the major risks faced by the Company, including financial, operational, compliance, information technology and sustainability, please state the bases for the Board's view on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal controls and risk management systems.</p> <p>(b) In respect of the past 12 months, has the Board received assurance from the CEO and the CFO as well as the internal auditor that: (i) the financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements give true and fair view of the Company's operations and finances; and (ii) the Company's risk management and internal control systems are effective? If not, how does the Board assure itself of points (i) and (ii) above?</p>	<p>Risk management is an important and integral part of SBS Transit's strategic planning and decision-making process. Key risks are identified and presented to the Board annually. Ownership of the risk management process is clearly defined and cascaded to the executive and functional level, with stewardship retained at senior management. Plans that are necessary to manage and mitigate the risks are in place and closely monitored. The adequacy of the internal controls in place is also assessed as part of the process. Based on these reviews, the Board is of the view, with the concurrence of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC), that adequate and effective internal controls (including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls) and risk management systems are in place within the Group.</p> <p>For the Financial Year (FY) 2018, the Board has received assurance from the CEO and the Chief Financial Officer that (i) the financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements are prepared in compliance with the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) and are correct in all material aspects and give a true and fair view of the operations and finances of the Group; and (ii) the Group's risk management and internal control systems (including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls) are adequate and effective.</p>
Guideline 12.6	<p>(a) Please provide a breakdown of the fees paid in total to the external auditors for audit and non-audit services for the financial year.</p> <p>(b) If the external auditors have supplied a substantial volume of non-audit services to the Company, please state the bases for the Audit Committee's view on the independence of the external auditors.</p>	<p>The audit and non-audit fees to the External Auditors of the Company and its subsidiaries for FY 2018 are \$122,000 and \$32,000 respectively.</p> <p>The ARC undertook a review of the independence and objectivity of the External Auditors by reviewing the non-audit fees awarded to them and has confirmed that the non-audit services performed by the External Auditors were not substantial and would not affect their independence.</p>

Guideline	Questions	How has the Company complied?
<b>Communication with Shareholders</b>		
Guideline 15.4	<p>(a) Does the Company regularly communicate with shareholders and attend to their questions? How often does the Company meet with institutional and retail investors?</p> <p>(b) Is this done by a dedicated IR team (or equivalent)? If not, who performs this role?</p> <p>(c) How does the Company keep shareholders informed of corporate developments, apart from SGXNet announcements and the annual report?</p>	<p>Yes, the Company is committed to disseminating accurate and pertinent information to the Shareholders in a timely manner. Communications with Shareholders and investors are handled centrally at the ComfortDelGro Group level. In FY 2018, 170 meetings and conference calls were held with institutional investors and analysts and also participation in eight investor conferences in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Taipei and Tokyo. These provided access to a wide cross section of institutional investors from around the world.</p> <p>For the retail investors, the ComfortDelGro Group IR organized an investors presentation at the SGX Auditorium together with a local securities broker. Retail investors, can also send in their queries through a link on the IR page of the Company's website. The telephone and email contact details of the ComfortDelGro Group Chief Investor Relations Officer are also listed on the page.</p> <p>All Shareholders also have the opportunity to interact and speak with the Directors and Senior Management at the Company's AGMs and thereafter.</p> <p>Yes, there is a dedicated IR team, which works closely with Senior Management to carry out the investor engagement programme.</p> <p>All announcements to SGX-ST, news releases, financial results, financial calendar and the Annual Reports are posted on the IR page of the Company's website.</p>
Guideline 15.5	If the Company is not paying any dividends for the financial year, please explain why.	Not applicable.