

# **BOARD BRIEFINGS 2024**

The board's roles amidst the fast-changing ESG and macro scene!

"Annual regulatory update" remains our most popular briefing!

Keep your board updated on latest regulatory developments!

Wendy Yung, our founder, will personally deliver these briefings, and work with you to focus on aspects that meet your company's needs. Other topics are also available on request. We can also advise you on developing a structured annual directors' training programme.

- **Board-focused** no legal technicalities! Actionable follow-up steps!
- **Board/management alignment** establish common expectations and actions
- Tailor-made
- Option: partner with investors/technical subject experts

"The regulatory presentation to our board was of a high professional standard, yet without excessive legal technicalities. We find this approach useful."

John Yip, Executive Director, Henderson Land Development Group

"Our board found the regulatory update briefing helpful. It was practical and interactive."

Hamilton Cheng, Executive Director, Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group

# I. [UPDATED] Essential ANNUAL regulatory update for directors

- (Code:20DT1) Directors' duties: HKEX/SFC/AFRC enforcement priorities and cases
- (Code:20DT2) Disclosure of inside information—update and lessons from common pitfalls
- (Code:20DT3) Practical HKEX/SFC/AFRC annual regulatory update for directors (Optional special focus: directors' duties; ESG; enforcement trends; "new" regulator AFRC on financial reporting/board and audit committee, internal controls etc.)



## II. [UPDATED] Strategic roles of the board

#### **2024 HOT ISSUES**

- (Code:20DT4) ESG and the board's roles (Options: practical overview of HKEX/ISSB requirements; special focus and questions directors should ask: practical experience sharing (implementing ISSB, data collection/controls), investor perspectives)
- (Code DT2013) **One-on-one induction for new INEDs** (*E.g.s: directors' duties;* annual review of internal controls effectiveness, annual review of continuing connected transactions; ESG oversight; board dynamics/interaction with management)

#### **CORE TOPICS:**

- (Code:20DT5) **Getting ready for Annual General Meeting** re-election of long-serving independent directors, other trends and your actions
- (Code:20DT6) Shareholder activism and short-seller attacks in HK lessons and how to get ready
- (Code:20DT7) **Board evaluation**: the best way for you (Various approaches; pros and cons; handling potentially sensitive areas like "peer review")
- (Code: 20DT 8) The board's roles in corporate culture
- (Code: 20DT9) Latest trends in shareholder engagement/Investor relations and the board's roles
- (Code: 20DT10) The board's roles in internal controls and risk management

## III. Corporate governance ("CG"): new requirements, trends, best practices

#### **2024 HOT ISSUES**

- (Code: DT2011) Updated CG Code, best practices, way forward (Possible focus areas: long-serving independent director re-election, setting board diversity target, linking corporate culture/values/strategy; examples; selected global trends)
- (Code: DT2012) **2024 global CG trends** and what **investors** want (E.g. New CG Code, UK- internal controls and risk management; IT governance; option to combine with face-to-face meeting with a leading institutional investor)

### **CORE TOPICS:**

 (Code: 20DT13) Corporate governance awards in HK (possible focus: entering the right award; OR lessons from best practices)



Briefings can be delivered in English, Cantonese, Putonghua. Prices typically around \$15k for a one hour briefing, depending on the level of customization and extended duration as requested.

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