

HEXTAR RETAIL BERHAD
(Formerly known as Classic Scenic Berhad)
(Company No. 200301031466 (633887-M))

AUDIT COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1) OBJECTIVES

The primary function of the Audit Committee (“AC” or “the Committee”) formed by the Board of Directors (“Board”) of Hextar Retail Berhad (“HRB”) is to assist the Board in fulfilling its statutory and fiduciary responsibilities relating to the financial reporting process, and internal controls of HRB and its subsidiaries (referred to as “HRB Group”), amongst others:-

- 1.1) to ensure that internal and external audit functions are properly conducted and that audit recommendations are being carried out effectively by the HRB Group;
- 1.2) to assure the shareholders of the Company that the Directors of the Company have complied with Malaysian financial reporting standards and the required disclosure policies developed and administered by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”);
- 1.3) to ensure consistency with Bursa Securities’ commitment to encourage high standards of corporate disclosure and to adopt best practices aimed at maintaining appropriate standards of corporate responsibility, integrity and accountability to all the Company’s shareholders; and
- 1.4) to relieve the full Board of Directors from detailed involvement in the review of the results of internal and external audit activities and yet ensure that audit findings are brought to the highest level for consideration.

2) MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1) The Committee shall be appointed by the Board from amongst the directors of the Company and shall be composed exclusively of Independent Non-Executive Directors of no fewer than three members.
- 2.2) The Committee shall include at least one person who is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants or alternatively a person who must have at least 3 years’ working experience and have passed the examinations specified in Part 1 of the 1st Schedule of the Accountants Act 1967 or is a member of one of the associations of accountants specified in Part II of the said Schedule or alternatively a person who has fulfill such other requirements as prescribed or approved by Bursa Securities.
- 2.3) No alternate director shall be appointed as a member of the Committee.
- 2.4) If one or more members of the Committee resign, die or for any other reason cease to be a member with the result that the Listing Requirements of the Bursa Securities are breached, the Board shall, within three (3) months of the event, appoint such number of new members as may be required to correct the breach.
- 2.5) The Committee has a policy that requires a former key audit partner who was part of the engagement team who made key decisions or judgements on significant matters with respect of the audit of the financial statements of the group, to observe a cooling-off period of at least three (3) years before being appointed as a member of the Committee.

- 2.6) The Nomination Committee shall review the term of office of the Committee members annually.

3) CHAIRMAN

- 3.1) The Chairman of the Committee shall be an Independent Non-Executive Director.
- 3.2) The Chairman of the AC must not be the chairman of the Board.
- 3.3) In the absent of the Chairman of the Committee or if he is not present at any Committee meeting, the other members of the Committee shall amongst themselves elect a Chairman who must be an Independent Non-Executive Director to chair the meeting.

4) AUTHORITY

- 4.1) The Committee is authorised by the Board, in accordance with the procedures to be determined by the Board (if any) and at the cost of the Company, to:
- (a) investigate any matter within the Committee's terms of reference;
 - (b) have resources which are reasonably required to perform its duties;
 - (c) have full and unrestricted access to any information pertaining to the Company or the Group;
 - (d) have direct communication channels with the external auditors and person(s) carrying out the internal audit function or activity;
 - (e) obtain independent professional advice or other advice and invite outsiders with relevant experience and expertise to attend meetings, if necessary;
 - (f) convene meetings with the external auditors, internal auditors or both, excluding the attendance of other directors and employees of the Company, whenever deemed necessary;
 - (g) where the Committee is of the view that the matter, they reported to Board has not been satisfactorily resolved, resulting in a breach of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities ("MMLR"), the Committee shall promptly report such matter to Bursa Securities.

5) FUNCTIONS

- 5.1) The functions of the Committee shall be, amongst others, to review the following and report the same to the Board:-
- (a) with the external auditors, the scope of the audit and the audit plan;
 - (b) with the external auditors, their evaluation of the system of internal controls;
 - (c) with the external auditors, their management letter and the management's response;
 - (d) with the external auditors, their audit report;
 - (e) the assistance given by the employees to the external auditors;
 - (f) the nomination or re-appointment of the external auditors and their audit fees as well as matters pertaining to resignation or change of the external auditors;
 - (g) the adequacy of the scope, functions, competency and resources of the internal audit function and that it has the necessary authority to carry out its work;
 - (h) the internal audit programme, processes, the results of the internal audit programme, processes or investigation undertaken and whether or not appropriate action is taken on the recommendations of the internal audit function;
 - (i) Review all the significant risks identified (including operational, financial, regulatory

- compliance, governance, sustainability and reputational risks) and assess the mitigating actions put in place to manage these risks;
- (j) the quarterly results and year end financial statements, prior to the approval by the Board of Directors, focusing particularly on:-
 - (i) any changes in or implementation of major accounting policy changes;
 - (ii) significant adjustments arising from the audit;
 - (iii) significant judgement made by the management;
 - (iv) significant and unusual events;
 - (v) the going concern assumption; and
 - (vi) compliance with accounting standards and other legal requirements;
 - (k) any related party transaction and conflict of interest situation that may arise within the Company or the group including any transaction, procedure or course of conduct that raises questions of management integrity;
 - (l) Periodically review the adequacy and appropriateness of Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy, and Whistleblowing Policy; and
 - (m) any other matters as directed by the Board.

6) OVERSEEING THE INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION

- 6.1) The Committee shall establish an internal audit function which is independent of the activities it audits.
- 6.2) The Committee shall oversee all internal audit functions and is authorised to commission investigations to be conducted by internal audit as it deems fit.
- 6.2) The internal auditor shall report directly to the Committee and shall have direct access to the Chairman of the Committee.
- 6.3) All proposals by management regarding the appointment, transfer or dismissal of the internal auditor shall require the prior approval of the Committee.

7) QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

- 7.1) The quorum shall be formed only if there is a majority of members present at the meeting who are independent directors.

8) ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

- 8.1) The Head of Finance, the Outsourced Internal Auditor, and a representative of the External Auditors shall normally attend meetings. Other Board members and employees may attend any particular meeting only at the Audit Committee's invitation, specific to the relevant meeting. However, at least once a year the Committee shall meet with the External Auditors without executive Board members present.

9) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- 9.1) The Chairman shall call for meetings, to be held not less than four (4) times a year. The Chairman may request for additional meetings as considered necessary.
- 9.2) Upon the request of the external auditor, the Chairman shall convene a meeting to consider any matter the external auditor believes should be brought to the attention of the directors or shareholders.

10) PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS

- 10.1) A member may at any time and the Secretary shall on the requisition of a member summon a meeting of the Audit Committee by giving the members not less than seven days' notice thereof unless such requirement is waived.
- 10.2) In the absence of the Chairman, the Committee shall appoint one of its members present to chair that meeting.
- 10.3) A resolution put to vote shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present, each member having one vote. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman has the casting vote.

11) REPORTING PROCEDURES

- 11.1) The Company Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Committee. He shall record the attendance of all members and invitees and take minutes to record the proceedings of every meeting of the Committee. All minutes of meetings shall be circulated to every member of the Board.
- 11.2) The Committee shall prepare an annual report to the Board that provides a summary of the activities of the Committee for inclusion in the Company's annual report.
- 11.3) The Committee shall assist the Board in preparing the following for publication in the Company's annual report:
 - (a) Statement on the Company's application and extent of compliance of the principles and recommendations as set out in the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance; specifying reasons for any areas of non-compliance (if any) and the alternatives adopted in such areas;
 - (b) Statement on the Board's responsibility for preparing the annual audited accounts; and
 - (c) Statement about the state of risk management and internal control of the Group.
- 11.4) The Committee may report any breaches of the Listing Requirements, which have not been satisfactorily resolved, to Bursa Securities.

This Terms of Reference was updated and adopted by the Board on 16 April 2025 and is made available on the Company's website, <https://www.hextarretail.com>.