

Corporate Governance Report

governance structure

The company is a public interest entity as defined under the Financial Reporting Act 2004.

The board is responsible for leading and controlling the organisation and meeting all legal and regulatory requirements. The board supports and is committed to attain and maintain the highest standards of corporate governance, including the principles of openness, integrity and accountability.

The board strives to comply with all the eight principles set out in the National Code of Corporate Governance for Mauritius (2016) (“NCCG”). The company recognises the need to improve the principles and practices in the light of the new code which has brought considerable changes from a corporate governance reporting perspective. We are pleased to report that we have implemented a number of changes and are fully compliant with all of the NCCG’s requirements. The promotion of good corporate governance values underlies the organisation’s decisions and actions.

The company’s compliance with the principles of the NCCG is set out in the report.

board and its committees

board charter (the “charter”)

The board has adopted a charter which sets out the objectives, roles and responsibilities and composition of the board. The charter should be read in conjunction with the company’s Constitution and in case a dispute in content or meaning arises, the wording of the Constitution shall prevail.

The main objectives of the charter are to:

- › define the purpose, strategy and value and determine all matters relating to the directions, policies, practices, management and operations of the company and the group in accordance with the directions and delegations of the board; and
- › monitor the ethical conduct of the subsidiary companies, its executives and senior officials.

The charter defines inter alia the roles, functions and objectives of the board, various board committees, the Chairperson, the Managing Director and the Company Secretary. It also sets out how they interact in order to promote efficient, transparent and ethical functioning/decision making processes within the group.

The charter is available for consultation on the website of the company.

code of ethics

The Group is committed to conduct business in the best interest of all stakeholders in accordance with the highest ethical standards and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Code of Ethics which has been approved by the board has been designed to help officers and employees understand their ethical responsibilities as they conduct business on behalf of the Group so as to ensure that the Company and the Group are responsible corporate citizens and that all deliberations and decisions are based on principles of accountability, fairness, responsibility and transparency.

It applies to all subsidiaries of the PaD Group, irrespective of the business segment. Moreover, the Code of Ethics must be read together with the other policies prevailing within the Group and any business-specific policies in the applicable area.

The Code of Ethics is reviewed and updated on a periodic basis in order to ensure it stays relevant to the Group.

This Code of Ethics is available for consultation on the website of the company.

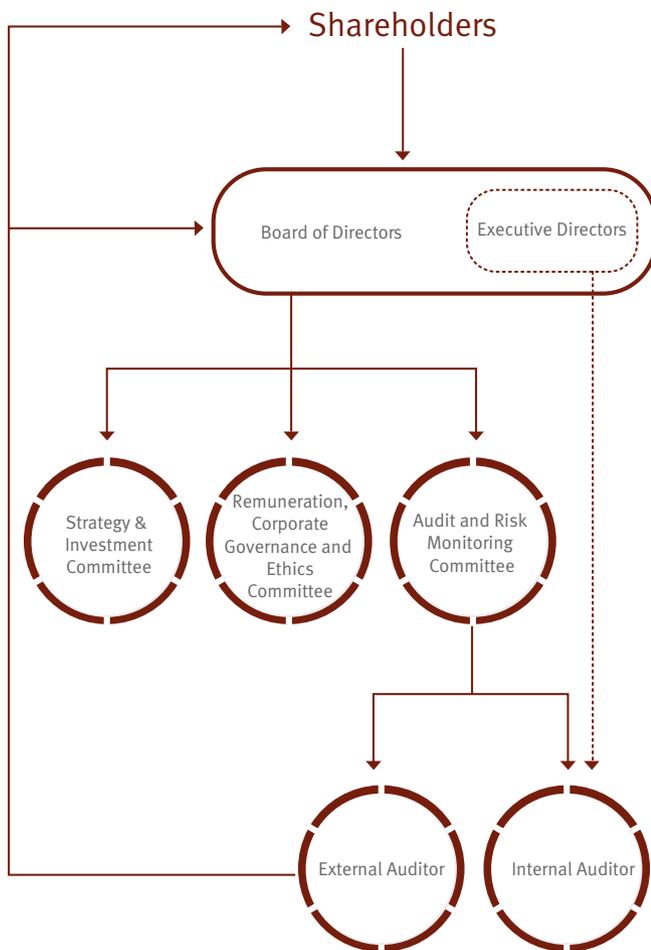
profiles of key governance officers

The profiles of Mr René Leclézio and Mrs Jocelyne Martin appear in the directors’ profiles sections.

organisation chart and statement of accountabilities

The board is responsible to set general strategies and policies and ensure their implementation with the support of the key senior governance officers. These key governance officers have an experienced professional background. In addition, the board has set up three committees namely the Remuneration, Corporate Governance and Ethics Committee, the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee and the Strategy & Investment Committee.

structure of the board and its committees



the board

The board is led by an effective and highly committed unitary board, whose responsibilities are, inter alia, the review and adoption of strategic plans, the overview of business performance, the adoption of appropriate risk management systems and the establishment of proper internal control systems. It comprises of an appropriate balance of executive, non-independent non-executive and independent non-executive directors.

directors' duties and performance

The main role of the board is to protect and enhance shareholder value. It determines the Group's direction, monitors its performance, oversees risks and is collectively responsible for the long-term success of the Group, its reputation and governance. The board is responsible to all its shareholders and to its other stakeholders for leading and controlling the organization and meeting all legal and regulatory requirements and is also accountable for determining that the company and its subsidiaries are managed in such a way as to achieve its objectives.

The board has ultimate responsibility and is accountable for the performance and activities of the company. The role of the board is to set the overall strategy for the group and to supervise executive management and the proper functioning of the company, including inter alia:

- › ensuring that the long term interest of the shareholders are being served, and safeguarding the company's assets;
- › assessing major risk factors relating to the Group and its performance, and reviewing measures, including internal controls, to address and mitigate such risks;
- › reviewing and approving management's strategic and business plans, including developing a depth of knowledge of the business, understanding and questioning the assumptions upon which plans are based and reaching an independent judgement as to the probability that the plans and/or the forecasts can be realized;
- › monitoring the performance of the management against budget and forecasts;
- › reviewing and approving the acquisition and divestment policy and significant corporate actions and major transactions;
- › approving the treasury policy and raising of finance;
- › assessing the effectiveness of the board;
- › ensuring that good corporate governance policies and practices are developed within the Group;
- › ensuring ethical behaviour and compliance with laws and regulations, auditing and accounting principles and the company's own governing documents;

- › considering sustainability issues, e.g. environmental and social factors, as part of its strategic formulation; and
- › performing such other functions as are prescribed by law, or assigned to the board in the company's governing documents.

The board acts in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interests of the company and its shareholders in the course of discharging its duties. It is committed to highest standards of business integrity, transparency and professionalism in all of its activities.

Conflicts of Interest & Related Party Transactions Policy

The board has adopted a Conflicts of Interest & Related Party Transactions Policy which is applicable to the company and to all its subsidiaries. The objective of this policy is to define the scope of conflicts of interest and related party transactions. This policy is available for consultation on the website of the company. Directors are required to inform the Board of conflicts or potential conflicts of interest that they may have in relation to particular items of business and are obliged to recuse themselves from discussions or decisions in relation to such matters.

An interest register is maintained and updated on a quarterly basis and is available for consultation upon written request to the Company Secretary.

Information, Information Technology and Information Security Governance Policy

The board oversees information governance within the organisation. The Information, Information Technology and Information Security Governance Policy of the company applies to all the subsidiaries of the group. All policies relating to information security are made accessible to all employees. This policy is available for consultation on the website of the company.

General Data Protection Privacy Policy

The board is committed to compliance with all relevant laws in respect of personal data, including the European General Data Protection Regulation ('GDPR') and the Mauritian Data Protection Act 2017 ('DPA') for the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals whose information are collected and processed by the company in the course of its activities. PaD is a registered controller with the Data Protection Office. In keeping with the GDPR and the DPA, the Group has endeavoured to reinforce the safety and security measures to protect the personal data it collects, stores and processes. The board has thus approved a General Data Protection Privacy Policy which is available for consultation on the website of the company and has also appointed a Data Protection Officer whose responsibilities include inter alia to monitor the implementation of the

aforsaid framework for protecting personal data . Furthermore, the Audit & Risk Monitoring Committee approved all documents forming part of a compliance framework on September 24th 2019 and has been delegated the duty to assess its efficiency in the pursuance of the data protection strategy of the company.

Whistleblowing Policy

The board has approved a whistleblowing policy applicable to all its subsidiaries, its employees and directors, which is available on the website of the company. This policy aims at providing an avenue for issues to be raised in good faith, concerns of potential breaches of laws, rules, regulations or compliance. The whistleblowing mechanism intends to motivate responsible actions to uphold the group's reputation.

directors' profiles

Jean-Philippe Coulier

Chairperson and independent non-executive director

Holder of a 'Diplôme d'Études Supérieures en Droit' and 'Diplôme de l'Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris' (France). During his career, Jean-Philippe has accumulated extensive experience in the banking sector, having worked for the Société Générale Group for some 40 years. Over this period, he has assumed a range of high-level responsibilities within the group, acting as Director, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer in its various offices based worldwide. Before his retirement from Société Générale in early 2013, he was the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of the National Société Générale Bank in Cairo, Egypt. He was appointed Director of The Mauritius Commercial Bank Limited in 2012 and held the chairmanship from 2014 to 2018. In 2018, he was appointed director and Chairperson of Promotion and Development Ltd and Caudan Development Ltd. He is also a director of MCB Factors Ltd, MCB Microfinance Ltd and Fincorp Investment Ltd.

René Leclézio

Managing director

BSc (Hons) in Chemical Engineering, Imperial College and MBA, London Business School. Worked as a manager at Lloyds Merchant Bank, London, before joining the company as its general manager in 1988. Director of several private and public companies including Caudan Development, Medine, EUDCOS, Mauritius Freeport Development, Swan Life and Swan General.

Assad Abdullatiff***Independent non-executive director***

LLB (Hons) and LLM in Business Law, admitted to the Bar of Mauritius. Founding partner and Managing Director of AXIS Fiduciary Ltd. Previously an Assistant Director at the Board of Investment of Mauritius, where he was the Head of the Financial Services Cluster, responsible for the promotion of Mauritius as an International Financial Centre. Member of the Society of Trusts & Estate Practitioners (STEP), past Chairman of the Mauritius branch and appointed as Council member of STEP worldwide in 2017 to represent the Africa/Arabia region. Director of Caudan Development and a number of other companies in Mauritius operating in diverse economic sectors.

Bertrand de Chazal***Non-independent non-executive director***

Fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales and Commissaire aux Comptes. Worked during his career with Touche Ross, Paris and West Africa; retired as senior financial analyst of the World Bank. Director of Caudan Development, MCB Equity Fund and MCB Capital Markets.

Catherine Fromet de Rosnay***Independent non-executive director***

Director at LEGIS & Partners Ltd, a law firm registered under the Law Practitioners Act. Holds a 'Magistère de Juriste d'Affaires' and 'Diplôme de Juriste et Conseil d'Entreprise (D.J.C.E)' from the Université de Paris II, Panthéon Assas. Practised as an in-house lawyer for nearly 8 years at the legal department of Nexans in Paris, formerly known as Alcatel Cable France. Currently involved in the negotiation and drafting of commercial and joint-venture agreements, corporate due diligence exercise, M&A operations, legal and tax advice. Director of Caudan Development and of various other private companies controlled by French investors. Also board member of the Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie France-Maurice.

Gilbert Gnany***Non-independent non-executive director***

'Licence ès Sciences Economiques (Economie Mathématique)', 'Maîtrise en Econométrie' and 'DESS en Méthodes Scientifiques de Gestion et Calcul Economique Approfondi' (France). Currently the Chief Strategy Officer of MCB Group. Previously worked as Senior Advisor on the World Bank Group's Executive Board where he was responsible for issues relating mainly to the International Finance Corporation and to the private and financial sectors. Prior to joining the World Bank, he was the MCB Group Chief Economist and Group Head of Strategy, Research & Development after having been the Economic Advisor to the

Minister of Finance in Mauritius. During his career, he has been involved in various high-profile boards/committees. Amongst others, he chaired the Stock Exchange of Mauritius Ltd, the Statistics Advisory Council and the Statistics Board as well as having been a member of the Board of Governors of the Mauritius Offshore Business Activities Authority, a director of the Board of Investment and of the Mauritius Sugar Authority. He was also a member of the IMF Advisory Group for sub-Saharan Africa, a member of the Senate of the University of Mauritius and a director of the Financial Services Institute. He is currently a Board member of several companies within the MCB Group. On the institutional side, he is an external IMF expert in statistics, in particular on data dissemination standards and strategy. Moreover, he is a member of the Financial Services Consultative Council and of the Managing Committee of the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund. He also acts as Chairperson on the Statistics Board of Mauritius, the COVID-19 Committee on Economic Recovery and the Economic Commission of Business Mauritius which serves, inter alia, as a platform for public-private sector dialogue. Director in other listed companies namely MCB Group, Caudan Development, COVIFRA and Medine Ltd.

Stéphanie de La Hogue***Independent non-executive director***

Bachelor in marketing from the Institut de Management International de Paris. Managing Director of Poivre Corporate Services, a family group of companies' corporate office. She is also director of Caudan Development, Rey & Lenferna and Forges Tardieu.

Jocelyne Martin***Executive director***

BSc (Hons) in Statistics, London School of Economics. Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales. Trained with Deloitte Haskins + Sells (now part of PwC), London. After several years of experience in the UK, worked at De Chazal Du Mée before joining Promotion and Development in 1995 as Group Financial Controller. Was appointed director in 2004. Director of Caudan Development, Medine, EUDCOS and Mauritius Freeport Development.

Bernard Yen***Non-independent non-executive director***

Fellow of the UK Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. Currently the Managing Director of AON in Mauritius, providing actuarial, pensions and other services in the African region. Has more than 35 years' international consulting experience including 15 years with Mercer in Europe. Serves as the African representative on the Committee of Actuaries advising the UN staff pension fund since 2007. Also director of Caudan Development and MCB Capital Partners.

key roles and responsibilities

To ensure a better balance of power and authority on the board, the functions and roles of the Chairperson and Managing Director are independent of each other and they function under separate mandates issued by the Board. This differentiates the division of responsibility within the Company and ensures a balance of authority. The Chairperson has overall responsibility for leading the board and ensuring its effectiveness whilst the Managing Director is responsible for managing and leading the business of the group.

The Chairperson provides overall leadership for decisions taken collectively by the board. He is responsible for ensuring the smooth functioning of the board and for promoting high standards of corporate governance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the directors receive accurate, timely and clear information and that adequate time is available for discussion of all agenda items at board meetings and in particular strategic issues. He encourages the active participation of all board members in discussions and decisions, constructive relation between the board and management and effective communication with stakeholders.

The Managing Director, with the collaboration of the Finance Director, is responsible for the day to day running of the Group's operations and for developing and recommending the long term strategy and vision of the company and the Group. He leads and directs senior management to implement the strategy and policies set out by the board. He also ensures effective communication with shareholders. The Managing Director reports at each board meeting on the performance, updates and prospects of the Group and any other material matters arising.

The Company Secretary provides assistance and information on governance and corporate administration issues. The Company Secretary is responsible for ensuring that the board procedures are followed and that applicable laws and regulations are complied with, for guiding the board with regard to their duties and responsibilities and for preparing agenda and minutes for board meetings and circulating same together with any supporting documentation.

The roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson, the Managing Director and the Company Secretary are defined in the position statements which have been approved and are reviewed regularly by the board. The position statements are available for consultation on the website of the company.

balance and diversity

The company's constitution provides that the board of the company shall consist of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 directors. As at June 30th 2020, the board was made up of nine directors as set out on page 4.

The board includes an appropriate combination of executive directors, non-independent non-executive directors and independent non-executive directors to prevent one individual or a small group of individuals from dominating the board's decision taking. All the directors are residents of Mauritius. Taking into account the scope and nature of operations of the group, the board considers that the current board of 9 directors is commensurate with the sophistication and scale of the organization and is appropriate to facilitate the effective decision making.

The directors come from diverse business backgrounds and possess the necessary knowledge, skills, objectivity, integrity, experience and commitment to make sound judgements on various key issues relevant to the business of the company.

The executive directors are: René Leclézio, the Managing Director and Jocelyne Martin, the Finance Director.

There are 4 independent non-executive directors: Jean-Philippe Coulier, Catherine Fromet de Rosnay, Stéphanie de La Hogue and Assad Abdullatiff.

With three female directors as board members, the board is also in line with the recommendation of the NCCG regarding the gender diversity.

All directors are expected to objectively discharge their duties and responsibilities in the interests of the company. All directors should make their best efforts to avoid conflicts of interests or situations where others might reasonably perceive such a conflict. The personal interest of a director, or persons closely associated with the director, must not take precedence over those of the company or its shareholders. Any director, who is directly or indirectly interested in a transaction or proposed transaction, is required to disclose the nature of his interest, at the meeting in which the transaction is discussed, and should not participate in the debate, vote or indicate how he would have voted on the matter.

balance

Independent non-executive directors	4
Executive directors	2
Non-independent non-executive directors	3

average age

< 50	2
51 - 60	4
61 - 70	1
> 70	2

gender diversity

Female	3
Male	6

board/director's performance

The board acknowledges the need to regularly review the board's performance and effectiveness, that of its committees, the Chairperson and individual members. An internal board evaluation exercise was carried out for the financial year 2018/2019. The evaluation was carried out by means of a questionnaire that was filled in by each Director. The questionnaire covered the following areas:

- › The structure of the board
- › Board efficiency and effectiveness
- › Strategy and Performance
- › Risk Management and Governance
- › Board committees function
- › Board members self-evaluation
- › Chairperson's evaluation by board members

The results were analysed and the review established that the directors consider the board to be operating effectively. The board was comfortable with the overall results of the assessment and the few areas requiring improvement have been considered and an action plan implemented.

The board also encourages its members to keep on enhancing their knowledge and competencies through personal development programmes.

The Board has decided that the board evaluation exercise would be carried out every 2 years. As such, the next exercise will be held in 2021. The directors endeavour to maintain the same vigilance in leading the Company.

director appointment procedures

In accordance with the constitution of the company, one-third of the directors or if their number is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to, but not exceeding one-third, shall retire from office and shall be eligible for re-election.

The board of directors may at any time appoint any person to be a director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing directors up to a maximum number permitted by the Constitution until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders where the director shall then retire and shall be eligible for appointment at that meeting.

Newly appointed directors are briefed on key information relating to the group and the sector in which it operates. They are given the relevant governing documents of the company and meet executive management to familiarize with each of the group's business and operation, its strength and weaknesses. This process contributes to ensuring a well-informed and competent board.

The procedures and accountability for certain of the board matters are delegated under clearly defined conditions to board committees and executive management and information is supplied to the board in a manner that enables the board to act diligently and fulfil its responsibilities. The board monitors regularly the effectiveness of the policies and decisions, including the implementation and execution of its strategies.

succession plan

The Board assumes the responsibility for the succession planning of directors and senior officers. The succession planning exercise, which is an on-going process, falls within the purview of the Remuneration, Corporate Governance and Ethics Committee.

board meetings

All directors are expected to attend all meetings of the board, and of those committees on which they serve, and to devote sufficient time to the group's affairs to enable them to properly fulfil their duties as directors. The dates of the meetings together with agenda items are scheduled up to one year in advance, with board meetings at least each quarter.

However, on occasion, in addition to the regular scheduled meetings, it may be necessary to convene ad-hoc meetings at short notice as and when circumstances warrant, which may preclude directors from attending. Besides physical meetings, the board and the board committees may also make decisions by way of written resolutions. Board meetings are chaired in Mauritius and participation by board members by means of teleconference or similar communication equipment is permitted.

Matters considered by the board in 2019-2020:

- › The audited annual report for the year ended June 30th 2019;
- › The abridged unaudited financial statements for the first, second and third quarters;
- › Declaration of final dividend;
- › Investments of the company;
- › Review of the strategic orientations ;
- › Succession planning discussions;
- › Presentation of the Workers' Rights Act in order to assess the impacts of the new conditions of work and associated costs; and
- › Presentation of the economic situation resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The board met five times during the year to consider all aspects of the company's affairs and any further information which it requested from management. Directors are kept regularly informed of the up to date business position of the group.

Exceptionally, the board meeting usually held on May was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic and a special meeting held by visio-conference was organised on June 3rd 2020 to inter alia review the economic situation. Approval of the company's and group's budgets which was due to occur end of June was postponed to August 20th 2020 in order to get more visibility on the business evolution.

The agenda of the board is prepared by the Company Secretary in consultation with the Chairperson and the Managing Director and circulated together with accompanying board papers in a timely manner.

attendance at board meetings

2020	board of directors
Jean-Philippe Coulier	5/5
René Leclézio	5/5
Assad Abdullatiff	2/5
Bertrand de Chazal	4/5
Catherine Fromet de Rosnay	5/5
Gilbert Gnany	4/5
Stéphanie de La Hogue	5/5
Jocelyne Martin	5/5
Bernard Yen	5/5
number of meetings held	5

board committees

To assist the board in the discharge of its responsibilities, the board has delegated certain functions to the following committees, each of which has its own written terms of reference which deal clearly with their authorities and duties. Details of the most important committees are set out below:

The Remuneration, Corporate Governance and Ethics Committee ("RCGEC")

The main role of the RCGEC is to advise and make recommendations to the board in the discharge of its duties relating to corporate governance matters and nomination of directors and senior executives of the company and to all remuneration aspects.

The RCGEC comprises Mrs. Catherine Fromet de Rosnay acting as Chairperson, Messrs Bertrand de Chazal, Jean-Philippe Coulier, René Leclézio and Mrs Stéphanie de La Hogue. The committee is appointed by the board and makes recommendations to the board, in respect of issues relating to appointments of directors and the composition, size and structure of the board and generally on all corporate governance provisions to be adopted by the company and oversees their implementation. It also has responsibility for the compensation strategies, plans, policies and programs of the company and its subsidiaries and evaluating and approving the remuneration package and other terms and conditions of service applying to directors and senior executives.

The Committee is also responsible for updating from time to time, and as necessary, the company's Code of Ethics. It is also responsible for driving the process for the implementation of the NCCG throughout the group. As such, it oversees that compliance to the NCCG is being monitored, with a view to ensuring

that the importance of this document is continuously stressed within the Group, and that its core principles are embedded in the Group Corporate Culture.

Matters considered by the RCGEC in 2019-2020:

- Analysis of the results of the board evaluation exercise and implementation of an action plan;
- Review of the Corporate Governance Report forming part of the Annual Report 2019;
- Review of the induction pack;
- Revised version of the Whistleblowing Policy;
- Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee composition;
- Succession planning recommendations; and
- Approval of salary increases.

attendance of the Remuneration, Corporate governance and Ethics Committee

2020

Jean-Philippe Coulier	2/2
René Leclézio	2/2
Bertrand de Chazal	2/2
Catherine Fromet de Rosnay	2/2
Stéphanie de La Hogue	2/2
number of meetings held	2

The Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee

The committee is appointed by the board to assist in the discharge of duties relating to the overall control aspects of the company and its subsidiaries, including the safeguarding of assets, the monitoring of internal control processes, and the preparation of accurate financial reporting and statements in compliance with all applicable legal requirements and accounting standards. It also assists in setting up risk mitigation strategies and to assess and monitor the risk management process of the Group and to advise the board on risk issues. The main findings of the committee and its recommendations are reported to the board on a regular basis.

It comprises Mr Assad Abdullatiff, who chairs this committee, Mrs Stéphanie de La Hogue (who was appointed in November 2019) and Messrs Bertrand de Chazal and Bernard Yen. All four members of the committee have the relevant financial experience. None of the members of the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee were previous partners of or directors of the external auditors, namely Ernst & Young nor do they hold any financial interest therein.

In addition to its statutory functions, the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee considers and reviews any other matters as may be agreed to by the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee and the board. In particular, the committee assists the board in fulfilling its financial reporting responsibilities. It reviews the financial reporting process, and monitors compliance with laws and regulations. It monitors the quality, accuracy, reliability and integrity of the financial statements, and reviews interim financial reports and the annual financial statements prior to their submission to the board, and the application of the company's accounting policies. It reviews the audit process and assesses and recommends the appointment of internal and external auditors.

The committee reviews matters affecting the company's financial and internal controls, their adequacy and effectiveness and the management of financial risk. The committee also monitors risks identified and considered critical by management, including capital, market, reputational, strategic and operational risks; it reviews and monitors the development and implementation of the company's risk management programme. The Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee provides a forum through which the external auditors can report to the board and monitors their performance and independence. The board is satisfied that the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee has adequately discharged its responsibilities in compliance with its terms of reference.

attendance of the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee

2020

Assad Abdullatiff	3/4
Bertrand de Chazal	3/4
Stéphanie de La Hogue (<i>appointed in November 2019</i>)	2/4
Bernard Yen	4/4
number of meetings held	4



Matters considered by the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee in 2019-2020:

- Review the abridged quarterly financial statements for the first, second and third quarters;
- Review and recommend for approval to the board the abridged and annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019;
- Approval of other documents forming part of the General Data Protection Policy;
- Compliance reports submitted by the compliance officer in relation to the Data Protection Policy and to the Whistleblowing Policy and implementation of a compliance dashboard;
- Various audit reports submitted by the internal auditor;
- Recommendations for the selection of a new external auditor; and
- Audit reports and findings of the external auditor.

The Strategy & Investment Committee

The board has established an investment committee which was renamed “Strategy & Investment Committee” to assist the board in:

- Reviewing periodically the strategy of the company and proposing to update it, if and when necessary,
- Considering dis/investment opportunities and evaluating investment-related projects in respect of properties, listed and unquoted securities and other corporate action,
- Recommending to the board, acquisitions, disposals and investments generally in line with the limits of authority delegated to it and in line with the strategy determined by the board,
- Reviewing the performance of the various investments once approved.

The Strategy & Investment Committee comprises Mr. Jean-Philippe Coulier acting as Chairperson, Messrs Bertrand de Chazal, Gilbert Gnany, René Leclézio, Bernard Yen and Mrs Jocelyne Martin. The committee has identified four categories of investments, namely: “core”, “non-core special relationship”, “non-core listed” and “foreign listed” investments. Core investments are those made in companies in which PaD has a long term interest; non-core special relationship investments are those investments in which the company has a special interest other than “core”; non-core listed investments are shares quoted on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius (both the Official Market and DEM); foreign listed investments are shares quoted on a reputable stock exchange overseas.

The committee has an independent role, reviewing the strategy of the company, operating as an overseer, supervising investment activity and making recommendations to the board for its consideration and final approval. A meeting of the committee may be called by any member of the committee or by the secretary, but in any event the committee shall meet at least three times annually. The investment portfolio is circulated and reviewed by the members at each meeting. The Strategy & Investment Committee Charter which has been approved by the board is available for consultation on the website of the company.

attendance of the Strategy & Investment Committee

2020

Jean-Philippe Coulier	2/2
Bertrand de Chazal	1/2
Gilbert Gnany	2/2
René Leclézio	2/2
Jocelyne Martin	2/2
Bernard Yen	2/2

number of meetings held

2

statement of remuneration philosophy

The company’s remuneration philosophy concerning directors provides that:

- there should be a retainer fee for each director reflecting the workload, size and complexity of the business as well as the responsibility involved. It should be the same for all directors whether executive or non-executive directors;
- the Chairperson having wider responsibilities should have higher remunerations;
- there should be committee fees for directors. The Chairperson should have higher remuneration than members;
- board and committee members also receive an attendance fee per sitting of their respective boards and committees;
- an attendance fee is also paid for attending the Annual Meeting of shareholders; and
- no share option or bonus should be granted to non-executive or independent directors.

Executive director’s remuneration package consists of basic salary, annual performance bonus, pension provision and other benefits. The structure of the package is reviewed annually and benchmarked to market norms and practices. The company’s objective is to attract, motivate and retain executive directors of the highest calibre.

The remuneration philosophy for management and staff is based on meritocracy and ensures that:

- fairness is promoted throughout the organisation; and
- opportunity is given to staff members to benefit from the financial result and development of the company.

Eligible staff members are entitled to receive a bonus based on the performance of the company and their own rated performance appraisal during the year.

Generally, the finalisation of remuneration packages is based on a number of factors including qualifications, skills and experience, past performance, personal potential, market norms and practices, and levels of responsibilities.

employee share option scheme (ESOS)

In December 2010, the company introduced an Employee Share Option Scheme (ESOS) with a view to provide targeted incentives to all staff, to attract and retain highly qualified staff in competitive markets, to foster a culture of team work and commitment, and to achieve improved individual performance through share ownership. All employees of the company eligible to receive a performance bonus are granted options, exercisable through four specific time windows over a one-year period, to assign up to 25 per cent of their performance bonus towards the purchase of PaD shares with a retention period of three years. The option price is based on the average of the company's share price of the last three months less a discount of 10 per cent. However, such discount is not granted to employees forming part of the management of the company. These shares are held as treasury shares until such time that the options granted are exercised by the employees. As at June 30th 2019, there were 24,740 outstanding options, out of which 22,013 options were exercised during the year and the 2,727 outstanding options lapsed in October 2019. In December 2019, 20,600 options were offered to employees in respect of the financial year ended June 30th 2019 and if not exercised, will lapse in October 2020.

directors' remuneration

➤ Executive directors

Remuneration for executive directors, other than those having an executive role within the MCB Group, consists of a base salary, post employment benefits and other benefits which reflect their responsibilities and experience as well as a variable element in the form of an annual bonus determined by the performance of the company and the individual.

➤ Non-executive directors

Remuneration of non-executive directors consists of a basic retainer fee and an attendance fee in respect of their presence at meetings of the board and their respective committees as well as the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Remuneration and benefits received and receivable from the company and its subsidiaries

2020

MRs000	the		total
	company	subsidiaries	
Jean-Philippe Coulier	350	210	560
Assad Abdullatiff	175	120	295
Bertrand de Chazal	200	195	395
Catherine Fromet de Rosnay	180	125	305
Stéphanie de La Hogue	190	135	325
Bernard Yen	210	135	345
Total Non-Executive	1,305	920	2,225
René Leclézio	18,184	-	18,184
Jocelyne Martin	8,042	-	8,042
Total Executive	26,226	-	26,226
Total (Non-Executive and Executive)	27,531	920	28,451

risk governance and internal control

The group's activities are exposed to a wide range of risks that could impact on its operational and financial performance. The directors are responsible for maintaining an effective system of internal control and risk management. Whilst these two functions are delegated to the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee, the nature and governance of risk remain the ultimate responsibility of the board.

The responsibility of the board also includes:

- Ensuring that structures and processes are in place for risks management;
- Identifying the principal risks;
- Ensuring that management has developed and implemented the relevant framework;
- Ensuring that systems are in place for implementing, maintaining and monitoring internal controls.

All risks have been documented in a risk register and this will be reviewed at least yearly to identify new and emerging risks.

Some of the operational risks to which the group is exposed are:

- physical: losses due to fire, cyclone, explosion etc.
- human resources: losses arising from acts inconsistent with employment, health and safety laws.
- business continuity: losses resulting from breakdown in systems, failure of internal processes, inadequate back-ups and loss of data.
- compliance: failure to comply with laws, regulations, codes of conduct and standard of good practice relevant to the group's business environment.

The property segment is influenced mainly by economic growth in the country. The ability of commercial local businesses to rent properties depends on the former's financial performance, but with the increased competition due to new shopping malls across the country and a low economic growth, these businesses may struggle to stay operational. In addition, over-supply of rental property puts downward pressure on rentals.

The PaD group is also exposed over the allocation of permits from the authorities for development projects. Delays in granting permits may be encountered.

To mitigate the above risks, the company has developed various policies, processes, systems and methods which are reviewed regularly to ensure that they are managed on a timely basis and in an effective manner. In June 2017, a Business Risk Identification and assessment exercise was carried across the group by MCB Consulting. Under their guidance, the group has put in place a risk management framework and implemented the action plan to mitigate the business risks and/or to transform them into business opportunities. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting lockdown, the risk assessment process, scheduled to be carried out in March 2020, to review and update the general risk environment, has been postponed to later on this year.

The group is also exposed to financial risks such as market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The management of these risks is further discussed in note 1 of the financial statements.

The board is also responsible for information governance within the company and its subsidiaries. The management of information technology and information security governance are delegated to the Chief Technology Officer (CTO). The CTO, on secondment from the IT department of the MCB Ltd, is positioned to mitigate all risks emerging with the spread of new technologies and digitalisation practices in our economy and ensure that internal control procedures are implemented internally to avoid inter alia, malfunction or disruption in the operation of the systems and/or cyber-security breaches.

The existing policies are being reviewed and an IT governance model for the company is currently being developed. A list of the existing policies is detailed below:

- Email, internet and other acceptable use policy: Outline appropriate and inappropriate use of email systems and services and internet resources.
- System administrator policy: establish administrative and privileged access rights to the company's IT systems and confidential information.
- Logical access policy: limit access to information processing facilities and business processes of the group.
- Mobile code policy: protect integrity of software and information, provide instructions on measures to be taken to achieve effective malware detection and prevention.
- Information security & incident management policy: protect information assets, prevent security incidents and reduce their potential impact. Identify information security events and weaknesses and take timely corrective action.
- Back up policy: regular backup copies of information and software to protect against loss of data, maintain the integrity and availability of information and information processing facilities.
- Network security policy: protection of information in networks and of supporting infrastructure.
- Password policy: creating, protecting and changing passwords.
- Laptop policy: minimise information security risks that may affect laptops.

reporting with integrity

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Company law requires the directors to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

The directors are also responsible for keeping adequate accounting records and for the preparation of accounts that fairly present the state of affairs of the company. The annual report and accounts are fair, balanced and understandable and provide the information necessary for shareholders and other key stakeholders to assess the company's position, performance and outlook. The directors have also the duty to safeguard the assets of the company and the group and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

sustainability reporting

The company is committed to the development and implementation of social health and safety and environmental policies and practices in line with existing legislatives and regulatory framework.

carbon reduction commitment

Environment consciousness is among one of the most important business practices of the company and the group. The group wishes to go further in the strengthening and affirmation of the group's identity as an eco-friendly destination by building on several ad-hoc green initiatives that have been taken over a certain period of time, like the use of eco-friendly biodegradable detergents when it comes to the cleaning of the premises and recycling of used oils among others. The group has reduced paper consumption through the elimination of paper invoices by sending them electronically. Furthermore, the group has installed water dispensers at its premises in order to shifting off plastic bottles.

The most visible and ambitious action taken at this level is the inculcation of environmental awareness to all staff, visitors and tenants via the implementation of selective separation and sorting of waste with the provision of adapted bins.

In the coming year, the group will continue to work towards bringing consistency to its environment friendly policy and actions in view of putting up a structured and full-fledged project that will strengthen the group's commitment towards sustainable development, thus enabling us to meet international standards with regard to environmental consciousness.

audit

Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee

The mission of the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee is to establish formal and transparent arrangements regarding how to apply financial reporting and internal control principles and to maintain an appropriate relationship with the company's auditors.

The Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee confirms that, for the year under review, it has met its key objectives and carried out its responsibilities effectively in accordance with its Charter.

During the year under review, the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee has continued to focus on its key objectives namely: overseeing financial reporting, internal controls, internal and external audit.

internal audit

The company has established an in-house internal audit function to provide the Board with assurance that an effective governance, risk management and internal control environment is maintained. The group internal auditor evaluates all aspects of internal control of the company and its subsidiaries and assists the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee to ensure that the company maintains a sound system of internal controls. The internal auditor reports to the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee Chairperson, and to the executive management on administrative matters. The Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee approves the hiring and the removal of the internal auditor and also ensures the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit function. The internal audit plan is established in consultation with, but independent of, Management, and is reviewed and approved by the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee. The internal auditor provides a written assessment of the group's internal controls which is tabled at each Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee meeting. The internal audit findings, recommendations and status of remediation are reviewed and discussed with the committee members and management, who also submits an action plan for the various findings. The internal auditor has unfettered access to the group's documents, records, properties and personnel, including access to the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee. During the year under review, the internal auditor reported to the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee on factual findings with respect to human resources, payroll and accounts receivable management.

external audit

Annual audit plans are presented in advance by the external auditors and reviewed by the Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee.

The Audit and Risk Monitoring Committee also reviews the external auditors' report and any recommendations for improvements in controls and procedures identified in the course of their work and ensures the proper follow up of previous recommendations.

The Audit Committee also evaluates the performance of the External Auditor and reviews the integrity, independence and objectivity of the External Auditor by:

- › Confirming that the External Auditor is independent from the company; and
- › Considering whether the relationships that may exist between the company and the External Auditor impair the External Auditor's judgement

Upon approval from the Audit Committee, the board of the company thereafter recommends the appointment of external auditors to the shareholder in the Annual Meeting of shareholders for approval by way of an ordinary resolution.

Although the External Auditor may provide non-audit services to the company, the objectivity and independence of the External Auditor is safeguarded through restrictions on the provisions of these services such as:

- › Where the External Auditor may be required to audit its own work, or
- › Where the External Auditor participates in activities that should normally be undertaken by the company.

Following the enactment of the Finance Act 2016 and a subsequent regulation Government Notice No 64 of 2017, listed companies are required to rotate their auditors every seven years. The previous auditors performed more than seven consecutive years as auditors and by virtue of the Regulation aforementioned were allowed to continue in office for the financial year ending June 30th 2019. A new tender exercise has been undertaken by the company to appoint new auditors for the year ending June 30th 2020. Ernst & Young were appointed auditors of the company at the annual meeting of shareholders in December 2019.

relations with shareholders and other key stakeholders

At June 30th 2020, the capital structure of the company was MRs194,853,225, represented by 38,970,645 ordinary shares of MRs5 each, out of which, 52,365 were held as treasury shares. There were 3,327 shareholders on the registry at year end.

There is no ultimate holding company in the capital structure.

Shareholders holding more than 5% of the share capital of the company

shareholder	number of shares	% held
Fincorp Investment Limited	18,044,307	46.36
Pershing llc	5,146,036	13.22

size of shareholding	number of shareholders	number of shares held	% holding
1-500 shares	2,070	181,902	0.47
501-1,000 shares	256	193,509	0.50
1,001-5,000 shares	511	1,174,584	3.02
5,001-10,000 shares	166	1,207,561	3.10
10,001-50,000 shares	189	4,033,502	10.36
50,001-100,000 shares	25	1,684,946	4.33
100,001-250,000 shares	14	2,203,858	5.66
250,001-500,000 shares	10	4,200,243	10.79
Above 500,001 shares	3	24,038,175	61.77
Total	3,244	38,918,280	100.00

category	number of shareholders	number of shares held	% holding
Individuals	2,791	8,435,683	21.68
Insurance and Assurance Companies	8	537,726	1.38
Pensions and Provident Funds	49	2,636,281	6.77
Investment and Trust Companies	65	19,239,225	49.44
Other Corporate Bodies	331	8,069,365	20.73
Total	3,244	38,918,280	100.00

The number of shareholders given above is indicative, having been obtained by consolidation of multiple portfolios for reporting purposes.

The board places great importance on an open and transparent communication with all shareholders; and it endeavours to deliver to the shareholders and to the global investing community thorough and up to date information to support informed investment decisions and keep them informed on matters affecting the company, which could have a material impact on the company's share price. The company communicates to its shareholders through its Annual Report, publication of unaudited quarterly and audited abridged financial statements of the group, dividend declaration, press announcements and the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to which all shareholders are encouraged to attend. All shareholders of the company are entitled to attend and vote at shareholders' meetings in person or by proxy. The company is required to comply with the provisions of the Listing Rules on the continuous disclosure obligations. Results and annual reports are announced and issued within the specified period. All announcements are posted on the company's website.

The company's website is also an important means of effectively communicating with all stakeholders, keeping them abreast of developments within the group.

The Shareholders are entitled to receive the Annual Report of the company and the notice of Annual Meeting within six months of the end of the financial year and at least 21 days before the Annual Meeting in accordance with the Companies Act 2001.

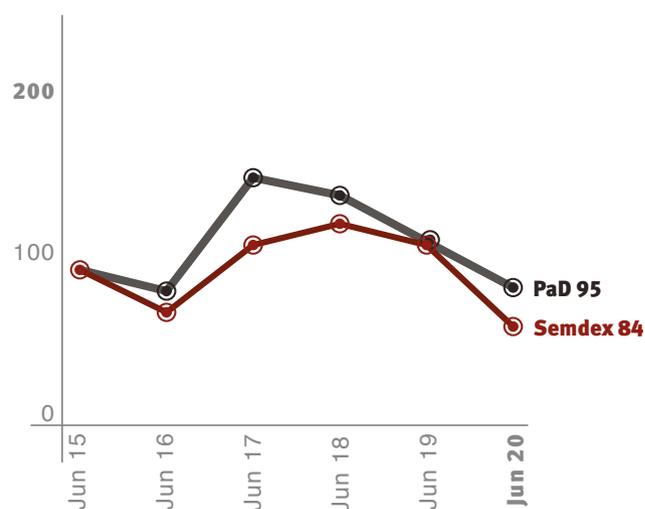
shareholders' calendar

The company has planned the following forthcoming events:

Mid-November 2020	release of first quarter results to September 30th 2020
December 2020	annual meeting of shareholders
Mid-February 2021	release of half-year results to December 31st 2020
Mid-May 2021	release of results for the nine month period to March 31st 2021
June 2021	declaration of interim dividend (if any)
End-September 2021	release of full year results to June 30th 2021 and declaration of final dividend (if any)
Mid-November 2021	release of first quarter results to September 30th 2021
December 2021	annual meeting of shareholders

share price information

Evolution of the company's share price compared to the Semdex over the past five years



common directors

Common directors within the holding structure of the company as at June 30th 2020

	MCB Group	Fincorp Investment
Jean-Philippe Coulier		*
Gilbert Gnany	*	

the constitution

A copy of the constitution is available at the registered office of the company and on its website. There are no clauses of the constitution deemed material to be disclosed.

shareholders agreement

There is currently no shareholders' agreement affecting the governance of the company by the board.

third party management agreement

There were no such agreements during the year under review.

dividend policy

The company's objective is to provide value to its shareholders through optimum return on equity. A new dividend policy was approved by the board in June 2019. Its objective is to reaffirm the company's commitment to providing additional value to its shareholders through optimum return on equity and aims for a pay out of approximately 3% of the weighted net assets value of the company over its financial year. Distribution of dividends under this new dividend policy is however, in addition to satisfying the solvency test, subject to the company's accumulated and future earnings, cash availability and future commitments.

The company's annual dividend, if any, would henceforth be paid in two tranches; an interim dividend being declared prior to the company's year end and the final dividend, which will be based on full year audited and approved financial statements, being declared in September and paid in December each year.

The board will continue to review from time to time the Dividend Policy as part of its commitment to maximizing shareholder value, taking into consideration PaD's financial performance and market conditions.

Trend over the past five years

year	dividend per share
	MRs
2020	-
2019	5.10
2018	3.60
2017	3.25
2016	3.00

statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which present fairly the financial position, financial performance and cash flow of the company and of the group. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- › select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- › make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- › state whether International Financial Reporting Standards have been followed and complied with, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- › prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2001. The directors are also responsible to ensure that:

- › an effective system of internal control and risk management has been maintained; and
- › the code of corporate governance has been adhered to.

The external auditors are responsible for reporting on whether the financial statements are fairly presented.

*Approved by the board of directors on
October 16th 2020 and signed on its behalf by*

Jean-Philippe Coulier
Chairperson

René Leclézio
Managing Director