## **Board roles**

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Chair

The Chair has overall responsibility for the leadership of the Board and is responsible for its effectiveness in directing the company and for succession planning. She sets the Board's agenda, including on strategy, performance and value creation, and ensures effective communication with shareholders and, together with the Chief Executive Officer, represents the Group

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**Chief Executive Officer** 

The Chief Executive Officer is accountable to, and reports to the Board. He is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Group, recommending an overall strategic plan to the Board and executing the approved strategy.

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Senior Independent Director

The Senior Independent Director acts as a sounding board for the Chair, and provides support in the delivery of her objectives. The Senior Independent Director also acts as an intermediary for other Directors and shareholders when necessary and leads the annual performance evaluation of the Chair.

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Committee **Chairs** 

Committee Chairs are responsible for the leadership and governance of their respective Committees. They set the agenda for Committee meetings and report to the Board on Committee activities.

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**Non-executive Directors** 

Non-executive Directors offer constructive challenge to management, holding them to account against agreed performance objectives for individual and business performance. They also provide strategic guidance, offer specialist advice and serve on at least one of the Board's principal Committees.

Company Secretary

The Company Secretary is responsible for advising the Board and management on governance related matters, and supports the Chair in ensuring the effective functioning of the Board and its committees. The Secretary is available to all Directors to provide advice and support and facilitates Directors' induction and ongoing professional development.

**Group Chief Financial Officer**  The Group Chief Financial Officer is responsible for managing the finance function, including all aspects of financial reporting and planning, and investor engagement.

The Group Chief Financial Officer is a standing attendee at, and receives all papers for, meetings of the Board and the Audit and Risk Committees (except private meetings of Non-executive Directors). Their appointment and removal are matters reserved for the Board. Their remuneration is determined by the Remuneration Committee.

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Group Chief Risk and Compliance Officer

The Group Chief Risk and Compliance Officer is responsible for risk management and compliance activities of the Group.

The Group Chief Risk and Compliance Officer is a standing attendee at, and receives all papers for, meetings of the Board and the Risk and Audit Committees (except private meetings of Non-executive Directors). Their appointment and removal are matters reserved for the Board. Their remuneration is determined by the Remuneration Committee.

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