

## DIRECTORS' PROFILE

**Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin**  
*Independent Non-Executive Chairman*

Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin, a Malaysian, male, aged 71, was appointed to the Board on 29 August 2013 and has been the Chairman of the Company since 19 December 2013. He is also the Chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of the Audit Committee of the Company.

Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik graduated with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and an Associate member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators as well as a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik started his career as an accountant at FELCRA (Federal Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority) in 1978 and thereafter as the Assistant Financial Controller and Manager, Corporate Planning at Kumpulan FIMA Bhd. He then joined the OYL Group as an Executive Director and was instrumental in setting a joint-venture company which pioneered a local brand of air conditioners and fridge under the brand name, ACSON, which is now exported throughout the world. In 1986, he was instrumental in getting OYL Industries Bhd listed on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (now Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad). In 1991, he left the OYL Group after disposing of a strategic stake to the Hong Leong Group to establish his own RASMA Group of Companies as an engineering based investment company which is actively involved in mechanical and electrical engineering, construction and property investment and manufacturing. Until April 2009, he was on the Board of Pharmaniaga Bhd and iCapital.biz Bhd.

Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik also served as a committee member of the Selangor Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers for a number of years and before becoming a Minister, was the President of the Bumiputra Manufacturers and Services Industry Association, President of Persatuan Kontraktor Jentera Melayu Malaysia (PKJMM) and a member of the National Innovation Council of Malaysia. In April 2009, he was appointed a Senator and the Minister of Federal Territories and Urban Well-Being by the Prime Minister. He resigned as a Minister and Senator in May 2013.

Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik has a direct shareholding of 100,000 ordinary shares in the Company ("LICB Shares") and a deemed interest in 100,000 LICB Shares. In addition, he has a deemed interest in LICB Shares through the holding of 100,000 warrants exercisable into 100,000 LICB Shares. He also has interest in companies which conduct similar businesses with the Group in the property development and construction sectors.

Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik attended all 5 Board Meetings of the Company held during the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

**Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem**  
*Managing Director*

Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem, a Malaysian, male, aged 81, was appointed the Managing Director of the Company on 26 May 2022.

Tan Sri Cheng has more than 60 years of experience in the business operations of the Lion Group encompassing steel, mining, property and industrial parks, agriculture, retail, financial services, tyre manufacturing, motor vehicle assembly, brewery and computer industries.

Tan Sri Cheng was the President of The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia ("ACCCIM") and The Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor ("KLSCCCI") from 2003 to 2012 and is now a Life Honorary President of ACCCIM and KLSCCCI. He was also the President of Malaysia Retailers Association ("MRA") from May 2016 to May 2018, and was its Honorary President from June 2018 to July 2020. He was again appointed the President of MRA from July 2020 to May 2022 and in June 2022, he was appointed an Honorary President of MRA. He was the Chairman of the Federation of Asia-Pacific Retailers Associations from October 2017 to September 2019, and was its Vice Chairman from September 2019 to November 2022. He is a Trustee of ACCCIM's Socio-Economic Research Trust and the President of Malaysia Steel Association.

Tan Sri Cheng's other directorships in public companies are as follows:

- Chairman of Lion Posim Berhad, a public listed company which is a subsidiary of the Company
- Chairman and Managing Director of Parkson Holdings Berhad, a public listed company
- Founding Member and Permanent Trustee of The Community Chest, a company limited by guarantee established by the private sector for charity purposes

Tan Sri Cheng has a direct shareholding of 222,785,449 ordinary shares in the Company ("LICB Shares") and a deemed interest in 12,752,369 LICB Shares. In addition, he also has a deemed interest in LICB Shares through the holding of 117,768,907 warrants exercisable into 117,768,907 LICB Shares. By virtue of his substantial interest in the Company, he is deemed to be interested in the subsidiaries of the Company, both wholly-owned and those set out on page 219 of this Annual Report. He also has interest in certain companies which conduct similar businesses with the Group in the property development, and trading and distribution of building materials.

Tan Sri Cheng is the father of Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena, a non-independent non-executive Director of the Company. He is also the uncle of Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim, a major shareholder of the Company.

Tan Sri Cheng attended all 5 Board Meetings of the Company held during the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib**

*Independent Non-Executive Director*

Y. Bhg. Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib, a Malaysian, male, aged 66, was appointed to the Board on 28 February 2018. He is also the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Audit Committee of the Company.

Dato' Nik Rahmat graduated with a Bachelor of Analytical Economics (Honours) from University of Malaya in 1980. He further obtained a Diploma in Public Administration from the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN) in 1982 and a Masters in Microeconomics from University of Birmingham, United Kingdom in 1995.

Dato' Nik Rahmat first joined the Malaysian public service upon his graduation in 1981 as an Assessment Officer with the Inland Revenue Board (LHDN) and spent 16 years starting from 1983 in various Ministries; 6 years with the Malaysia Export Trade Centre (MEXPO now known as MATRADE) under the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI); and 5 years each with the Ministry of Finance (MOF) and the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) where, as Principal Assistant Director, he was in charge of the Malaysia Technical Assistance Programme (MTCP) which provides technical assistance to developing countries.

In 2000, Dato' Nik Rahmat joined MITI as the Principal Assistant Director of the Strategic Planning Division. During his 17 years tenure with the MITI, he held various positions including Director of the Strategic Planning Division, Senior Director of the Trade Cooperation and Practices Division, Senior Director of the Sectoral Policy Division and Deputy Secretary General (Industry), a position he held from 2011 until his retirement in January 2018.

Dato' Nik Rahmat also served on the Board of several government agencies, namely Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC), East Coast Economic Regional Development Council (ECERDC), Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Pahang (PKNP), Majlis Standard dan Akraditansi Malaysia (MSDAM), Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), and was the Chairman of Malaysia Steel Institute (MSI) from 2014 to 2017.

Dato' Nik Rahmat attended all 5 Board Meetings of the Company held during the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

**Yap Soo Har**

*Independent Non-Executive Director*

Ms Yap Soo Har, a Malaysian, female, aged 68, was appointed to the Board on 1 December 2015. She is also the Chairman of the Audit Committee, and a member of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Ms Yap graduated with a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Political Science from Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang in 1978. She further obtained a Diploma in Public Administration from the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN) in 1983 and a Masters in Public Administration cum Certificate in International Tax Program from Harvard University, the United States of America in 2001.

Ms Yap first joined the Malaysian Civil Service in 1979 as an Assistant Director of the Public Complaints Bureau, Prime Minister's Department (JPM). She then joined the Administrative and Diplomatic Service (PTD) in 1984 and served more than 36 years in various other Ministries including the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Public Enterprise and the Ministry of Finance until her retirement in October 2015.

During her tenure in the Ministry of Finance from 1991 until 2015, she held various positions including Assistant Director in the Government Agencies and Companies Monitoring Unit, Assistant Secretary and Principal Assistant Secretary in the Revenue and Forecasting Unit, Principal Assistant Secretary in the Direct Tax Unit - Corporate Tax, Deputy Undersecretary in the Policy Division - Incentive Unit and the Services Unit and Deputy Undersecretary in the Policy, Incentives and Sector Division.

Her tenure in the Ministry of Finance provided her with exposure to corporate affairs and performance where, under the Government Agencies and Companies Monitoring Unit, her duty was to monitor and assess performance of Government owned companies, while her 21 years of service with the Tax Division gave her knowledge and experience in areas of forecasting revenue of the Federal Government, formulating national tax policies, planning and implementation of tax incentives as well as processing of applications for various tax incentives from the private sector.

Ms Yap also served on the Board of Lembaga Perindustrian Nanas Malaysia from 2013 to 2015 and Lembaga Air Perak from 2008 to 2012.

Ms Yap attended all 5 Board Meetings of the Company held during the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Cheng Hui Ya, Serena**

*Non-Independent Non-Executive Director*

Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena, a Malaysian, female, aged 37, was appointed to the Board on 23 November 2017. She is also a member of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Ms Serena Cheng obtained her Higher Diploma in Multimedia Design and Technology from Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2010 and thereafter completed her internship with a marketing company in Taiwan.

Upon returning to Malaysia in 2011, she started her career in the property development industry with Sunsuria Development Sdn Bhd, a member of the Sunsuria Group which is now listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, as a Sales & Marketing Executive carrying out sales and marketing including new projects launching, roadshows and fairs. This was followed by a stint in the Projects Department with exposure to and involvement in project planning and construction of the various developments undertaken by the Sunsuria Group.

Ms Cheng joined the Lion Group Property Division in 2013 and is part of the team responsible for property development in Malaysia and Cambodia. Her current portfolio as General Manager - Projects since May 2018 involves dealing with property and construction, and building requirements. She is also actively engaged in other business operations of Lion Group, namely manufacturing, retail, mining, steel manufacturing, and operations and management of a golf club.

Ms Cheng is an Executive Director of Lion Posim Berhad, a public listed company which is a subsidiary of the Company, and Hy-Line Berhad, a public company which involves in operations and management of a golf club. She also holds directorship in certain companies in which her family has interests which conduct similar business with the Group in the property development sector.

Ms Cheng is the daughter of Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem who is the Managing Director and a major shareholder of the Company. She is also the cousin of Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim, a major shareholder of the Company.

Ms Cheng attended all 5 Board Meetings of the Company held during the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors has (i) any interest in shares in the Company or its subsidiaries; (ii) any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company; (iii) any conflict of interest with the Company; and (iv) any conviction for offences within the past 5 years nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by any relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.