

DIVERSITY ACTION COMMITTEE SINGAPORE

# Report on Women's Representation on Boards of SGX-listed Companies

# as at end December 2018



January 2019

#### STATISTICS FOR SGX-LISTED COMPANIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### 1. Top 100 primary-listed companies doubled women's participation on boards

 Women's participation in boards of the Top 100 primary-listed companies ("Top 100 companies") rose further to 15.2% as at end December 2018. The Top 100 Companies continued to outpace the market. Compared with Dec 2013, before DAC was formed, this is a doubling of the women's participation on boards ("WOB").



#### Figure 1: Historical chart of women's participation on boards

#### 2. More companies with women on boards, fewer all-male boards

- As more companies see the benefits of women on boards, the proportion of all-male boards in Top 100 Companies halved from 50% before DAC was formed to 25% as at December 2018 (Figure 2a).
- As at December 2018, 48% of companies have all-male boards, from 50% in end 2017. (Figure 2b)
- 38 of the Top 100 Companies have achieved at least 20% WOB, the first level of DAC's triple-tier target<sup>1</sup>.



Figure 2: Proportion of all-male boards

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> DAC announced a triple-tier target of increasing women's participation on boards of all companies listed on SGX to 20% by 2020, 25% by 2025 and 30% by 2030 in April 2017, with a call for Top 100 primary-listed companies to take the lead and generate momentum for all listed companies.

# 3. Appointments of women board directors was the highest on record for 100 largest companies

- Women made up 24% of board appointments in 2018, the highest on record, for Top 100 Companies.
- For all SGX-listed companies, women made up 13% of board appointments in 2018, similar to 2017.

#### 4. New board seats mostly filled by men in 2018

- Among first-time directors for Top 100 Companies, 30% were women and 70% were men, similar to previous year.
- For all SGX-listed companies, 14% were women and 86% were men.

# 5. Board renewal opportunity for companies that have independent directors with tenures of 9 years or more

- 40% of Top 100 Companies have at least 1 independent director that had served at least nine years. There are 91 of such directorships. 15 have served longer than 20 years.
- Similarly, 47% of all SGX-listed companies have at least 1 independent director serving nine years or more. There are 654 of such directorships. 83 have served longer than 20 years.



#### 6. International comparison



\* Countries with quota A In Code of Corporate Governance, not legislated Information not available after 2014

### 7. 12 gender diverse boards within the Top 100 Companies added more women

Table 1: Gender diverse boards of Top 100 primary-listed companies that added women onto boards in 2018

Listed company name	No. of women directors added	Director Name	First- time Director	Board Appointment
CapitaLand Commercial Trust	1	Quek Bin Hwee	$\checkmark$	Independent Director
City Developments Limited	1	Jenny Lim Yin Nee		Independent Director
Keppel Infrastructure Trust	1	Cindy Lim Joo Ling	$\checkmark$	Non-Executive Director
Metro Holdings Limited	1	Deborah Lee Siew Yin		Independent Director
Netlink NBN Trust	1	Ku Xian Hong	$\checkmark$	Independent Director
Raffles Medical Group Ltd	1	Sarah Lu Qinghui	$\checkmark$	Non-Executive Director
SembCorp Industries Ltd	1	Dr Josephine Kwa Lay Keng		Independent Director
Sheng Siong Group Ltd.	1	Tan Poh Hong	$\checkmark$	Independent Director
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	1	Gail Patricia Kelly		Independent Director
Stort Jub I to	0	Nayantara Bali		Independent Director
StarHub Ltd	2	Ng Shin Ein		Independent Director
		Chatri Banchuin	$\checkmark$	Independent Director
Thai Beverage Public Company Limited	3	Kritika Kongsompong	$\checkmark$	Independent Director
	-	Potjanee Thanavaranit		Independent Director
Tianjin Zhong Xin Pharmaceutical Group Corporation Limited	1	Yu Hong	$\checkmark$	Executive Director
Total no. of female appointments	15			

#### 8. 5 all-male boards within the Top 100 Companies added women

Table 2: All-male boards of Top 100 primary-listed companies that added women onto boards in 2018

Listed company name	No. of women directors added	Director Name	First- time Director	Board Appointment
Ascendas India Trust	1	Zia Mody	$\checkmark$	Independent Director
CapitaLand Retail China Trust	1	Kuan Li Li	$\checkmark$	Independent Director
Far East Hospitality Trust	1	Vivienne Lim Hui Bian	$\checkmark$	Independent Director
Genting Singapore Limited	1	Chan Swee Liang Carolina		Independent Director
Venture Corporation Limited	2	Kuok Oon Kwong		Independent Director
		Mrs Audrey Liow	$\checkmark$	Independent Director
Total no. of female appointments	6			

#### 9. List of Top 100 Companies' WOB as at 31 December 2018

#### No. No. %WOB %WOB %WOB of board Women Directors as **Company Name** Industry WOB seats end end end at Dec 2018 2016 end end 2018 2017 2018 2018 Fang Ai Lian, Kong Singapore Post Limited Sau Wai Elizabeth, 40% 27% Transportation 4 9 44% Lim Cheng Cheng, Chu Swee Yeok Cheah Sui Ling, Jennifer Lee Gek Parkway Life REIT # **Real Estate** 3 8 38% 38% 25% Choo, Rossana Annizah Binti Ahmad Rashid Christina Hon Kwee Fong (Christina Ong), Singapore Telecommunication Telecommunications 4 11 36% 33% 33% Chua Sock Koong, Services Limited # Teo Swee Lian, Gail Patricia Kelly Kwa Kim Li, Ng Lee Mapletree Commercial Hoon Amy, Seah Bee **Real Estate** 4 12 33% 40% 40% Eng @ Jennifer Loh, Trust # Sharon Lim Hwee Li Ruth Sin Ling Tsim, Hutchison Port Holdings Transportation 33% 33% Shih Edith, Sng Sow-3 9 11% Trust # Mei Chong Siak Ching, Singapore Press Media & Janet Ang Guat Har, 3 9 33% 33% 33% Holdings Limited # Entertainment Tan Yen Yen Doreen Tan Nee Moi, **Best World International** Household & 6 33% 40% 33% Dr. Dora Hoan Beng 2 Limited # Personal Products Mui Christina Tan Hua Keppel REIT # Mui, Penny Goh @ Real Estate 40% 2 6 33% 29% Lee Yoke Sim Penny **OUE Commercial Real** Tan Shu Lin, Usha Estate Investment Trust Real Estate 2 6 33% 33% 17% Ranee Chandradas Ascott Residence Trust Beh Siew Kim, Elaine 7 Real Estate 2 29% 29% 14% Carole Young **City Developments** Jenny Lim Yin Nee, Real Estate 2 7 29% 14% 13% Limited # Tan Yee Peng Christina Tan Hua **Keppel Infrastructure** Utilities 2 7 29% 17% 13% Mui, Cindy Lim Joo Trust # Ling Metro Holdings Limited Deborah Lee Siew 7 Retailing 2 29% 17% 17% Yin, Fang Ai Lian Ginney Lim May Ling, SPH REIT # **Real Estate** 2 7 29% 29% 29% Hoo Sheau Farn Chew Gek Khim, Yu-Suntec Real Estate 2 7 29% 29% 17% **Real Estate** Investment Trust # Foo Yee Shoon Tianjin Zhong Xin Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical Group 2 7 Biotechnology & 29% 17% 13% Yan Min, Yu Hong Corporation Limited # Life Sciences Chew Gek Khim, Singapore Exchange Diversified 3 11 27% 30% 33% Chng Sok Hui, Jane Limited # Financials Diplock Michelle Lee Guthrie, Telecommunication 8% StarHub Ltd # 3 17% Ng Shin Ein, 11 27% Services Nayantara Bali

Table 3: Top 100 primary-listed companies' women's participation on boards as at 31 December 2018

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Company Name	Industry	No. of WOB end 2018	No. board seats end 2018	%WOB end 2018	%WOB end 2017	%WOB end 2016	Women Directors as at Dec 2018
Thai Beverage Public Company Limited <sup>#</sup>	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	5	20	25%	11%	11%	Chatri Banchuin, Kanoknart Rangsithienchai, Khunying Wanna Sirivadhanabhakdi, Kritika Kongsompong, Potjanee Thanavaranit
CapitaLand Commercial Trust <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	2	8	25%	11%	14%	Jessica Tan Soon Neo, Quek Bin Hwee
Netlink NBN Trust #	Telecommunication Services	2	8	25%	13%	NL	Koh Kah Sek, Ku Xian Hong
Pacific Century Regional Developments Limited <sup>#</sup>	Diversified Financials	2	8	25%	25%	29%	Frances Waikwun Wong, Laura Raquel Deal-Lacey
The Straits Trading Company Limited <sup>#</sup>	Materials	2	8	25%	25%	25%	Chew Gek Hiang, Chew Gek Khim
Yanlord Land Group Limited <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	2	8	25%	25%	25%	Chan Yiu Ling, Ng Shin Ein
Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	2	9	22%	25%	20%	Chong Chiet Ping, Lim Sau Hoong
Mapletree North Asia Commercial Trust <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	2	9	22%	25%	25%	Cindy Chow Pei Pei, Tan Su Shan
SATS Ltd. #	Transportation	2	9	22%	18%	11%	Euleen Goh Yiu Kiang, Jessica Tan Soon Neo
Venture Corporation Limited #	Technology Hardware & Equipment	2	9	22%	0%	0%	Kuok Oon Kwong, Tan Seok Hoong @Mrs Audrey Liow
CapitaLand Limited #	Real Estate	2	10	20%	17%	11%	Euleen Goh Yiu Kiang, Goh Swee Chen
ComfortDelGro Corporation Limited #	Transportation	2	10	20%	22%	13%	Sum Wai Fun Adeline, Tham Ee Mern Lilian (added Jessica Cheam in Jan 2019)
GuocoLand Limited #	Real Estate	2	10	20%	20%	20%	Jennie Chua Kheng Yeng, Lim Suat Jien
M1 Limited #	Telecommunication Services	2	10	20%	18%	20%	Karen Kooi Lee Wah, Lee Kia Jong Elaine
SBS Transit Ltd #	Transportation	2	10	20%	22%	0%	Lee Sok Koon Constance, Susan Kong Yim Pui
Sheng Siong Group Ltd.	Food & Staples Retailing	2	10	20%	11%	11%	Lin Ruiwen, Tan Poh Hong
Silverlake Axis Ltd #	Software & Services	2	10	20%	22%	22%	Datuk Yvonne Chia, Goh Shiou Ling
Cromwell European REIT <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	1	5	20%	20%	NL	Fang Ai Lian
Far East Hospitality Trust	Real Estate	1	5	20%	0%	0%	Vivienne Lim Hui Bian
GL Limited #	Consumer Services	1	5	20%	17%	17%	Jennie Chua Kheng Yeng
DBS Group Holdings Ltd <sup>#</sup>	Banks	2	11	18%	20%	22%	Euleen Goh Yiu Kiang, Woo Foong Pheng

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Mapletree Logistics Trust <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	2	11	18%	17%	18%	Ng Kiat, Penny Goh @ Lee Yoke Sim Penny
SembCorp Industries Ltd <sup>#</sup>	Capital Goods	2	11	18%	10%	9%	Margaret Lui, Dr Josephine Kwa Lay Keng
Jardine Cycle & Carriage Ltd <sup>#</sup>	Retailing	2	12	17%	15%	7%	Lim Hwee Hua, Vimala a/p V.R. Menon
Raffles Medical Group Ltd <sup>#</sup>	Health Care Equipment & Services	2	12	17%	10%	10%	Sarah Lu Qinghui, Wee Beng Geok
Bumitama Agri Ltd. #	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	1	6	17%	17%	0%	Lim Christina Hariyanto
CDL Hospitality Trusts #	Real Estate	1	6	17%	17%	20%	Cheah Sui Ling
Fragrance Group Limited <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	1	6	17%	17%	17%	Grace Lim Wan Looi
Keppel DC REIT #	Real Estate	1	6	17%	13%	11%	Christina Tan Hua Mui
Manulife US Real Estate Investment Trust #	Real Estate	1	6	17%	14%	14%	Veronica Julia McCann
Fraser and Neave, Ltd #	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	2	14	14%	18%	20%	Khunying Wanna Sirivadhanabhakdi, Siripen Sitasuwan
Bukit Sembawang Estates Limited <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	1	7	14%	14%	14%	Fam Lee San
First Resources Limited	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	1	7	14%	13%	13%	Ng Shin Ein
First Sponsor Group Limited <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	1	7	14%	14%	14%	Ting Ping Ee Joan Maria
Genting Singapore Limited <sup>#</sup>	Consumer Services	1	7	14%	0%	0%	Chan Swee Liang Carolina
Japfa Ltd. #	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	1	7	14%	14%	14%	Lien Siaou-Sze
Ho Bee Land Limited #	Real Estate	1	8	13%	13%	0%	Choo Poh Hua Josephine
Hotel Grand Central Limited <sup>#</sup>	Consumer Services	1	8	13%	13%	14%	Tan Hwa Lian
Keppel Telecommunications & Transportation Ltd <sup>#</sup>	Transportation	1	8	13%	13%	13%	Lee Ai Ming
Sasseur Real Estate Investment Trust #	Real Estate	1	8	13%	NL	NL	Yang Xue
Thomson Medical Group Limited <sup>#</sup>	Health Care Equipment & Services	1	8	13%	14%	13%	Chan Lay Hoon (Rowsley)
Ascendas Hospitality Trust <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	1	9	11%	11%	0%	Deborah Lee Siew Yin
Ascendas India Trust #	Real Estate	1	9	11%	0%	0%	Zia Mody
CapitaLand Retail China Trust #	Real Estate	1	9	11%	0%	0%	Kuan Li Li
China Aviation Oil (Singapore) Corporation Ltd <sup>#</sup>	Energy	1	9	11%	11%	11%	Bella Young Pit Lai
Great Eastern Holdings Limited <sup>#</sup>	Insurance	1	10	10%	10%	0%	Teoh Lian Ee

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Keppel Corporation Limited <sup>#</sup>	Capital Goods	1	10	10%	11%	11%	Veronica Eng Siang Yang
Olam International Limited <sup>#</sup>	Food & Staples Retailing	1	10	10%	20%	18%	Marie Elaine Teo
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited <sup>#</sup>	Banks	1	10	10%	10%	10%	Christina Hon Kwee Fong (Christina Ong)
SIA Engineering Company Limited <sup>#</sup>	Transportation	1	10	10%	9%	11%	Christina Hon Kwee Fong (Christina Ong)
Sinarmas Land Limited	Real Estate	1	10	10%	13%	13%	Margaretha Natalia Widjaja
Wing Tai Holdings Limited <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	1	10	10%	11%	10%	Tan Hwee Bin (added Mildred Tan in Jan 2019)
Frasers Property Limited <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	1	11	9%	9%	10%	Khunying Wanna Sirivadhanabhakdi
SembCorp Marine Limited <sup>#</sup>	Capital Goods	1	11	9%	9%	10%	Gina Lee-Wan
United Overseas Bank Limited #	Banks	1	11	9%	8%	11%	Lim Hwee Hua
Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd #	Capital Goods	1	12	8%	8%	7%	Song Su-Min
Mapletree Industrial Trust <sup>#</sup>	Real Estate	1	14	7%	10%	11%	Mary Yeo Chor Gek
Singapore Airlines Limited <sup># *</sup>	Transportation	0	8	0%	0%	0%	(added Goh Swee Chen in Jan 2019)
AIMS AMP Capital Industrial REIT #	Real Estate	0	7	0%	0%	0%	-
CapitaLand Mall Trust	Real Estate	0	9	0%	0%	0%	-
CITIC Envirotech Ltd	Commercial & Professional Services	0	8	0%	0%	0%	-
ESR-REIT	Real Estate	0	7	0%	0%	0%	-
Frasers Centrepoint Trust	Real Estate	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-
Frasers Commercial Trust	Real Estate	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-
Frasers Hospitality Trust	Real Estate	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-
Frasers Logistics & Industrial Trust	Real Estate	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-
Golden Agri-Resources Ltd	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	0	8	0%	0%	0%	-
Haw Par Corporation Limited	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	0	10	0%	0%	0%	-
Hong Leong Finance Limited	Diversified Financials	0	9	0%	0%	0%	-
Hotel Properties Limited	Consumer Services	0	8	0%	0%	0%	-
OUE Hospitality Trust	Real Estate	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-
OUE Limited	Real Estate	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-
Oxley Holdings Limited	Real Estate	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-

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Perennial Real Estate Holdings Limited	Real Estate	0	7	0%	0%	0%	-
Riverstone Holdings Limited	Health Care Equipment & Services	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-
Starhill Global Real Estate Investment Trust	Real Estate	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-
United Engineers Limited	Real Estate	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-
United Industrial Corporation Limited	Real Estate	0	13	0%	0%	0%	-
UOB Kay Hian Holdings Limited	Diversified Financials	0	6	0%	0%	0%	-
UOL Group Limited	Real Estate	0	9	0%	0%	0%	-
Wilmar International Limited	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	0	12	0%	0%	0%	-
Yangzijiang Shipbuilding (Holdings) Ltd.	Capital Goods	0	4	0%	0%	0%	-

NL: The company had not been listed on the Singapore Exchange at that time.

#: The company previously had women on its board during the period 2013 to Jun 2018.

\*: The company added a woman to the board in January 2019.

#### Note:

• Data reflected in Annex B were collected from all SGX-listed companies' annual reports and company announcements reported to SGX, from 2013 up to 31 December 2018 (inclusive). Data does not reflect any disclosures after 31 December 2018.

Sources of country-specific information on women's representation on boards: Australia – Australian Institute of Company Directors China, Indonesia, South Korea – Korn Ferry & NUS CGIO 'Diversity Scorecard 2016: Building Diversity in Asia Pacific Boardrooms' France – 2018 France Spencer Stuart Board Index Germany – DIW Economic Bulletin 'Women Executives Barometer 2018' Hong Kong – Community Business' Women on Boards 2017 report India – NSE Infobase Japan – Spencer Stuart '2017 Japan Board Index' Malaysia – New Straits Times Article 'Malaysia wants more women board directors on listed companies: PM' New Zealand – NZX Limited's Diversity Statistics Norway – Statistics Norway Singapore – Diversity Action Committee Sweden – Statistics Sweden 'Women and men in Sweden, Facts and Figures 2018' UK - Hampton-Alexander Review Report 2018 US – 2018 U.S. Spencer Stuart Board Index