

# Corporate Governance Compliance Rating Report



# Doğuş Gayrimenkul Yatırım Ortaklığı A.Ş.

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# DOĞUŞ GAYRİMENKUL YATIRIM ORTAKLIĞI A.Ş.

#### **BIST INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS**

CMB CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES COMPLIANCE GRADE

9.34

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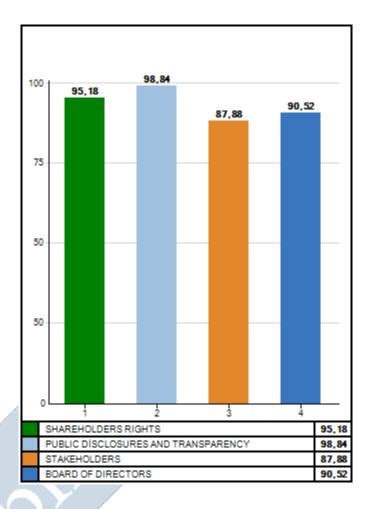
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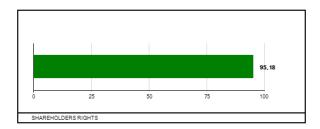
#### 1. SIXTH PERIOD REVISED RATING RESULT

The process of rating of compliance of DOĞUŞ GAYRIMENKUL YATIRIM ORTAKLIĞI A.Ş. with the Corporate Governance Principles is concluded in accordance with the Corporate Governance Compliance Rating Methodology developed by Kobirate Uluslararası Kredi Derecelendirme ve Yönetim Hizmetleri A.S., examinations of through onsite documents, interviews held with executives and persons involved, information open to public and of other reviews, according to the Capital Markets Board's (CMB) Corporate Governance Principles Communiqué no II-17.1 published by the Official Gazette edition 28871 on 03.01.2014.

At the end of examination of 398 criteria – as described in the methodology developed by Kobirate Uluslararası Kredi Derecelendirme ve Yönetim Hizmetleri A.S. for "BIST Investment Partnerships" - under the main headings of Shareholders, Public Disclosure and Transparency, the Stakeholders and the Board of Directors, the Corporate Governance Compliance Rating Grade of DOĞUŞ GAYRİMENKUL YATIRIM ORTAKLIĞI A.Ş. is revised upwards as 9.34.

This result signifies that the company has achieved compliance to a great extent with the CMB's Corporate Governance Principles. Possible risks for the company are determined to a considerable degree and controlled.

Public disclosure activities and transparency are at a high level. Rights of shareholders and stakeholders are treated fairly. The structure and working conditions of board of directors is generally compliant with corporate governance principles. This grade indicates that the Company deserves to be included in the BIST Corporate Governance Index.



- Doğuş GYO's grade at the section of Shareholders has been confirmed **95.18**. The developments that have been effective for the Company to achieve this grade are listed below.
- Investor Relations Department (IRD) keeps records of written requests by shareholders for information about Company, as well as records of oral requests of information.
- Employees were encouraged in order to increase number of licensed employees within the Company.
- Minority Rights Policy has been prepared in order to develop minority rights.
- There is a separate article in the Articles of Association ensuring that General Assembly meetings to be held openly to public, including stakeholders and media, without the right to address the meeting.
- The Company did not receive any warnings or penalties on issues related to Shareholders section during the rating period.

Relations with shareholders are conducted by Investor Relations Department (IRD). Hasan Hüsnü Güzelöz (Board Member) is the Director of the Department (License No: 201358-700296) and Nazlı Yılmaz (Assistant General Manager for Financial Affairs) works as staff in the Department (License No:

213039-703070). Cüneyt GÜNEREN, working at Financial Affairs with the title of Manager, has been successful in licensing examinations and gained the right to a license of Corporate Governance Rating Specialist.

As required by CMB's Corporate Governance Communiqué (II-17.1), dated 03.01.2014, IRD Director Hasan Hüsnü Güzelöz has also been assigned as a member of Corporate Governance Committee since 09.04.2015.

IRD's activities are regularly reported to the Board of Directors. Two reports — each covering a period of 6 months — were prepared in 2019. Report dated 11.12.2019 — covering first 6 months — and report dated 27.12.2018 — covering second 6 months — have been presented to the Board of Directors.

There is no practice of cancelling or restricting shareholders' right to obtain and review information, imposed by the Articles of Association and/or a decision by any corporate department. Disclosures for shareholders and public are done in accordance with the "Disclosure Policy", which can be reached at the corporate website of the Company.

In 2019, IRD has answered 37 information requests through phone, electronic mail or internet.

The Company has made 90 Material Event Disclosure in different subjects to Public Disclosure Platform in 2019. There were 34 Material Event Disclosures in 2020 as of 30.04.2020.

Ordinary General Assembly meeting for 2019 was planned to be held at the head office on 26.03.2020. Invitation for the meeting was made through Turkish Trade Registry Gazette, dated 03.03.2020 and No 10028 and Public Disclosure Platform on 28.02.2020. However due to COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was cancelled to be held in future by Board decision dated 23.03.2020, no 2020/14.

At the Board meeting dated 17.04.2020, decision no 2020/17 was taken and it was decided unanimously to hold the meeting at Company's head Office on 27.05.2020.

In accordance with the Principles, invitation for the meeting was published in Turkish Trade Registry Gazette, dated 21.04.2020 and No 10063 and Public Disclosure Platform on 17.04.2020.

Ordinary General Assembly meeting for 2019 was held at the head office on 27.05.2020. It took place on 27.05.2020 at MKK e – general assembly system (EGKS) and company's corporate website as required by the principles.

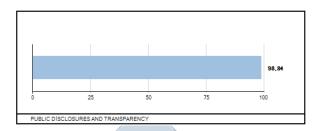
Independent Board Member Mustafa Sabri DOĞRUSOY, General Manager Çağan ERKAN, Assistant General Manager for Financial Affairs Nazlı YILMAZ and Financial Affairs Manager Cüneyt GÜNEREN attended to the meeting.

Ali ERKURU (PwC Bağımsız Denetim ve Serbest Mali Müşavirlik A.Ş.), representing Independent Audit Company has also attended 2019 Ordinary General Assembly meeting.

An information document about agenda items of the general assembly has been prepared and published with the invitation for the meeting. The document included information about shareholder structure of the Company, voting rights that shares bring and privileged shares, management and that operational changes significantly affected Company's activities in 2019 (and will affect in the next period), requests by shareholders, CMB or other public authorities to add items on the agenda, information on members of board and independent members, related parties' transactions report, which took place in 2019 and will be realized in the same way in 2020, principles of remuneration for board members and top executives and Dividend Distribution Statement.

Information about the dividend distribution, which has been approved at the General Assembly meeting, is given at the section of "ii. Dividend Distribution" in the report.

There has been no change in Articles of Association during the rating period.



Public Disclosure and Transparency grade of the Company has been confirmed as **98.84**. Most important developments that have been effective for the Company to achieve this grade are listed below.

- Company's Material Event Disclosures are made in English as well as Turkish, for the sake of foreign investors.
- Annual report includes Board's assessment about effectiveness of committees.
- Annual report includes detailed information on social rights and training of employees.
- Annual report includes important decisions of Board of Directors.

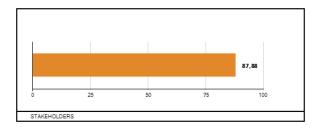
Director of Investor Relations Department Hasan Hüsnü Güzelöz and Assistant General Manager for Financial Affairs Nazlı Yılmaz have signatory authority for public statements. These officials are tasked with monitoring and watching all subjects related to public disclosure.

It is thought that the corporate website of the Company and its annual reports are used effectively as means for public disclosure in accordance with criteria stated by principles.

The Company orders regular independent audits. Independent Audit Reports are

disclosed to public at the Public Disclosure Platform and Company's corporate website.

The fact that Company publishes important Board decisions in the annual report has been assessed as a good practice in terms of public disclosure and transparency.



In the section of Stakeholders Company's grade has been confirmed as **87.88**. Most important developments that have been effective for the Company to achieve this grade are listed below.

- The Company has prepared Human Resources and Training Policy and put it into action.
- Staff Succession Policy has been prepared and put into impglementation.
- Policy for stakeholders has been developed and models to protect and inform them and support their participation to management have been prepared.
- Necessary mechanism has been established for the stakeholders to bring transactions that violate regulations and ethical rules into attention of Corporate Governance Committee.
- Company has conducted a survey to measure employee satisfaction.

There are procedures and internal regulations in subjects like recruitment, working conditions, disciplinary practices, power and responsibilities of employees, remuneration, health, leave rights, promotion, reassignment and dismissal, death, resignation and retirement. It has been observed that the Company sticks to these policies in practice.

There are 11 employees in the Company as of 31.12.2019.

Compensation policy has been prepared for employees and disclosed to public through Company's corporate website.

Company's Staff Succession Plan continued to be operational in 2019.

It has been seen that training was provided for the employees, both within the Company and externally. According to the information given by officials, employees were provided with 219 hours of training opportunities in 2019 and 32 hours as of the end of March 2020, including foreign language lessons.

Ethical rules, binding for all employees, have been prepared and approved by the general assembly. Ethical rules are disclosed on Company's website.

Company's efforts to update Ethical Rules have been completed during the rating period. After approval of the Board of Directors, updated rules will be discussed at the General Assembly and put into implementation.

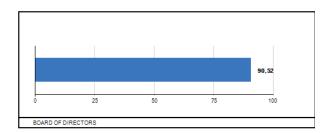
The Company continued in 2019 to support various NGO's by providing them offices from its estate portfolio. Supported projects are described in detail in Company's renewed website.

The Company took decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to protect the Health of its employees. Within the framework of these decisions:

• 11 employees were able work from home using remote access systems.

- Meetings took place in the electronic environment using remote access systems.
- Office was disinfected.

Doğuş GYO continues to develop its policies in this section.



In the section of Board of Directors, Doğuş GYO's grade has been updated as **90.52**. Most important developments that have been effective for the Company to achieve this grade are listed below.

- The Company has prepared a Woman Member Policy for the Board of Directors.
- Corporate Governance Committee has prepared Staff Succession Policy.
- Corporate Governance Committee has continued to prepare Productivity Report in 2019 about Board of Directors' structure and productivity, in the name of Nomination Committee, duties of which it has undertaken.
- Corporate Governance Committee has determined principles, criteira and policies taking Company's long-term targets into consideration to be used in remuneration of members of Board and executive managers and obnserved thesir implementation, in the name of Nomination Committee, duties of which it has undertaken.
- Board has started to assess woman Board members targets on annual basis.
- Internal control activities have been outsourced.

However, there was no woman member of Board during the rating period and it has been deemed as a negative practice in terms of principles.

Based on interviews at the Company and examination of Decision Books of Board of Directors and Committees, it has been determined that the Board and Committees continue their activities regularly.

The Board has described strategic objectives of the Company. Chairman of Board of Directors and General Manager are different persons. Distribution of duties and powers of members have been determined in the regulation for Board's principles of work. Distribution of tasks is compliant with the principles to a great extent.

As of the date of the report, Board of Directors comprises 5 (five) persons; including 1 (one) Chairman and 4 (four) members. 4 (four) of the members are non-executives and 2 (two) of them are independent, meeting the independence criteria laid down by Corporate Governance Principles.

Audit Committee, Corporate Governance and Early Detection of Risk Committees have been established as required by the principles. Due to the structure of Board of Directors, a separate Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee have not been established. Duties of these committees are carried out by the Corporate Governance Committee. Tasks, working rules and membership structures all three for committees have been determined, approved in written documents, disclosed to public and published in the corporate website. All members of the Audit Committee and Early Detection of Risk Committee are independent Members of the Board. Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee is an independent member of board. The CEO / General Manager has no assignment in these committees.

Board of Directors held 20 (twenty) meetings and took 24 (twenty four) decisions in 2019. It held 12 (twelve) meetings and took 17 (seventeen) decisions as of 17.04.2020.

At the Board meeting on 31.01.2020, it was decided to apply CMB for extension of Board membership of Independent Board Member Mustafa Sabri DOĞRUSOY limited with one year. Company's application was accepted by CMB with a notification dated 28.02.2020, No 12233903-340.03-E.2436.

Committees requested by Corporate Governance Principles continued their activities during the period of rating.

Audit Committee convened 7 (seven) times in 2019 and reported meeting results to the Board of Directors. It made 3 (three) meetings in 2020.

Corporate Governance Committee convened 5 (five) times in 2019 and reported meeting results to the Board of Directors. It made 3 (three) meetings in 2020.

Early Detection of Risk Committee held 7 (seven) meetings in 2019 and reported results to the Board of Directors. It hasn't yet convened in 2020.

Secretariat of the committees is undertaken by Nazlı Yılmaz, Assistant General Manager for Financial Affairs.

Remuneration principles for Directors and top executives has been determined and disclosed to public through Company's corporate website.

Professional liability insurance has been done for Members of Board of Directors in all companies within Doğuş Holding A.Ş. Members of Board of Directors of Doğuş Gayrimenkul Yatırım Ortaklığı A.Ş. are covered by this insurance. Insurance was renewed on 08.08.2019 and it is valid until 08.08.2020. It was disclosed to public through a material event disclosure on 21.08.2019.

Board of Directors made the annual assessment of Woman board member targets and put into wiriting with its decision No 2020/20 at the meeting dated 27.05.2020. It has been demed as a positive step by us.

However there is still no woman in the Board and this is seen as a deficiency within nthe scope of Principles. Company's compliance with Corporate Governance Principles will be strengthened with participation of Women members into the Board in coming periods.

Company worked with DRT Bağımsız Denetim ve Serbest Muhasebeci Mali Müşavirlik A.Ş. in 2019 for internal audit.

2019 annual report states that in the period between 01.01.2019 and 31.12.20198, the amount of total benefits has been TRY 209,853 for Members of Board, TRY 107,635 Board's consultants and TRY 1,796,620 for executives with administrational responsibilities, bringing the grand total to TRY 2,114,108. However complying with the principle of disclosing benefits on the basis of individuals will strengthen Company's compliance with corporate governance principles.

#### 2. COMPANY PROFILE AND CHANGES WITHIN LAST YEAR

# A. Company Profile:



Company Name : Doğuş Gayrimenkul Yatırım Ortaklığı Anonim Şirketi

Company Address : Doğuş Center Maslak, Maslak Mah. Ahi Evran Caddesi No: 4/7

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**Company Phone** : (0 212) 335 28 50 **Company Facsimile** : (0 212) 335 28 99

Company's Web Address : <a href="http://www.dogusgyo.com/">http://www.dogusgyo.com/</a>
Company's E-Mail Address : <a href="mailto:info@dogusgyo.com.tr">info@dogusgyo.com.tr</a>

**Date of Incorporation** : July 30, 1997 **Registered Number** : 373764-321346

Line of Business : Investment on real estate and real estate based capital market

instruments, real estate projects, real estate based rights and capital

market instruments.

**Company's Sector** : Real Estate Investment Partnership

Company's Representative in Charge of Rating:

Nazlı Yılmaz

Assistant General Manager for Financial Affairs

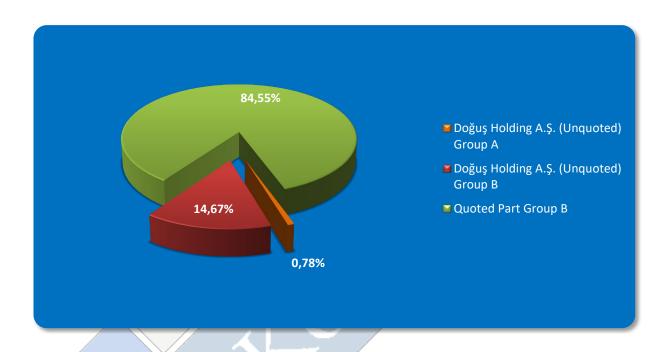
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Shareholder Structure

Shareholder Name	Group	Туре	31.12.2018 Share (%)
Doğuş Holding A.Ş. (Unquoted)	Α	Registered	0,78
Doğuş Holding A.Ş. (Unquoted)	В	Bearer	14,67
Quoted Part	В	Bearer	84,55
Total			100,00

Source : www.dogusgyo.com.tr



Board of Directors (As of 03/05/2020)

Name/ Surname	Title	Executive / Non _ Executive
Hüsnü Akhan	Chairman of Board of Directors	Non-executive
Hasan Hüsnü Güzelöz	Member of Board of Directors	Executive
Ekrem Nevzat Öztangut	Member of Board of Directors	Non-executive
Mustafa Sabri Doğrusoy	Member of Board of Directors (Independent)	Non-executive
Murat Bahadır Teker	Member of Board of Directors (Independent)	Non-executive

Source : <u>www.kap.gov.tr</u>

# **COMMITTEES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Member Name/ Surname	Title
Mustafa Sabri Doğrusoy	Chairman / Independent Member of Board of Directors
Murat Bahadır TEKER	Member / Independent Member of Board of Directors

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Member Name/ Surname	Title
Mustafa Sabri Doğrusoy	Chairman / Independent Member of Board of Directors
Murat Bahadır TEKER	Member / Independent Member of Board of Directors
Hasan Hüsnü Güzelöz	Member / Member of Board of Directors -IRD Director

# **EARLY RISK DETECTION COMMITTEE**

Member Name/ Surname	Title
Mustafa Sabri Doğrusoy	Chairman / Independent Member of Board of Directors
Murat Bahadır TEKER	Member / Independent Member of Board of Directors
Hasan Hüsnü Güzelöz	Member / Member of Board of Directors -IRD Director

# **Top Management**

Name/ Surname	Title
Çağan Erkan	General Manager
Nazlı Yılmaz	Assistant General Manager –Financial Affairs
Cem Engin	Assistant General Manager -Corporate Communication and
No. of the last of	Marketing

# Balance-Sheet Comparison of Company's Certain Selected Items for yearends of last two years

	2018/12 (TL)	2019/12 (TL)	(%)
Current Assets	37.989.729	40.756.634	7,28
Fixed Assets	1.797.880.768	1.922.322.466	6,92
Total Assets	1.835.870.497	1.963.079.100	6,93
Short Term Liabilities	135.111.284	178.468.432	32,09
Long Term Liabilities	816.304.659	805.348.048	-1,34
Equity	884.454.554	979.262.620	10,72

Source : www.kap.gov.tr / 01.01.2019-31.12.2019 Doğuş GYO A.Ş. Board of Directors Annual Report

## The Bottom and Peak Closing Values of Company's Shares traded on the BIST within last year

Bottom (TL)	Peak (TL)
2.17-TL (09.07.2019)	7.04-TL (28.01.2020)

Source: Doğuş GYO A.Ş.

## **Brief History of the Company**

The company started to be quoted in the stock exchange as the third Real Estate Investment Partnership, under the title of Osmanlı GYO on July 25, 1997.

At the end of 2001, as a result of merger between Osmanlı and Garanti Banks (both Doğuş Group banks), Garanti Bank owned 51 % of the company and it became a subsidiary of Garanti Bank.

Foundations of EVIDEA Project, Garanti GYO's first housing project, were laid in November 2004. Built on a field of 34.000 m<sup>2</sup>, it has a construction area of 101,000 m<sup>2</sup>, including 73,000 m<sup>2</sup> housing and 24.500 m<sup>2</sup> social facilities area.

All the apartments of EVIDEA Project, launched by Garanti GYO and Yapı Kredi Koray, combining their experience in real estate development and finance, were delivered to owners by the end of 2007.

In June 2005, Garanti GYO started construction of Doğuş Center Maslak project in Maslak, Istanbul. Total area of this project was 63,202 m², including 47,398 m² rentable area. Doğuş Center Maslak was inaugurated on November 9, 2006.

After Garanti Bank sold its Garanti GYO stocks to GE Capital Corporation and to Doğuş Holding, company's shareholder structure changed as 25.5 % Doğuş Holding A.Ş., 25.5 % GE and 49 % open to public as of December 1, 2006. Commercial title was registered as Doğuş-GE GYO A.Ş. on the same date.

General Electric (GE) Capital Corporation sold all its stocks of Doğuş-GE GYO to Doğuş Holding by January 2011 and the shareholder structure became 51 % Doğuş Holding and 49 % open to public. Commercial title was registered as Doğuş GYO A.Ş. on the same date.

Gebze Center Shopping Mall joined Doğuş GYO real estate portfolio as a result of partial demerger transaction, which was completed on 26.12.2013. Its construction was started by Doğuş Gayrimenkul Yatırım ve İşletme A.Ş. in August 2008. Gebze Center Shopping Mall was opened on September 3, 2010, with a budget of USD 180 million, 59,054 m² rentable area and about 130 shops.

After Gebze Center Shopping Mall joined Doğuş GYO real estate investment portfolio, development work started to enlarge the mall and create a mixed living center by adding new buildings and a hotel project. After construction license was received on 20.02.2015, construction started. The project has a construction area of 47,045 m<sup>2</sup> and includes a 158 – room hotel and various commercial units.

As a result of partial demerger transaction, which was completed on 06.09.2016, Doğuş Center Etiler has joined Doğuş GYO's real estate investment portfolio. Total land area of Doğuş Center Etiler is

36,440.80 m2 and it comprises 45 independent sections. Its total rental area is 9.827 m2. With its offices and social facilities, Doğuş Center Etiler is one of the leading business centers in the region.

Investment for Gebze Center Hotel and additional buildings project started in 2015. The project was completed in 2017 and the hotel was opened under the brand of "Hyatt House Gebze". Automotive showroom and service area, as well as additional shopping mall units are all rented.

In June 2018, sale process of Antalya 2000 Plaza was completed and the property got out of Company's portfolio.

In December 2018, D-Ofis Maslak office building – one of Istanbul's most important business and trade centers – and the Sport Center in the Doğuş Center Etiler facility, which comprises independent units numbered 16 and 17, were purchased by the Company. D-Ofis Maslak is a valuable office building at a prestigious location with offices, shopping centers, luxurious residences and it has 40,438 m2 usable area. Sport Center in the Doğuş Center Etiler facility is run by D-Gym – one of the most prestigious sports centers in Istanbul – and it has 6,745 m2 rentable area.

At the end of 2019, Doğuş GYO's investment property portfolio included: Doğuş Center Maslak, D-Ofis Maslak, Doğuş Center Etiler — Office Building, Doğuş Center Etiler — Sports Center, Gebze Center — Shopping Center, Gebze Center — Hotel (Hyatt House Gebze), Gebze Center — Automotive Showroom and Service (Doğuş Oto Gebze). The value of Doğuş GYOs portfolio reached TRY 1.92 billion.

Source: Doğuş GYO A.Ş. 01.01.2019-31.12.2019 Annual Report of Board of Directors

The Company is currently listed at BIST FINANCIAL / BIST ALL / BIST REAL ESTATE INV.PART. / BIST ALL-100 / BIST CORPORATE GOVERNANCE indexes.

Company is in MAIN MARKET - GROUP 1.



## B. Changes in the Company Within Last Year:

# i. Changes in Capital, Shareholder Structure and Articles of Association:

There have been no changes in Company's Articles of Association during the rating period.

#### ii. Dividend Distribution:

According to Material Event Disclosure issued on Public Disclosure Platform, dated 03.03.2020, at the meeting of Company's Board of Directors on 28.02.2020;

It was stated that according to solo financial statements prepared for the period between 01.01.2019 and 31.12.2019, in accordance with CMB's required formats and Turkish Accounting Standards / Turkish Financial Reporting Standards (TMS/TFRS), within the scope of CMB's "Communiqué on the Principles of Financial Reporting in Capital Market", no: (II-14.1); the Company earned TRY 95,044,820 period profit from its operations in 2019. According to Company's legal records kept within the framework of Tax Procedure Law, period profit for 2019 was TRY 45,457,370.56.

It has been decided unanimously to allocate profit of TRY 45,457,370.56 - which has been registered for 2019 in accordance with CMB regulations, our Articles of Association and Company's Dividend Distribution Policy approved by shareholders at general assembly meeting — for losses of past years, total amount of which is TRY 64,671,667.63 and not to distribute dividend due to losses of past years; to transfer TRY 95,044,820 net period profit — registered according to Solo financial statements prepared for the period between 01.01.2019 and 31.12.2019 — into extraordinary reserves to present 2019 Dividend Distribution statement to the General Assembly for approval.

The decision will be discussed as the 7<sup>th</sup> item of agenda at the Ordinary General Assembly Meeting on 27.05.2020.

# iii. Policies:

Company's Ethical Rules have been updated during the rating period. After approval by the Board of Directors, updated rules will be discussed at the General Assembly and then put into implementation.

Although they are not obligatory in terms of Principles, Purchasing Procedure, Management Company Election Procedure, Tenant Management Procedure, Financial and Administrative Affairs Procedure, Training Procedure, Personal Data Protection Procedure and Document Management Procedure have also been completed during the period of rating in order to regulate Company's daily work flows. They will be put into implementation after approval by the Board of Directors.

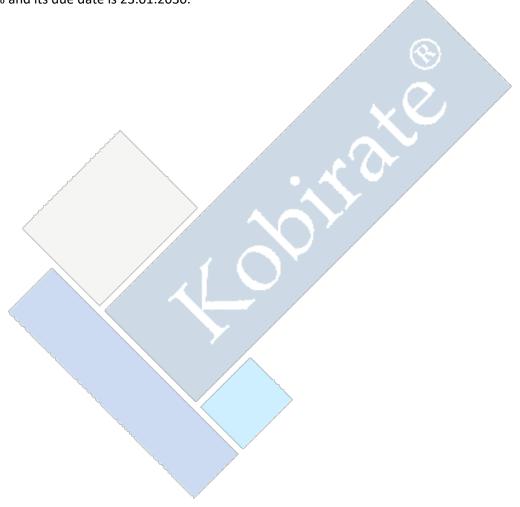
Company's other policies are current and there have been no other changes during the rating period.

# iv. Management and Organization:

At the Board meeting on 31.01.2020, it was decided to apply CMB for extension of Board membership of Independent Board Member Mustafa Sabri DOĞRUSOY limited with one year. Company's application was accepted by CMB with a notification dated 28.02.2020, No 12233903-340.03-E.2436.

## v. Other

The Company sold D Ofis Maslak Building to Kuveyt Türk Katılım Bankası A.Ş. for EUR 40,000,000 on 22.01.2020, within the scope of "Sell and Leaseback" agreement. Company has disclosed that the building was sold in order to partially cover current loans and reduce financial expenses. Interest rate is 4.7% and its due date is 23.01.2030.



#### 3. RATING METHODOLOGY

The Corporate Governance Compliance Rating is a system which audits whether or not the firm's management structures and management styles, the arrangements for shareholders and stakeholders and the process of informing in transparency and accuracy are performed in accordance with modern corporate governance principles and which assigns a grade corresponding to the existing situation.

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) established a working group in 1998 in order to assess member countries' opinions on corporate governance and to prepare some non – binding principles.

The fact that principles are open to change in time was also accepted at this work. Although at first these principles were focused on the companies whose shares were quoted in stock exchange, it was emphasized by OECD that it would be also useful to implement these principles in public enterprises and companies whose shares were not quoted in stock exchange.

In 1999, OECD Corporate Governance Principles were approved at the OECD Meeting of Ministers and published. Since then, these principles have been regarded as international references for the decision – makers, investors, shareholders, companies and stakeholders throughout the world.

Since their approval, these principles kept the concept of corporate governance on the agenda and became guidelines for the laws and regulations in OECD members, as well as other countries.

There are four basic principles of corporate governance in OECD Corporate Governance Principles. These are: fairness, transparency, accountability and responsibility.

Turkey has been closely monitoring these developments. A working group, established

within TUSIAD in 2001, prepared the guide, titled, "Corporate governance: The best implementation code". Then CMB issued "Capital Market Board Corporate Governance Principles" in 2003 and updated it in 2005, 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014, according to international developments in this field.

Obligation to comply with CMB's Corporate Governance Principles, based on the principle of "implement or disclose", and to declare it became part of companies' lives in 2004. Putting the Declaration of Compliance to Corporate Governance in the annual reports became obligatory the following year.

The principles are grouped under four main headings namely: the Shareholders, Public Disclosure and Transparency, Stakeholders and the Board of Directors.

The Corporate Governance Compliance Rating Methodology has been prepared by Kobirate A.Ş. for companies whose shares are traded on BIST, banks, investment partnerships and non – quoted companies.

The methodology takes into consideration the criteria stated in CMB's Corporate Governance Directive, no II-17.1, dated January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014; as well as CMB's board decisions taken at Board meeting dated 01.02.2013, no 4 / 105.

In this analysis, the full compliance of work flow and analysis technique with Kobirate A.Ş.'s Ethical Rules is considered.

In the process of rating, **398** criteria are considered to measure the compliance of BIST investment partnerships with the corporate governance principles.

Such criteria are translated into the Kobirate A.S.'s unique Corporate Governance Rating Questionnaire.

According to CMB's memorandum dated 12.04.2013 and numbered 36231672-410.99

(KBRT)-267/3854, the following rates are applied in the new Corporate Governance Compliance Rating:

**Shareholders 25 %** 

**Public Disclosure and Transparency 25 %** 

Stakeholders 15 %

#### **Board of Directors 35 %**

CMB has sent its notification dated 19.07.2013 and numbered 36231672-410.99 (KBRT) 452, on CMB decision dated 01.02.2013 and numbered 4/105 to our company, which required adding new questions into the methodology in order to ensure that good corporate governance principles, which go beyond meeting the minimum requirements of CMB issued good corporate governance principles – bringing 85 % of full points at most – will be included in the rating grade.

The 2014/2 revised corporate governance compliance rating methodology, created by our company, is restricted if the minimum conditions of corporate governance principles - declared in CMB notification of Corporate Governance dated 03.01.2014 – are met and all criteria is evaluated within same category. In this case all criteria are restricted to 85 % of the full points that the related criterion would get in that subsection. As the company applies and internalizes the criteria stated in corporate governance principles and our company finds out other good corporate governance criteria complied and practiced by the company; our rating system completes the section ratings to 100.

The grade to be assigned by the Corporate Governance Rating Committee to the firm ranges between 0-10. In this scale of grade, "10" points mean excellent, full compliance with CMB's Corporate Governance Principles while grade "0" means that there is unsatisfactory compliance with CMB's Corporate Governance Principles in the existing structure.



# 4. KOBİRATE ULUSLARARASI KREDİ DERECELENDİRME VE KURUMSAL YÖNETİM HİZMETLERİ A. Ş. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE RATING GRADES AND DESCRIPTIONS

GRADE	DEFINITIONS
9–10	The Company achieved a substantial compliance with to the Corporate Governance Principles issued by the Capital Market Board. Internal control systems are established and are operational. Any risks to which the Company might be exposed are recognized and controlled effectively. The rights of the shareholders are impartially taken care of. The level of public disclosure and transparency are high. Interests of the stakeholders are fairly considered. The structure and the working conditions of the Board of Directors are in full compliance with the Corporate Governance Principles. The Company is eligible for inclusion in the BIST corporate governance index.
7–8,9	The Company complied considerably with the Corporate Governance Principles issued by the Capital Market Board. Internal control systems are in place, and operational, although some improvements are required. Potential risks, which the Company may be exposed are identified and can be managed. Benefits of the shareholders are fairly taken care of. Public Disclosure and transparency are at high levels. Interests of the stakeholders are equitably considered. Composition and operational conditions of the Board comply with the Corporate Governance Principles. Some improvements are needed in compliance with the Corporate Governance Principles even though they do not constitute serious risks. The company is eligible for inclusion in the BIST Corporate Governance Index.
6–6,9	The Company has moderately complied with the Corporate Governance Principles issued by the Capital Market Board. Internal Control systems at moderate level have been established and operated, however, improvement is required. Potential risks that the Company may be exposed are identified and can be managed. The interests of the shareholders are taken care of although improvement is needed. Although public disclosure and transparency are taken care of, there is need for improvement. Benefits of the stakeholders are taken care of but improvement is needed. Some improvement is required in the structure and working conditions of the Board. Under these conditions, the Company is not eligible for inclusion in the BIST Corporate Governance Index.

GRADE	DEFINITIONS	
4–5,9	The Company has minimum compliance with the Corporate Governance Principles issued by the Capital Market Board. Internal control systems are in place at a minimum level, but are not full and efficient. Potential risks that the company is exposed to are not properly identified and are not under control. Substantial improvements are required to comply with the Corporate Governance Principles in terms of the benefits of both the shareholders and stakeholders, public disclosure, transparency, the structure and working conditions of the Board. Under the current conditions, the Company is not eligible to be listed in the BIST Corporate Governance Index.	
< 4	The Company has failed to comply with the Corporate Governance Principles issued by the Capital Market Board. It also failed to establish its internal control systems. Potential risks that the company might be exposed are not identified and cannot be managed. The company is not responsive to the Corporate Governance Principles at all levels. There are major weaknesses in the interest of the shareholders and the stakeholders, public disclosure, transparency. Structure and working conditions of the Board appear to be at a level that might cause the investor to incur material losses.	