

MINORITY SHAREHOLDER WATCHDOG GROUP

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CIMB Group CEO and RHB Capital chairman win awards

PETALING JAYA: CIMB Group Holdings Bhd group chief executive Datuk Seri Nazir Razak and RHB Capital Bhd chairman Datuk Mohamed Khadar Merican have been named CEO of the Year and Chairman of the Year respectively by the Minority Shareholders Watchdog Group (MSWG) at its Asean Corporate Governance Index Awards 2013.

CIMB said in a statement that Nazir topped 20 other chief executive officers to win the award.

"Nazir tops the criterion of a CEO that is visionary, dynamic, demonstrates strong entrepreneurship skills and has driven the environment, social and governance agenda well throughout the year for CIMB Group.

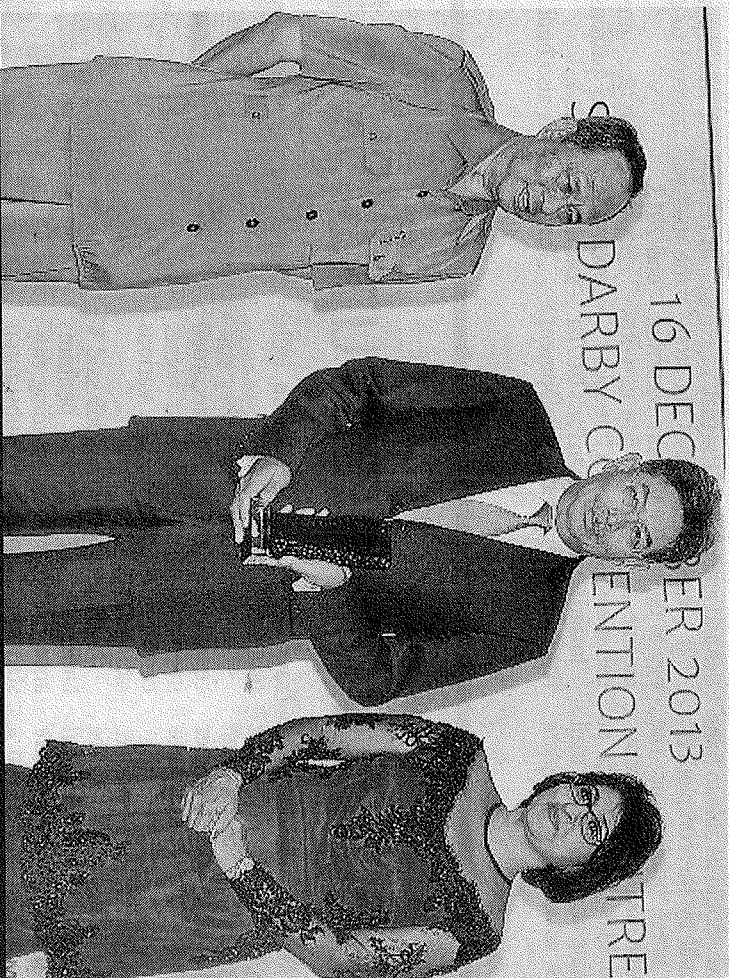
"The governing body also observed that he had demonstrated direct influence in driving the group globally, based on the company's financial performance as well as his skill and in-depth knowledge in responding to questions by minority shareholders at the company's AGMs."

In the same statement, Nazir said he was proud to receive the award.

"Excelling in areas of corporate governance and community relations has been important to me and I am glad that these have been recognised by MSWG, whose work I respect.

"I hope the award encourages others along this path as it will make for a better, more balanced corporate Malaysia," he said.

Meanwhile, RHB said in a statement that Mohamed Khadar received the award based on his position of chairman of a "top 20 company" in the overall corporate governance index, his ability to lead the board's corporate governance agenda as well as his leadership in a board that comprised a female director.



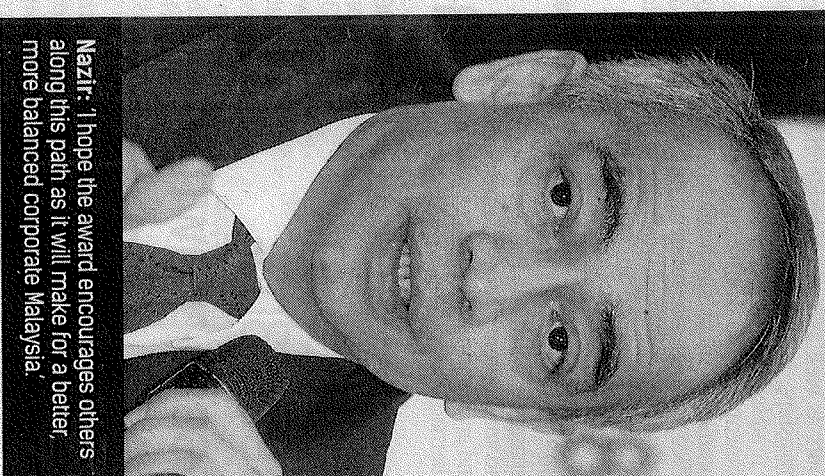
Mohamed Khadar with the award. With him are MSWG chairman Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman Mahbob (left) and chief executive officer Rifa Benoy Bushon.

"He has been on the board of RHB Capital since January 2008 and has been its chairman since May 2009. He also holds directorships in RHB Bank Bhd and RHB Investment Bank Bhd.

"The RHB Banking Group is proud to have a leader of such calibre providing guidance and directions to the group as it embarks on its

next level of business transformation to be the leading multinational financial services group in the region."

CIMB Group also won the Corporate Governance (CG) Transparency Award, Overall Corporate Governance Award and Best Environment, Social and Governance Award.



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The winners were determined based on the Asean CG scorecard methodology, a standardised scorecard adopted by other Asean countries.

This scorecard methodology showcases well-governed companies within the region, improving their visibility and investability.