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Understanding the Challenging Role of an Independent Director

Programme Overview

The role of an independent director has evolved significantly over the years, becoming more complex and demanding as corporate governance standards increase. Independent directors are expected to provide objective oversight, mitigate risks, and ensure the highest standards of transparency and accountability within an organisation. This programme equips current and aspiring independent directors with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to navigate these challenges and fulfil their responsibilities effectively.

Module 1 | 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Introduction to Corporate Governance and the Role of Independent Directors

- Definition and importance of corporate governance
- The role of the board of directors
- The unique role of independent directors
- Legal and regulatory framework for independent directors in Malaysia

Module 2 | 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Defining Independence and Its Challenges

- Criteria for independence under Malaysian law
- Potential conflicts of interest and their implications
- Balancing independence with effectiveness
- Best practices for maintaining independence

Module 3 | 11:45 am – 1.00 pm

The Role of Board Committees

- The importance of board committees
- The role of independent directors in board committees
- Challenges and best practices for committee effectiveness
- The role of the audit committee, nomination committee, and remuneration committee

Module 4 | 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Challenges of Independent Directors & Mitigating Solutions

- Information Asymmetry
- Time Constraints
- Groupthink
- Relationship with Executive Directors
- Legal and Regulatory Compliance
- Lack of Understanding of the Company's Industry

Module 5 | 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Case Studies on Independent Directors



Trainer's Profile Norhisham Abd Bahrin

Norhisham Abd Bahrin, a Corporate and M&A Partner at Azmi & Associates, specialises in investments, restructuring, and corporate governance. With over 20 years of legal experience, he regularly addresses legal issues impacting businesses, including M&A, Companies Act, Corporate Governance, and Corruption Prevention, in various public and in-house corporate training sessions. He has also provided coaching to board members of public listed companies and GLCs such as PETRONAS, Sime Darby, UMW Holdings, PERODUA, FGV, FELCRA, PUNB, PNS, MARA, Pelaburan Mara Berhad, PKNS, and others. Norhisham holds an LLB (Hons) from the International Islamic University Malaysia and an MBA in International Business from the University of East London.

