

Definition of independent director

(The definition of the Bank's independent director is deemed stricter than the qualifications prescribed by the Office of Securities and Exchange Commission and the Bank of Thailand.)

Each independent director of CIMB Thai Bank Public Company Limited ("the Bank") must have qualifications as follows:

- (a) Hold shares not exceeding 0.5 per cent of the total number of shares with voting rights of the Bank, its parent company, subsidiary company, associated company, major shareholder or controlling person of the Bank, including shares held by related persons of such independent director;
- (b) Neither be nor have been an executive director, employee, staff, advisor who receives a salary, or controlling person of the Bank, its parent company, subsidiary company, associated company, same-level subsidiary company, major shareholder or controlling person, unless the foregoing status has ended not less than two years prior to the date of filing the application with the Office. Such prohibited characteristic shall not include the case where the independent director used to be a government official or advisor of a government agency which is a major shareholder or controlling person of the Bank;
- (c) Not be a person related by blood or legal registration as father, mother, spouse, sibling, and child, including spouse of a child, of executive, major shareholder, controlling person, or a person nominated as an executive or controlling person of the Bank or its subsidiary company;
- (d) Neither have nor have had a business relationship with the Bank, its parent company, subsidiary company, associated company, major shareholder or controlling person of the Bank, in the manner which may interfere with his/her independent judgment, and neither be nor have been a significant shareholder or controlling person of any person having a business relationship with the Bank, its parent company, subsidiary company, associated company, major shareholder or controlling person of the Bank, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years prior to the date of filing the application with the Office.

The term 'business relationship' under the first paragraph shall include any normal business transaction for business operation, rent or lease of immovable property, transaction relating to assets or services, or granting or receipt of financial assistance through receiving or extending loans, guarantees, providing assets as collateral, and any other similar action, which result in the Bank or the counterparty being subject to indebtedness to the other party in the amount of three percent or more of the net tangible assets of the

Bank or THB 20 million or more, whichever is lower. The amount of such indebtedness shall be calculated by the valuation method applicable to connected transactions pursuant to the Capital Market Supervisory Board Notification regarding criteria on connected transactions mutatis mutandis. The consideration of such indebtedness shall include indebtedness occurring during the period of one year prior to the date on which the business relationship with the person commences;

- (e) Neither be nor have been an auditor of the Bank, its parent company, subsidiary company, associated company, major shareholder or controlling person of the Bank, and not be a significant shareholder, controlling person, or partner of an audit firm which employs the auditor of the Bank, its parent company, subsidiary company, associated company, major shareholder or controlling person of the Bank, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years prior to the date of filing the application with the Office;
- (f) Neither be nor have been a provider of any professional services including those as legal advisor or financial advisor who receives service fee exceeding THB 2 million per year from the Bank, its parent company, subsidiary company, associated company, major shareholder or controlling person of the Bank, and not be a significant shareholder, controlling person or partner of the provider of professional services, unless the foregoing relationship has ended not less than two years prior to the date of filing the application with the Office;
- (g) Not be a director appointed as representative of directors of the Bank, major shareholder or shareholder who is related to the major shareholder;
- (h) Not undertake any business in the same nature as and in material competition with the business of the Bank or its subsidiary company, or not be a significant partner in a partnership, or not be a director involved in management, employee, staff, advisor who receives a salary or holds shares exceeding one percent of the total number of shares with voting rights of another company which undertakes business in the same nature as and in material competition with the business of the Bank or its subsidiary company;
- (i) Have no other characteristics which would disable expression of independent opinions on the Bank's business operations. Upon appointment as independent director with qualifications as stated from (a) to (i) in the first paragraph, the independent director may be assigned by the Board to take part in the business decisions of the Bank, its parent company, subsidiary company, associated company, same-level subsidiary company, major shareholder or controlling person of the Bank, on a collective decision basis

(j) Have no business, participation, or benefit of any financial institutions, nor any other features that cause inability to independently opine, decide, or vote on matters regarding business operation of a financial institution.

(k) Neither be nor have been an executive director, manager, controlling person, advisor who receives a salary, employee, or staff of any financial institution or its subsidiary unless the foregoing status has ended not less than two years prior to the date of filing the application with Bank of Thailand.

(l) An independent director is eligible to hold the position not longer than nine years including the period of holding an independent director position of the financial institution's subsidiary.

In case an independent director has already been in the independent director position for nine years but wishes to return to the independent director's position afterwards, the person's foregoing status of executive director, employee, staff, advisor who receives a salary, or controlling person of the financial institution must have ended not less than two years prior to the date of filing the application with Bank of Thailand.

For an independent director who has yet to reach nine years in position when tenure ends, if the person's status of an independent director of a financial institution and its subsidiary has ended less and two years, and the person has not assumed any position of executive director, employee, staff, advisor who receives a salary, or controlling person of the financial institution and its subsidiary during such time, the person is qualified to return to the position of independent director. The person's tenure will continue to be counted from the previous time holding independent director position.

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