

Steering the Ship

Board of Directors



Seated (Left to Right) – Mr Ronald C Perera PC – Chairman, Mr Ranel T Wijesinha, Mr Sajith R Attygalle

Standing (Left to Right) – Mr H P Ajith Gunawardana, Mr Mohan Wijesinghe, Mr Samantha Rajapaksa,
Ms Janaki Senanayake Siriwardane – Secretary, Bank of Ceylon/Secretary to the Board

Mr Ronald C Perera PC
 Chairman,
 Independent Non-Executive Director

Skills and Experience

Mr Perera is a President's Counsel with a wide practice in the Original Courts as well as in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, especially in the areas of civil and criminal litigation, negotiation and drafting of commercial and transport contracts and agreements. He specialises in the areas of Commercial Law, Banking Law, Industrial Law, Injunctions, Defamation, Election Petitions, Civil Appeals, Revision Applications, Writ Applications and Fundamental Rights Cases. Additionally, he has appeared in several Commercial Arbitrations.

Mr Perera is a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Graduate from the University of Colombo and also holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in International Trade Law from Northumbria University, United Kingdom.

Appointed to the Board

On 28 January 2015 as the Chairman.

Membership of Board Subcommittees

Chairman of the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee and Member of the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee.

Current Appointments

Chairman of BoC (UK) Limited and Acting Chairman of Hotels Colombo (1963) Limited.

Previous Key Appointments

He was a Director of Bank of Ceylon, Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka & Finance PLC, Mireka Capital Land (Private) Limited and Mireka Homes (Private) Limited.

Mr Sajith R Attygalle
 Non-Independent Non-Executive
 Ex-Officio Director

Skills and Experience

Mr Attygalle is an Assistant Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and currently serves as a Deputy Secretary to the Treasury. He has over 25 years of experience in the area of Monetary and Fiscal Policy.

He holds a Master's (MSc) Degree in Quantitative Development Economics from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom and a Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degree in Physical Science from the University of Colombo.

Appointed to the Board

On 27 April 2016.

Membership of Board Subcommittees

Member of the Audit Committee, Integrated Risk Management Committee and the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee.

Current Appointments

Mr Attygalle is representing the Treasury at the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka as a Commission Member.

Previous Key Appointments

Prior to the appointment as the Deputy Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Attygalle had been serving as the Director General of the Department of Fiscal Policy and Department of Public Enterprises of the Ministry of Finance and has contributed substantially to the Government's endeavours in the fiscal consolidation process. He has been contributing towards the formulation of the Annual Budget and leading the technical team for the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with China.

He had also served as a Director and Acting Chairman of National Savings Bank and a Director on the Board of Bank of Ceylon and Regional Development Bank and also represented the Treasury as a Board Member in several Boards in key Government institutions such as Sri Lanka Ports Authority and Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited.

Mr Ranel T Wijesinha
Independent Non-Executive Director

Skills and Experience

Mr Ranel T Wijesinha, a practicing, independent, international management consultant, with over 35 years of post-qualification experience, has a distinctive balance of local and overseas exposure between the private and public sector, between industry and public practice and between accounting, auditing and consulting.

He has contributed to the Public Sector, through many statutory, regulatory and advisory roles for the Government of Sri Lanka, over the last two and a half decades.

During the immediately preceding decade, he has performed advisory work in the Public Sector for foreign governments in several countries on behalf of multilateral development partners such as the Asian Development Bank. These assignments included, functioning as Team Leader in Governance and Institutional Risk Assessments relating to Public Financial Management and Procurement, Infrastructure-related Financial Management Assessments, Project Evaluation, and Institutional Development and Capacity Building Assessments.

His experience in the private sector includes functioning as the Director, Business Development of the John Keells Holdings Group, Partner and Head of Consulting of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Sri Lanka and as a Manager of Deloitte in the Bahamas. He has extensive experience in Business Diagnoses and Strategic Redirection, Corporate turnarounds, New project evaluation, Privatisation-related Diagnoses, Valuations, Bidding, Acquisitions and Divestments.

He is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, and a holder of a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, United State of America.

He has also studied Multinational Corporations and Political Risk Analysis at the University's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

Appointed to the Board

On 9 February 2015.

Membership of Board Subcommittees

Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Current Appointments

Director of Koladeniya Hydropower (Private) Limited.

Previous Key Appointments

Chairman, Monitoring and Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Power & Energy; Member of the first Consumer Affairs Council under the first Consumer Affairs Authority Act; Member, Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board; Commissioner, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (on two occasions, the last being from 2015 to 2018) Member, Governing Council, National Institute of Business Management; Member, Board of Management, Postgraduate Institute of Management; Member, Main Committee, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce; Advisor, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka and Advisor, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is a Past President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and a Past President of the 23 Nation Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants. He was a long serving Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the Board Audit Committee, from 2005 to July 2016, of John Keells Hotels PLC which owned and operated a hotel chain comprising 11 properties in Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Mr H P Ajith Gunawardana
Independent Non-Executive Director

Skills and Experience

Mr Gunawardana is a Government Treasury Bond market specialist with experience in equity markets and fund management. He also brings Corporate Governance experience having sat on a number of listed company Boards. He has over 25 years experience in the financial sector. He holds a Diploma in Business Administration and Chartered Financial Analyst – Part II.

Appointed to the Board

On 6 November 2015.

Membership of Board Subcommittees

Chairman of the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee and Member of the Integrated Risk Management Committee and Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee.

Current Appointments

Director of Lanka Securities (Private) Limited.

Previous Key Appointments

Director of Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka & Finance PLC, Director/Chief Executive Officer of Janashakthi Securities Limited and Director of Kshatriya Holdings PLC, First Capital Holdings PLC, Kelsey Homes PLC and Kotmale Holdings PLC.

Mr Samantha Rajapaksa
 Independent Non-Executive Director

Skills and Experience

Mr Samantha Rajapaksa is a business professional with 30 years of experience and has held several key management positions both locally and overseas.

Mr Rajapaksa is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of the United Kingdom (UK). He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing of the UK and a holder of a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Postgraduate Institute of Management of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Mr Rajapaksa is the recipient of the Platinum Honors Award for Professional Excellence in the Field of Management from the Postgraduate Institute of Management of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Appointed to the Board

On 25 July 2017.

Membership of Board Subcommittees

Chairman of the Integrated Risk Management Committee and a Member of the Audit Committee.

Current Appointments

He is the Chairman/Director of Kitra Holdings (Private) Limited and also holds Directorships in the Asiri Group of Hospitals, Rakuen Group of Hotels and the Colombo Archery School (Private) Limited. He is also an Executive Committee Member of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, President of the Sri Lanka – USA Business Council and a Director of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority.

Previous Key Appointments

Group Managing Director of Associated Motorways (Private) Limited and Director of AMW Capital Leasing and Finance PLC, Associated Property Development Limited, Associated Autoways (Private) Limited, Associated Motor (Lanka) Company Limited, Associated Global Trading (Private) Limited, Associated Rubber Industries Limited, Associated Universal (Private) Limited, AI Futtaim Logistics (Private) Limited; Director/General Manager of Informatics International (Private) Limited; Director/Chief Executive Officer of CF Venture Fund Limited; Director of Central Finance Company PLC; Senior Project Manager of AT&T Inc., USA; Group Director of Kshatriya Holdings PLC; Director/Chief Executive Officer of Softlogic Communications (Private) Limited and Group Director of Softlogic Holdings PLC.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe
 Independent Non-Executive Director

Skills and Experience

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe is an Attorney-at-law who counts over 25 years of experience in having worked for both the private and the public sectors.

He is a holder of a Master's Degree in International Legal Cooperation from the University of Vrije in Brussels. He is also a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales, a Solicitor and Barrister of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and a Barrister of the High Court of Australia.

Appointed to the Board

On 24 November 2017.

Current Appointments

He is the General Manager – Legal at Colombo International Container Terminals Limited and Senior Overseas Advisor at China Merchants Ports Holdings Company Limited. He holds Directorships in Lanka Hospitals PLC, Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company (Private) Limited, Maga Neguma Consultancy and Project Management Services Company (Private) Limited and Interocean Services Limited and serves as a Member of the National Agenda Committee of the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka.

Previous Key Appointments

Director of People's Bank; Group Personnel Manager of Maharajah Group of Companies; Assistant Director of the Superannuation Commission of Australia; Director General of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technical Education and Executive Director of the National Lotteries Board.

Ms Janaki Senanayake Siriwardane
 Secretary, Bank of Ceylon/
 Secretary to the Board

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