

# Corporate Governance

## THE QUOTED COMPANY ALLIANCE (QCA) CODE

The Directors recognize the importance of good corporate governance and have chosen to apply the Quoted Companies Alliance Corporate Governance Code (the 'QCA Code'). The QCA Code was developed by the QCA in consultation with a number of significant institutional small company investors, as an alternative corporate governance code applicable to AIM companies. The underlying principle of the QCA Code is that "the purpose of good corporate governance is to ensure that the company is managed in an efficient, effective and entrepreneurial manner for the benefit of all shareholders over the longer term". The Directors anticipate that whilst the Company will continue to comply with the QCA Code, given the Group's size and plans for the future, it will also endeavor to have regard to the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code as best practice guidance to the extent appropriate for a company of its size and nature. To see how the Company addresses the key governance principles defined in the QCA Code please refer to the below table. Further information on compliance with the QCA Code is provided in our Annual Report.

Denham Eke, Non-executive Chairperson

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## THE PRINCIPLES OF THE QUOTED COMPANY ALLIANCE (QCA) CODE

### DELIVER GROWTH

QCA Code Principle	What we do and why
<p><b>1. Establish a strategy and business model which promote long-term value for shareholders</b></p>	<p>The strategy and business operations of the Group are set out in the Chairperson's Statement included in the latest audited Financial Statements at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/company-reports/">https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/company-reports/</a></p> <p>The Group's strategy and business model and amendments thereto, are developed by the Managing Director and his senior management team and approved by the Board. The management team, led by the Managing Director, is responsible for implementing the strategy and managing the business at an operational level.</p> <p>The Group's overall strategic objective is to develop a profitable, sustainable advance deposit wagering ("ADW") platform that benefits from a wide and diverse client base, both business and retail. The Group operates through two principal operating subsidiaries: WatchandWager.com Ltd and WatchandWager.com LLC.</p> <p>WatchandWager.com Ltd is regulated in the Isle of Man and operates a totalisator wagering hub through its United States Tote supplier, which enables it to conduct its ADW business by passing wagers directly into global racetrack betting pools in real time.</p> <p>WatchandWager.com LLC has its operational base in Lexington, Kentucky, with its head office in Larkspur, California, and provides pari-mutuel, or pool-betting, wagering services through a number of distribution channels to a global client base. The company holds United States pari-mutuel licences for its ADW business in the US, issued by North Dakota, California, Kentucky, Minnesota, New York, Washington, Maryland and Colorado. The business provides wagering opportunities predominantly on horse and greyhound racing and has contracted with a significant number of prestigious racetrack partners within the United States, Hong Kong, France, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia amongst others. It provides wagering facilities to customers through its website, watchandwager.com, as well as offering a business-to-business wagering product.</p> <p>WatchandWager.com LLC also operates Cal Expo Harness Racetrack in Sacramento, California, under a licence issued by the California Horse Racing Board. This 'bricks and mortar' presence in the largest State economy in the US continues to provide leverage for our related global pari-mutuel operations.</p> <p>The Group also plans to develop a licensed US-based sportsbook offering following the US Supreme Court ruling which paved the way to legalizing wagering on sports in the United States, subject to individual State legislation. This will probably be developed in partnership with one or more major operators and suppliers in the sector. The Group considers this market to be a significant growth area for our US operations. Significantly, there are a number of California draft Sports Betting Bills being currently debated, which specify that only existing land-based operators in the State will be eligible for license applications, in our case through the Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA racetrack facility. In the United States,</p>

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	<p>WatchandWager.com LLC holds ADW licenses not only for California, but also for North Dakota (providing regulated access to a total of 24 states), together with the previously mentioned individual State licenses.</p> <p>The Group operates in an inherently high risk and heavily regulated sector, and this is reflected in the principal risks and uncertainties.</p> <p>In executing the Group's strategy and operational plans, management will typically confront a range of day-to-day challenges associated with these key risks and uncertainties and will seek to deploy the identified mitigation steps to manage these risks as they manifest themselves.</p>
<p><b>2. Seek to understand and meet shareholder needs and expectations</b></p>	<p>The Group via the Managing Director seeks to maintain a regular dialogue with both existing and potential new shareholders in order to communicate the Group's strategy and progress and to understand the needs and expectations of shareholders.</p> <p>Beyond the Annual General Meeting, the Managing Director and, where appropriate, other members of the senior management team or Board will meet with investors and analysts to provide them with updates on the Group's business and to obtain feedback regarding the market's expectations of the Group.</p> <p>The Group's investor relations activities encompass dialogue with both institutional and private investors. From time to time, the Company attends private investor events, providing an opportunity for those investors to meet with representatives from the Group in a more informal setting.</p>
<p><b>3. Take into account wider stakeholder and social responsibilities and their implications for long-term success</b></p>	<p>The Group is aware of its corporate social responsibilities and the need to maintain effective working relationships across a range of stakeholder groups. These include the Group's employees, clients, partners, suppliers, regulatory authorities and horseracing colleagues involved in the Group's track facility at Cal Expo. The Group's operations and working methodologies take account of the need to balance the needs of all of these stakeholder groups while maintaining focus on the Board's primary responsibility to promote the success of the Group for the benefit of its members as a whole. The Group endeavours to take account of feedback received from stakeholders, making amendments to working arrangements and operational plans where appropriate and where such amendments are consistent with the Group's longer-term strategy.</p> <p>The Group takes due account of any impact that its activities may have on the environment and seeks to minimise this impact wherever possible. Through the various procedures and systems, it operates, the Group ensures full compliance with health and safety and environmental legislation relevant to its activities.</p>
<p><b>4. Embed effective risk management, considering both opportunities and threats, throughout the organisation</b></p>	<p>The Board is responsible for the systems of risk management and internal control and for reviewing their effectiveness. The internal controls are designed to manage rather than eliminate risk and provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. Through the activities of the Group Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, the effectiveness of these internal controls is reviewed annually.</p> <p>A comprehensive budgeting process is completed once a year and is reviewed and approved by the Board. The Group's results, compared with the budget, are reported to the Board on a monthly basis.</p> <p>The Group maintains appropriate insurance cover in respect of actions taken against the Directors because of their roles, as well as against material loss or claims against the Group. The insured values and type of cover are comprehensively reviewed on a periodic basis.</p> <p>The senior management team meets at least monthly to consider new risks and opportunities presented to the Group, making recommendations to the Board and/or Group Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee as appropriate.</p>

## MAINTAIN A DYNAMIC MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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<p><b>5. Maintain the board as a well-functioning, balanced team led by the chair</b></p>	<p>The Group's Board currently comprises three Non-executive Directors and one Executive Director.</p> <p>All of the Directors are subject to election by shareholders at the first Annual General Meeting after their appointment to the Board and will continue to seek re-election at least once every three years.</p> <p>Directors' biographies are set out here: <a href="https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/board-members/">https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/board-members/</a></p> <p>The Board is responsible to the shareholders for the proper management of the Group and meets at least four times a year to set the overall direction and strategy of the Group, to review operational and financial performance and to advise on management appointments. All key operational decisions are subject to Board approval.</p> <p>Non-executive Director, Richard Roberts, is considered to be independent. The other Non-executive Directors are not considered to be independent given their connection to the Company's controlling shareholder. The QCA Code suggests that a board should have at least two independent Non-executive Directors. The Board considers that the current composition and structure of the Board of Directors have been appropriate to maintain effective oversight of the Group's activities to date. However, the Board is aware that further oversight through independent Non-executive Directors could be beneficial to the governance environment. This process is under review and is pending the further development of business opportunities in the US in order to be able to determine the exact need and requirements.</p> <p>Non-executive Directors receive their fees in the form of a basic cash emolument. The Executive Director receives a basic cash salary and also holds options over the Group's shares. The number and terms are set out in the latest Audited Financial Statements which may be found here;</p> <p><a href="https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/company-reports/">https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/company-reports/</a></p> <p>The option grant concerned is not deemed to be significant for the individual Executive Director. The current remuneration structure for the Board's Executive and Non-executive Directors is deemed to be proportionate.</p>
<p><b>6. Ensure that between them the directors have the necessary up-to-date experience, skills and capabilities</b></p>	<p>The Board considers that all of the Executive and Non-executive Directors are of sufficient competence and calibre to add strength and objectivity to its activities and bring considerable experience in the operational and financial development of gambling and horseracing companies.</p> <p>The Directors' biographies are set out here: <a href="https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/board-members/">https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/board-members/</a></p> <p>The Board regularly reviews the composition of the Board to ensure that it has the necessary breadth and depth of skills to support the ongoing development of the Group. Whilst there is no Finance Director on the Board, the overview of the finance function is the responsibility of a non-Board Financial Controller.</p> <p>The Chairperson, in conjunction with the Company Secretary, ensures that the Directors' knowledge is kept up to date on key issues and developments pertaining to the Group, its operational environment and to the Directors' responsibilities as members of the Board. During the course of the year, Directors received updates from the Company Secretary and various external advisers on a number of corporate governance matters.</p> <p>Directors' service contracts or appointment letters make provision for a Director to seek personal advice in furtherance of his or her duties and responsibilities, normally via the Company Secretary.</p>
<p><b>7. Evaluate board performance based on clear and relevant objectives, seeking continuous improvement</b></p>	<p>Internal evaluation of the Board, the Committees and individual Directors is undertaken on an annual basis in the form of peer appraisal and discussions to determine their effectiveness and performance as well as the Directors' continued independence.</p> <p>The results and recommendations that come out of the appraisals for the Directors shall identify the key corporate and financial targets that are relevant to each Director and their personal targets in terms of career development and training. Progress against previous targets is also assessed where relevant.</p> <p>The Board may utilise the results of the evaluation process when considering the adequacy of the composition of the Board and for succession planning.</p>

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<p><b>8. Promote a corporate culture that is based on ethical values and behaviours</b></p>	<p>The Board seeks to maintain the highest standards of integrity and probity in the conduct of the Group’s operations. These values are enshrined in the written policies and working practices adopted by all employees in the Group. An open culture is encouraged within the Group, with regular communications to staff regarding progress and staff feedback regularly sought. The Executive Management regularly monitors the Group’s cultural environment and seeks to address any concerns that may arise, escalating these to Board level as necessary.</p> <p>The Group is committed to providing a safe environment for its staff and all other parties for which the Group has a legal or moral responsibility in this area. The Group’s health and safety policies and procedures are enshrined in the Group’s documented quality systems, which encompass all aspects of the Group’s day-to-day operations.</p>
<p><b>9. Maintain governance structures and processes that are fit for purpose and support good decision-making by the board</b></p>	<p><b>The Role of the Board</b></p> <p>The Board is collectively responsible for the long-term success of the organisation. Its principal function is to determine the strategy and policies of the Group within an effective control framework which enables risk to be assessed and managed.</p> <p>The Board ensures that the necessary financial and human resources are in place for the Group to meet its objectives and that business and management performances are reviewed. Furthermore, the Board ensures that the Group operates within its constitution, relevant legislation and regulation and that proper accounting records and effective systems of business control are established, maintained, documented and audited.</p> <p>There are at least four formal Board meetings each year. All Board members have the benefit, at the Group’s expense, of liability insurance in respect of their responsibilities as Directors and have access to independent legal or other professional advice if required. The Board has a formal schedule of matters which are reserved for its consideration and it has established three committees to consider specific issues in greater detail, being the Group Audit, Risk and Compliance, Remuneration and Nomination Committees. The Terms of Reference for each of these Committees are published on the Group’s website.</p> <p><b>The Chairperson</b></p> <p>The Chairperson is responsible for leading the Board, ensuring its effectiveness in all aspects of its role, promoting a culture of openness of debate and communicating with the Group’s members on behalf of the Board. The Chairperson sets the direction of the Board and promotes a culture of openness and debate by facilitating the effective contribution of Non-executive Directors and ensuring constructive relations between Executive and Non-executive Directors. The Chairperson also ensures that Directors receive accurate, timely and clear information. In doing so, this fosters a positive corporate governance culture throughout the Group.</p> <p><b>The Managing Director</b></p> <p>The Managing Director is responsible for managing the Group’s business and operations within the parameters set by the Board.</p> <p><b>Non-executive Director</b></p> <p>The Non-executive Director is responsible for bringing independent judgement to the discussions held by the Board, using their breadth of experience and understanding of the business. Their key responsibilities are to constructively challenge and contribute to strategic proposals, and to monitor performance, resources, and standards of conduct, compliance and control, whilst providing support to executive management in developing the Group.</p> <p>The Board has established a Group Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee (“ARCC” or “Committee”), a Remuneration Committee and a Nominations Committee with formally delegated duties and responsibilities. Richard Roberts chairs both the ARCC and the Remuneration Committee.</p> <p><b>Group Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee</b></p> <p>The ARCC meets at least two times each year and comprises two Non-executive Directors, currently Richard Roberts (Chairperson) and Denham Eke. The external auditors attend by invitation. Its role is to be responsible for reviewing the integrity of the financial statements and the balance of information disclosed in the accompanying Directors’ Report, to review the effectiveness of internal controls and risk management systems and recommend to the Board (for approval by the members) the appointment or re-appointment of the external auditor. The ARCC reviews and monitors the external auditor’s</p>

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	<p>objectivity, competence, effectiveness and independence, ensuring that if it or its associates are invited to undertake non-audit work it will not compromise auditor objectivity and independence.</p> <p>Further information can be found within the Group Audit, Risk and Compliance Report contained within the Annual Report.</p> <p><b>Remuneration Committee</b></p> <p>The Remuneration Committee meets at least twice a year and comprises two Non-executive Directors. It is chaired by Richard Roberts and is responsible for determining the remuneration of the Executive Director, the Company Secretary and other members of the management. Committee members do not take part in discussions concerning their own remuneration.</p> <p>Further information can be found within the Remuneration Report contained within the Annual Report.</p> <p><b>Nomination Committee</b></p> <p>The Nomination Committee is comprised of the whole Board. It is chaired by the Chairperson of the Board and is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on matters relating to the composition of the Board, including Executive and Non-executive Director succession planning, the appointment of new Directors and the election and re-election of Directors. The Nomination Committee only meets as matters arise.</p> <p><b>Appointments to the Board</b></p> <p>The principal purpose of the Nomination Committee is to undertake the assessment of the balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge on the Board against the requirements of the business, with a view to determining whether any shortages exist. Having completed the assessment, the Committee makes recommendations to the Board accordingly. Appointments to the Board are made on merit, with due regard to the benefits of diversity. Within this context, the paramount objective is the selection of the best candidate, irrespective of background, and it is the view of the Board that establishing quotas or targets for the diversity of the Board is not appropriate.</p> <p>All Director appointments must be approved by the Company's Nominated Adviser, as required under the AIM Rules, before they are appointed to the Board.</p> <p>Prior to appointment, Non-executive Directors are required to demonstrate that they are able to allocate sufficient time to undertake their duties.</p> <p><b>Re-election</b></p> <p>The Group's Rules require that all Directors are submitted for election at the AGM following their first appointment to the Board. Thereafter all Directors will submit themselves for re-election at least once every three years, irrespective of performance.</p>

## **BUILD TRUST**

<b>QCA Code Principle</b>	<b>What we do and why</b>
<b>10. Communicate how the company is governed and is performing by maintaining a dialogue with shareholders and other relevant stakeholders.</b>	<p>The Group places a high priority on regular communications with its various stakeholder groups and aims to ensure that all communications concerning the Group's activities are clear, fair and accurate. The Group's website is regularly updated, and users can register to be alerted when announcements or details of presentations and events are posted onto the website.</p> <p>The Group's financial reports can be found here: <a href="https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/company-reports/">https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/company-reports/</a></p> <p>Notices of General Meetings of the Company can be found here: <a href="https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/latest-news/">https://www.webisholdingsplc.com/latest-news/</a></p> <p>The results of voting on all resolutions in general meetings are posted to the Group's website, including any actions to be taken as a result of resolutions for which votes against have been received from at least 20 per cent of independent shareholders.</p>