# FAT PROPHETS GLOBAL CONTRARIAN FUND LIMITED ACN 615 414 849 Corporate Governance Statement

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# Principle 1 - Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

A listed entity should establish and disclose the respective roles and responsibilities of board and management and how their performance is monitored and evaluated.

### Recommendation 1.1

A listed entity should disclose the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management, and those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.

The Company has adopted a formal charter (**Board Charter**) clearly setting out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board and management. The key responsibilities of the Board include:

- setting the long-term strategy and annual business plan including objectives and milestones to be achieved;
- monitoring the performance of the Company against the financial objectives and operational goals set by the Board and reviewing the implementation of Board approved strategies;
- assessing the appropriateness of the skill sets and the levels of experience of the members of the Board, individually and as a whole and selecting new members to join the Board when a vacancy exists;
- appointing, removing and determining the terms of engagement of the Directors, Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary;
- overseeing the delegation of authority for the day to day management of the Company;
- ensuring that the risk management systems, financial reporting and information systems, personnel, policies and procedures are all operating efficiently and effectively by establishing a framework of internal controls and compliance;
- reviewing major contracts, goods or services on credit terms, acceptance of counter-party risks and issuing guarantees on behalf of the Company;
- approving the capital structure and major funding requirements of the Company;
- establishing a Disclosure and Communication
  Policy to ensure that the Company complies with
  its disclosure obligations under the ASX listing
  rules;
- approving the Company's half year and full year reports to the shareholders, ASX and ASIC; and
- ensuring that recruitment, retention, termination, remuneration, performance review and succession planning policies and procedures are in place and complied with.

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	ed entity should:  undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election as a director; and  provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or reelect a director.	The Board currently undertakes appropriate checks before appointing or nominating board candidates and has regard to their skills, experience and expertise.	
Recommendation 1.3  A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.		All directors (and proposed directors) and senior executives have entered into written appointment agreements with the Company.  Specifically:  the non-executive directors have each executed a letter of appointment setting out the terms and conditions of their appointment; and  the executive director and senior executives of the Company have entered into employment agreements, setting out the terms and conditions of their employment.	
Recommendation 1.4  The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.		<ul> <li>The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the chairperson, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.</li> <li>The Company has adopted a formal board charter (Board Charter) setting out the Company Secretary's responsibilities.</li> <li>Under the Board Charter, the Company Secretary is responsible for: <ul> <li>advising the Board and its committees on governance matters;</li> <li>monitoring the Board and committee policy and procedures are followed;</li> <li>coordinating the timely completion and dispatch of Board and committee papers;</li> <li>ensuring the business at Board and committee meetings is accurately captured in the minutes; and</li> <li>helping to organise and facilitate the induction and professional development of Directors and the Company Secretary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board for achieving gender diversity and	The Company has a diversity policy in place (Diversity Policy).  The Diversity Policy entrusts the Board with the responsibility for designing and overseeing the	

#### **ASX CG Principles Compliance by the Company** to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in Diversity Policy. achieving them; Under the Diversity Policy, the Board is: (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and required to develop initiatives that will (c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable promote and achieve diversity goals; objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a responsible for reviewing this diversity policy relevant committee of the board in accordance with the and will assess the status of diversity within (d) entity's diversity policy and its progress towards the Company and the effectiveness of this policy in achieving the measurable objectives (e) achieving them, and either: which have been set to achieve diversity; and (i) the respective proportions of men and women on the responsible for assessing the effectiveness of board, in senior executive positions and across the whole the Company's diversity objectives each year. organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or (ii) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act. Recommendation 1.6 Under the Board Charter, each Director's performance is assessed when standing for re-A listed entity should: election. Before each annual general meeting, the Chairperson of the Board assesses the performance have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the (a) of any Director standing for re-election and the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; Board will determine their recommendation to shareholders on the re-election of the Director (in (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a the absence of the Director involved). The Board performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in (excluding the Chairperson), will conduct the review accordance with that process. of the Chairperson. Recommendation 1.7 Under the Board Charter, senior executives' performance will be considered by the A listed entity should: independent Directors in a meeting separate to have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the Board meetings. The Chairperson is (a) the performance of its senior executives; and responsible for ensuring independent Director meetings take place on a regular basis. (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.

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#### Principle 2 - Structure the board to add value

A listed entity should have a board of an appropriate size, composition, skills and commitment to enable it to discharge its duties effectively.

# Recommendation 2.1

The board of a listed entity should:

- (a) have a nomination committee which:
  - (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and
  - (ii) is chaired by an independent director; and disclose
  - (iii) the charter of the committee;
  - (iv) the members of the committee; and
  - as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or
- (b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.

The Board has adopted a remuneration committee charter, which together with any other resolutions of the Board from time to time, sets out the authority and power to exercise the roles and responsibilities of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter).

Due to the size of the board and the Company's operations at present, a separate Nomination and Remuneration Committee has not been established. Matters and functions normally assigned to the committee will be dealt with and discharged by the Board as whole, pending the establishment of a stand-alone committee.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.

#### Recommendation 2.2

A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.

The Board has not, at this time, adopted a board skills matrix. However, the Company will seek to have directors with an appropriate range of skills, experience and expertise and an understanding of and competence to deal with current and emerging issues of the business. In addition, the Company's succession plans are designed to maintain an appropriate balance of skills, experience and expertise on the Board.

# Recommendation 2.3

A listed entity should disclose:

- (a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;
- (b) if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and
- (c) the length of service of each director.

Out of the proposed Board members, Michael Gallagher and Katrina Vanstone are each considered to be independent Directors.

The Board will regularly assess the independence of each Director in light of the interests disclosed by them. That assessment will be made at least annually at, or around the time, that the Board considers candidates for election to the Board, and each independent Director is required to provide the Board with all relevant information for this purpose.

If the Board determines that a Director's independent status has changed, that determination will be disclosed to the market in a timely fashion.

# Recommendation 2.4

A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.

The Board currently consists of one non-independent executive and two independent, non-executive Directors.

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The cl		ne board of a listed entity should be an independent director alar, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	The proposed Chairperson of the Board will be Michael Gallagher, who is an independent, non-executive Director. It is proposed that Angus Geddes will be the executive Director.
A liste provio to dev	le appropelor	should have a program for inducting new directors and priate professional development opportunities for directors I maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their rs effectively.	Under the Board Charter, the Directors are expected to participate in any induction or orientation programs on appointment, and any continuing education or training arranged for them.  The Company Secretary will help to organise and facilitate the induction and professional developmen of Directors.
	•	Act ethically and responsibly should act ethically and responsibly.	
	empl		The Board has adopted a code of conduct ( <b>Code of Conduct</b> ) which sets out the values, commitments, ethical standards and policies of the Company and outlines the standards of conduct expected of the Company's business and people, taking into account the Company's legal and other obligations to its stakeholders.  The Code of Conduct will apply to all Directors, as well as all officers, employees, contractors, consultants, other persons that act on behalf of the Company, and associates of the Company.  The Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website.
	ed entity	Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting should have formal and rigorous processes that independently	verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate
Recon	nmenda	tion 4.1	The Board has adopted an audit and risk committee
The bo	oard of a	listed entity should:	charter, which together with any other resolutions of the Board from time to time, sets out the authority and power to exercise the roles and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee (Audit and Risk Committee Charter).  Due to the size of the board and the Company's operations at present, a separate Audit and Risk Committee has not been established. Matters and functions normally assigned to the committee will be
(a)	have a	have an audit committee which:  (i) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and	
	(ii)	is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board,	
	And disclose:		dealt with and discharged by the Board as whole, pending the establishment of a stand-alone committee.
	(iii) the charter of the committee;		
	(iv)	the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and	The Audit and Risk Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.
	(v)	in relation to each reporting period, the number of times	

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(b)	the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or  if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation		
	of the audit engagement partner.	m p 1 111 1	
Recommendation 4.2  The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.		The Board will implement a process to receive written assurances from its CEO and Chief Financial Officer that the declarations that will be provided under section 295A of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth) are founded on a system of risk management and internal control and that the system is operating in all material respects in relation to financial reporting risks.  The Board will seek these assurances prior to approving the annual financial statements for all half year and full year results that follow.	
A listed	d entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor s its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders nt to the audit.	The Company has adopted a formal Disclosure and Communication Policy, where there is an express requirement that the external auditor will attend the AGM and be available to answer questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the auditor's report.	
A liste	ple 5 – make timely and balanced disclosure d entity should make timely and balanced disclosure of all matters conc material effect on the price or value of its securities.	erning it that a reasonable person would expect to	
Recon	nmendation 5.1	Consistent with the Board's commitment to	
A listed (a) (b)	d entity should:  have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and disclose that policy or a summary of it.	improving its disclosure policy, the Board has adopted a Disclosure and Communication Policy, which sets out the Company's commitment to the objective of promoting investor confidence and the rights of shareholders by:	
		<ul> <li>complying with the continuous disclosure obligations imposed by law;</li> <li>ensuring that company announcements</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>are presented in a factual, clear and balanced way;</li> <li>ensuring that all shareholders have equal and timely access to material information concerning the Company; and</li> </ul>	
		communicating effectively with shareholders and making it easy for them to participate in general meetings.  The Disclosure and Communication Policy is	

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	available on the Company's website.	
Principle 6 - Respect the rights of security holders  A listed entity should respect the rights of its security holders by providing them with appropriate information and facilities to allow them to exercise those rights effectively.		
Recommendation 6.1  A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	The Company recognises the rights of its shareholders and other interested stakeholders to have easy access to balanced, understandable and timely information concerning the operations of the Group. The Chief Executive Officer and the Compan Secretary will be primarily responsible for ensuring communications with shareholders are delivered in accordance with this strategy and with its current market disclosure policy.  The Company strives to communicate with shareholders and other stakeholders in a regular manner as outlined in Principle 5 of this statement. However as stated above, for a period, the Company did not communicate with shareholders and other stakeholders in a timely manner.  Information concerning the Company and its governance practices will be made available on its website in due course.	
Recommendation 6.2  A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	As mentioned above under Recommendation 5.1, the Board has adopted a Disclosure and Communication Policy which supports its commitment to effective communication with its shareholders. In addition, the Company intends to communicate with its shareholders:  • by making timely market announcements;  • by posting relevant information on to its website;  • by inviting shareholders to make direct inquiries to the Company; and  • through the use of general meetings.	
Recommendation 6.3  A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	The Board encourages participation of shareholders at the Annual General Meeting or any other shareholder meetings to ensure a high level of accountability and identification with the Company's strategy and goals. Shareholders are requested to vote on the appointment and aggregate remuneration of Directors, the granting of options and shares to Directors, issue of shares and changes to the constitution.	
Recommendation 6.4  A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its	The Company's Shareholders may elect to receive information from the Company and its registry electronically. Otherwise, the Company and its	

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security registry electronically.			registry will communicate by post with shareholders who have not elected to receive information electronically.	
Princ	iple 7 – 1	Recognise and manage risk		
A liste	ed entity	should establish a sound risk management framework and pe	riodically review the effectiveness of that framework.	
Reco	mmenda	ation 7.1	The Board has adopted an Audit and Risk Committee Charter, which together with any other resolutions of the Board from time to time, sets out the authority	
The b	oard of a	listed entity should:		
(a)	have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:		and power to exercise the roles and responsibilities	
	(i)	has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and	of the Audit and Risk Committee which, amongst other things, is designed to ensure the Company h an effective risk management system in place and	
	(ii)	is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:	manage key risk areas.	
	(iii)	the charter of the committee;	Due to the size of the board and the Company's operations at present, a separate Audit and Risk	
	(iv)	the members of the committee; and	Committee has not been established. Matters and	
	(v)	as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or	functions normally assigned to the committee will b dealt with and discharged by the Board as whole, pending the establishment of a stand-alone committee.	
(b)	above,	es not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing tity's risk management framework.	The Audit and Risk Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.	
Reco	mmenda	ation 7.2	Under the Board Charter, the Board will ensure	
The board or a committee of the board should:		a committee of the board should:	that the Company has in place an appropriate risk management framework and will set the appetite	
(a)		tisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and	within which the Board expects management to operate.	
(b)		se, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a $\sigma$ has taken place.	The Board will regularly review and update the risk profile and ensure that the Company has an effective risk management system.	
			As part of this process, the Board will review, at least annually, the Company's risk management framework in order to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound.	
Recommendation 7.3		ation 7.3	The Board is responsible for ensuring that the	
A listed entity should disclose:		should disclose:	Company has appropriate internal audit systems an controls in place, and for overseeing the effectivenes	
(a)		s an internal audit function, how the function is structured hat role it performs; or	of these internal controls. The Board will also be responsible for conducting investigations of breaches or potential breaches of these internal controls.	
(b)	proces	ses not have an internal audit function, that fact and the sess it employs for evaluating and continually improving the veness of its risk management and internal control processes.	In addition, the Board will be responsible for preparing a risk profile which describes the materia risks facing the Company, regularly reviewing and updating this risk profile, and assessing and ensuring that there are internal controls in place for	

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	determining and managing key risks.
Principle 8 – Remunerate fairly and responsibly	

A listed entity should pay director remuneration sufficient to attract and retain high quality directors and design its executive remuneration to attract, retain and motivate high quality senior executives to align their interests with the creation of value for security holders.

#### Recommendation 8.1

The board of a listed entity should:

- (a) have a remuneration committee which:
  - has at least three members, a majority of whom are (i) independent directors; and
  - (ii) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:
  - (iii) the charter of the committee;
  - (iv) the members of the committee; and
  - (v) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or
- (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.

The Board has adopted a remuneration committee charter, which together with any other resolutions of the Board from time to time, sets out the authority and power to exercise the roles and responsibilities of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter).

Due to the size of the board and the Company's operations at present, a separate Nomination and Remuneration Committee has not been established. Matters and functions normally assigned to the committee will be dealt with and discharged by the Board as whole, pending the establishment of a stand-alone committee.

Under the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter, the Board will develop, review and consider:

- the remuneration framework for directors, including the process by which any pool of directors fees approved by security holders is allocated to directors;
- the remuneration packages to be awarded to senior executives;
- equity based remuneration plans for senior executives and other employees; and
- superannuation arrangements for directors, senior executives and other employees.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is on the Company's website.

#### Recommendation 8.2

A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors

The Company's remuneration policy will be disclosed in the Directors' Report which forms part of the Annual Report. The policy has been set out to ensure that the performance of Directors, key staff executives and reflect each person's accountabilities, duties and their level performance, and to ensure that remuneration is competitive in attracting, motivating and retaining staff of the highest quality. A program of regular

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		performance appraisals and objective setting for key executives and staff is in place. These annual reviews take into account individual and company performance, market movements and expert advice.
Recommendation 8.3  A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:		The constitution permits directors, senior executives and other officers of the Company to trade in Company shares as long as they comply with the
(a)	have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and	Company's Share Trading Policy. The Share Trading Policy is a code that is designed to minimise the potential for insider trading.
(b)	disclose that policy or a summary of it.	Directors must notify the Chairman of the Board, before they buy or sell shares in the Company. If the Chairman of the Board intends to trade in the Company shares, the Chairman of the Board must give prior notice to the whole Board. The details of the share trading must be given to the Company Secretary who must lodge such details of such changes in with the ASX.
		Senior executives must give prior notice to the Chief Executive Officer, while other officers must notify the Company Secretary, before trading in the Company shares and details of all such transactions must be given, in writing, to the Company Secretary within 7 business days.
		Any changes in substantial shareholding of the Directors, senior executives or other officers must be reported to the ASX within 2 business days of such trading.