

Appendix 4G

Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity:

Naos Absolute Opportunities Company Limited

ABN / ARBN:

49 169 448 837

Financial year ended:

30 June 2017

Our corporate governance statement² for the above period above can be found at:³

- ☐ These pages of our annual report:
- ☒ This URL on our website: www.naos.com.au

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 24 August 2017 and has been approved by the board.

The annexure includes a key to where our corporate governance disclosures can be located.

Date: 24 August 2017

Name of Director or Secretary authorising lodgement: Sebastian Evans

¹ Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX.

Listing Rule 4.10.3 requires an entity that is included in the official list as an ASX Listing to include in its annual report either a corporate governance statement that meets the requirements of that rule or the URL of the page on its website where such a statement is located. The corporate governance statement must disclose the extent to which the entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during the reporting period. If the entity has not followed a recommendation for any part of the reporting period, its corporate governance statement must separately identify that recommendation and the period during which it was not followed and state its reasons for not following the recommendation and what (if any) alternative governance practices it adopted in lieu of the recommendation during that period.

Under Listing Rule 4.7.4, if an entity chooses to include its corporate governance statement on its website rather than in its annual report, it must lodge a copy of the corporate governance statement with ASX at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. The corporate governance statement must be current as at the effective date specified in that statement for the purposes of rule 4.10.3.

² "Corporate governance statement" is defined in Listing Rule 19.12 to mean the statement referred to in Listing Rule 4.10.3 which discloses the extent to which an entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during a particular reporting period.

³ Mark whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where the entity's corporate governance statement can be found. You can, if you wish, delete the option which is not applicable.

Throughout this form, where you are given two or more options to select, you can, if you wish, delete any option which is not applicable and just retain the option that is applicable. If you select an option that includes "OR" at the end of the selection and you delete the other options, you can also, if you wish, delete the "OR" at the end of the selection.

ANNEXURE – KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ... ⁴
PRINCIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT			
1.1	A listed entity should disclose: (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and (b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] ... and information about the respective roles and responsibilities of our board and management (including those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management): ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.2	A listed entity should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and (b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
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.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

⁴ If you have followed all of the Council's recommendations in full for the whole of the period above, you can, if you wish, delete this column from the form and re-format it.

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1.5	A listed entity should: (a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them; (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and (c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them and either: (1) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or (2) 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.	... the fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] ... and a copy of our diversity policy or a summary of it: ☐ at [insert location] ... and the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with our diversity policy and our progress towards achieving them: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] ... and the information referred to in paragraphs (c)(1) or (2): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☒ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.6	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	... the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a): ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] ... and the information referred to in paragraph (b): ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.7	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	... the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] ... and the information referred to in paragraph (b): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☒ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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PRINCIPLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE			
2.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a nomination committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) 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.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] ... the fact that we have a nomination committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] ... and a copy of the charter of the committee: ☐ at [insert location] ... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] ... the fact that we do not have a nomination committee and the processes we employ 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: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☒ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
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.	... our board skills matrix: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ in the Board of Directors section of the Annual Report	☒ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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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.	... the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☒ in the Directors Report of the Annual Report ... and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☒ in the Directors Report of the Annual Report ... and the length of service of each director: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☒ in the Directors Report of the Annual Report	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☒ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.5	The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☒ in the Directors Report of the Annual Report	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
PRINCIPLE 3 – ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY			
3.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) disclose that code or a summary of it.	... our code of conduct or a summary of it: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING			
4.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and (5) in relation to 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 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.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] ... the fact that we have an audit committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] ... and a copy of the charter of the committee: ☐ at [insert location] ... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] ... the fact that we do not have an audit committee and the processes we employ that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of our corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☒ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
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 fact that we follow this recommendation: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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4.3	A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☒ at our Annual General Meeting, attended by our Audit Partner	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an annual general meeting and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE			
5.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	... our continuous disclosure compliance policy or a summary of it: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
PRINCIPLE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS			
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	... information about us and our governance on our website: ☒ at www.naos.com.au	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.2	A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
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.	... our policies and processes for facilitating and encouraging participation at meetings of security holders: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity that does not hold periodic meetings of security holders and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
6.4	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK			
7.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) 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 risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] ... the fact that we have a committee or committees to oversee risk that comply with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at <i>[insert location]</i> ... and a copy of the charter of the committee: ☐ at <i>[insert location]</i> ... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at <i>[insert location]</i> [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] ... the fact that we do not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) and the processes we employ for overseeing our risk management framework: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at <i>[insert location]</i>	☒ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.2	The board or a committee of the board should: (a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	... the fact that board or a committee of the board reviews the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at <i>[insert location]</i> ... and that such a review has taken place in the reporting period covered by this Appendix 4G: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at <i>[insert location]</i>	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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7.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] ... how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at <i>[insert location]</i> [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] ... the fact that we do not have an internal audit function and the processes we employ for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of our risk management and internal control processes: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at <i>[insert location]</i>	☒ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	... whether we have any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☒ in Note 17 of the Annual Report	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY			
8.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a remuneration committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) 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.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] ... the fact that we have a remuneration committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] ... and a copy of the charter of the committee: ☐ at [insert location] ... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] ... the fact that we do not have a remuneration committee and the processes we employ for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive: ☒ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☒ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
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 and other senior executives.	... separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☒ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
8.3	A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: (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 (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	... our policy on this issue or a summary of it: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☒ we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED ENTITIES			
-	<i>Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities:</i> The responsible entity of an externally managed listed entity should disclose: (a) the arrangements between the responsible entity and the listed entity for managing the affairs of the listed entity; (b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.	... the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at <i>[insert location]</i>	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
-	<i>Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities:</i> An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.	... the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at <i>[insert location]</i>	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Ltd (A.B.N. 49 169 448 837, "Company") 2017 Corporate Governance Statement

The Board of NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited is committed to achieving and demonstrating the highest standards of corporate governance. As such, the Company has adopted what it believes to be appropriate corporate governance policies and practices having regard to its size and nature of its activities. The Company has adopted the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (**Recommendations**) with 2014 Amendments (3rd Edition) for the current financial year, subject to the exceptions noted below.

	Recommendations	Compliance	Comment
1.	Lay solid foundations for management and oversight		
1.1	A listed entity should disclose: (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and (b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	Complies	This is disclosed in the Board Policy section of the Corporate Governance Charter, which is available at: http://naos.com.au/corporate-governance/
1.2	A listed entity should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and (b) provide security holders with all material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	Complies	a) This is disclosed in the Board Policy section of the Corporate Governance Charter, which is available at: http://naos.com.au/corporate-governance/ b) The Company has complied with this in the information included in the Notice of Meeting issued to shareholders.
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	Complies	The Company has a Board but no employees. Each member of the Board has significant experience as Company Directors and received a formal letter of engagement and are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities.
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.	Complies	The Company Secretary reports directly to the Board.

NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Ltd (A.B.N. 49 169 448 837, "Company") Corporate Governance Statement

	Recommendations	Compliance	Comment
1.5	A listed entity should: (a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity; and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them; (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and (c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them; and either: (1) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or (2) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under the Act	Does not comply	As the Company has no full-time employees and given the size of the Board a diversity policy has not been established. The Company wishes to maintain a small Board in order to minimise costs and increase shareholder returns; however, diversity would be considered if a Board vacancy were to arise in the future. In the event of a vacancy arising, the Board will identify candidates with an appropriate mix of skills, while being mindful of the need for diversity of age, gender and ethnicity.
1.6	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and (b) disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	Complies	The Board reviews its performance by discussions, individual communication with the Chairman and by reference to generally accepted Board performance standards. The Board is responsible for undertaking an annual performance evaluation of itself and its members with respect to the Board Policy.

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	Recommendations	Compliance	Comment
1.7	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and (b) disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process	Does not comply	The Company has a Board but no full-time employees. NAOS Asset Management Limited, which acts as the investment manager of the Company (Investment Manager) has absolute and unfettered discretion to manage the portfolio and to do all things necessary or desirable in relation to the portfolio. Under the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager has discretion to acquire and dispose of investments on behalf of the Company. Investments consistent with the investment strategy may be undertaken without consultation with the Board. For any proposed investment that falls outside the investment strategy, the Investment Manager requires prior approval from the Board, which the Board may uphold at its absolute discretion. Consequently, there is no need to delegate functions to senior management or for a process to evaluate the performance of senior executives.

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	Structure the Board to add value		
2.1 duties	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a nomination committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) 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 and responsibilities effectively.	Does not comply	Due to the size of the Company, the Company does not have a Nomination Committee. The Board believes that the formation of such a committee would be inefficient given the nature and size of the Company. It would not serve to protect or enhance the interests of the shareholders. The Board will deal with this issue as a whole, and will identify suitable candidates to fill vacancies as they arise with the aim of achieving the optimal mix of skills and diversity. Should the size of the Company change, the Board will consider establishing a separate nomination committee.

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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.	Does not comply	While the Company does not have a formal board skills matrix, the attributes of each Director are considered before appointment. The skills, experience and expertise relevant to the position and term of office of each Director who is in office at the date of the annual report is detailed within the annual report.
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.	Complies	a) David Rickards, the Chair of the Board of Directors is considered by the Company to be independent. b) Not applicable c) All of the Company's current Officers (David Rickards, Warwick Evans and Sebastian Evans) were appointed on 8 May 2014.
2.4	A majority of the board should be independent directors.	Does not comply	The Board has one independent Director and two non-independent Directors. David Rickards is the Director that is considered to be independent because he has no direct involvement in the management of the portfolio and he is free of any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the independent exercise of his judgement. David Rickards is also the Chairman. The Board considers that all Directors of the Company bring significant expertise and investment experience to the Company and that the current structure is appropriate for the Company at this time.
2.5	The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	Complies	David Rickards, the Chair of the Board of Directors is considered by the Company to be independent.

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2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	Complies	Each director may obtain independent professional or other advice at the cost of the Company on matters arising during the course of their Board duties. The payment for the cost of the advice sought by the Company is subject to the approval of the Chairman, which will not be unreasonably withheld. The Company encourages all Directors to maintain the skills and knowledge required to effectively perform their role.
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3.	Promote ethical and responsible decision-making		
3.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) disclose that code or a summary of it.	Complies	The Company has adopted a formal code of conduct. This is incorporated into the Company's Corporate Governance Charter, which is available at: http://naos.com.au/corporate-governance/ The Company requires all of its Officers, executives and employees to comply with the standards of behaviour and business ethics in accordance with the law and the code of conduct. These include acting honestly and with integrity and fairness in all dealings with others and each other, managing conflicts of interests, complying with the laws that govern the Company's business and its operations and acting ethically in their approach to business decisions. The Company's Code of Conduct does not allow the making of payments or payments in kind (gifts, favours etc) to induce individuals to award business opportunities to the Company or to make a decision in the Company's favour. The Company's Code of Conduct recognises that it is accepted business practice that entertainment and small gifts may be extended to third parties with whom the Company has a relationship. However, any such gifts must be made for a proper purpose. The Company Code of Conduct also mandates the Company's Officers, Executives and employees should not accept personal gifts or extraordinary hospitality, accommodation or travel, which may influence, or appear to influence, a business decision. All conflict of interests are managed in accordance with the requirements of Corporation Act, Listing Rules and the Company's Constitution. The Directors believe the Company's Code of Conduct and its reporting mechanism are appropriate to the scale of the Company's operations.

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4.	Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting		
4.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and (5) in relation to 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 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	Does not comply	The board does not intend to establish such a committee because the formation of such a committee would be inefficient given the Company's size and nature. It would not serve to protect or enhance the interest of shareholders. The board will deal with this issue as a whole. Should the size of the Company change the board will consider establishing a separate audit committee. The Company's approach to financial reporting reflects the following core principles: (i) The Company's financial reports present a true and fair view; (ii) The Company's accounting methods are comprehensive and relevant and comply with applicable accounting rules and policies; and (iii) The Company's external auditor is independent and serves security holder interests. The board monitors Australian and international developments relevant to these principles and reviews our practices accordingly. The Company's external auditor's appointment and removal has been or will be done in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act. The Company will also ensure any individual who plays a significant role in the audit of the Company will be rotated in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act.
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.	Complies	The Company complies with this recommendation.

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4.3	A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.	Complies	The external auditor will attend the annual general meeting of shareholders and will be available to answer any questions from security holders concerning the conduct, preparation and content of the auditor's report.
5.	Make timely and balanced disclosure		
5.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	Complies	The Company operates under the continuous disclosure requirements of the ASX Listing Rules as set out in its Continuous Disclosure Policy, which is contained within its Corporate Governance Charter, available at: http://naos.com.au/corporate-governance/. The Company ensures that all information which may be expected to affect the value of the Company's securities or influence investment decisions is released to the market to ensure that all investors have equal and timely access to the material information concerning the Company. The Company Secretary has the responsibility for ensuring that all relevant information is released to the market in a timely manner in consultation with the Board. The Company considers this to be a satisfactory protocol given its size and the nature of the Company.

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6.	Respect the rights of security holders		
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	Complies	The Company provides information on itself and corporate governance on its website at http://naos.com.au
6.2	A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	Complies	The Board has developed a strategy within its Continuous Disclosure Policy to ensure that shareholders are informed of all major developments affecting the Company's performance, activities and state of affairs. This includes having a website to facilitate communication with shareholders via electronic methods. In addition, the Company publishes regular shareholder communications, such as half-yearly and annual reports, and provides shareholders with an opportunity to access such reports and other releases electronically. The Board encourages full participation of shareholders at the Company's annual general meetings and any general meetings to ensure a high level of accountability and identification with the Company's strategy. The external auditor also attends the annual general meeting and is available to answer any questions concerning the preparation and content of the audited financial statements.
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.	Complies	This information is disclosed in the Continuous Disclosure section of the Corporate Governance Charter, which is available at: http://naos.com.au/corporate-governance/
6.4	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	Complies	Security holders are able to receive and send communications to the Company and its share registry electronically.

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7.	Recognise and manage risk		
7.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) 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 risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.	Does not comply	Due to the size of the Company, the Company does not have a risk committee. The responsibility for the effectiveness of risk management and internal compliance and control will rest with the Board. The Board will liaise with and oversee the application by the Investment Manager of the risk management protocols.

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7.2	The board or a committee of the board should: (a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	Complies	As a small company, the Board works closely with the Investment Manager to identify and manage operational, financial and compliance risks which could prevent the Company from achieving its objectives. The Investment Manager has completed a review of the risk management framework for the current reporting period.
7.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.	Does not comply	Due to the size of the Company's operations and the role played by the Investment Manager, the Company does not have an internal audit function and in part relies on the systems of internal control used by the Investment Manager. The Board works closely with the Investment Manager to identify and manage operational, financial and compliance risks, which could prevent the Company from achieving its objectives. The Investment Manager is responsible for preparing the declaration pursuant to Section 295A of the Corporations Act as the Company does not have a chief executive officer (or equivalent) or a chief financial officer (or equivalent). Accordingly, the Board seeks to procure that the Investment Manager puts in place sound systems of risk management and financial controls and ensure that the systems are operating effectively in all material respects.
7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	Complies	The Company is not an operating company but rather a financial holding company that holds a portfolio of investments that has limited direct material exposure to environmental and social sustainability risks. Due to the size of the Company's operations and the role played by the Investment Manager, the Company works closely with the Investment Manager to identify and manage operational, financial and regulatory risks, which could prevent the Company from achieving its objectives.

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8.	Remunerate fairly and responsibly		
8.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a remuneration committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) 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.	Does not comply	A remuneration committee has not been established under recommendation 8.1 because the Board believes that the formation of such a committee would be inefficient given the size and nature of the Company. It would not serve to protect or enhance the interests of the shareholders. The Board will deal with this issue as a whole. Should the size of the Company change, the Board will consider establishing a separate remuneration committee. The maximum total remuneration of the Directors of the Company has been set at \$100,000 to be divided as they agree. The maximum fees paid to Non-Executive Directors may not be increased without approval from the Company at a general meeting. The operations of the Company and the frequency of Board meetings principally determine the fee levels.
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 and other senior executives.	Does not comply	The Company does not have any executive Directors or senior executives. The remuneration of all the Non-Executive Directors is disclosed in the annual report.
8.3	A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: (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 (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	Not Applicable	The Company does not have an equity-based remuneration scheme.