# **Appendix 4G**

# Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

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WESTOZ INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED						
ABN/A	ABN/ARBN Financial year ended:					
113 332 942			30 JUNE 2020			
Our co	rporate governance stater	─ nent¹ for the period above can be fo	ound at: <sup>2</sup>			
	These pages of our annual report:					
This URL on our www.westozfunds.com.au www.westozfunds.com.au						
The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 16 October 2020 and has been approved by the board.						

The annexure includes a key to where our corporate governance disclosures can be located.3

16 October 2020

#### **Anthony Hewett**

# **Company Secretary**

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 Listing Rule 4.10.3.

Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must also lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. The Appendix 4G serves a dual purpose. It acts as a key designed to assist readers to locate the governance disclosures made by a listed entity under Listing Rule 4.10.3 and under the ASX Corporate Governance Council's recommendations. It also acts as a verification tool for listed entities to confirm that they have met the disclosure requirements of Listing Rule 4.10.3.

The Appendix 4G is not a substitute for, and is not to be confused with, the entity's corporate governance statement. They serve different purposes and an entity must produce each of them separately.

See notes 4 and 5 below for further instructions on how to complete this form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "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.

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tick whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where your corporate governance statement can be found. You can, if you wish, delete the option which is not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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		Where a box below is ticked, <sup>4</sup> we have followed the recommendation in <u>full</u> for the <u>whole</u> of the period above. We have disclosed this in our Corporate Governance Statement:	Where a box below is ticked, we have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. Our reasons for not doing so are: <sup>5</sup>
PRINC	IPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND O	VERSIGHT	
1.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out:  (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.		□ set out 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 director or senior executive or putting someone forward 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.		□ set out 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.		□ set out 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.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Tick the box in this column only if you have followed the relevant recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. Where the recommendation has a disclosure obligation attached, you must insert the location where that disclosure has been made, where indicated by the line with "insert location" underneath. If the disclosure in question has been made in your corporate governance statement, you need only insert "our corporate governance statement". If the disclosure has been made in your annual report, you should insert the page number(s) of your annual report (eg "pages 10-12 of our annual report"). If the disclosure has been made on your website, you should insert the URL of the web page where the disclosure has been made or can be accessed (eg "www.entityname.com.au/corporate governance/charters/").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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.

Corpo	rate Governance Council recommendation	Where a box below is ticked, <sup>4</sup> we have followed the recommendation in <u>full</u> for the <u>whole</u> of the period above. We have disclosed this in our Corporate Governance Statement:	Where a box below is ticked, we have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. Our reasons for not doing so are:5
1.5	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a diversity policy;  (b) through its board or a committee of the board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board, senior executives and workforce generally; and  (c) disclose in relation to each reporting period:  (1) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity;  (2) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and  (3) either:  (A) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or  (B) 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.  If the entity was in the S&P / ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period, the measurable objective for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board should be to have not less than 30% of its directors of each gender within a specified period.	and we have disclosed a copy of our diversity policy at:  [insert location] and we have disclosed the information referred to in paragraph (c) at:  [insert location] and if we were included in the S&P / ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period our measurable objective for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board of not less than 30% of its directors of each gender within a specified period.	set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  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		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation
	directors; and  (b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.	[insert location] and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process at: https://westozfunds.com.au/westoz-investment-company-limited/	is therefore not applicable
		[insert location]v	

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1.7	A listed entity should:     (a) have and disclose a process for evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and     (b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.	and we have disclosed the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a) at:  [insert location]  and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process at:  [insert location]	<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

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PRINCIP	LE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO BE EFFECTIVE AND 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):] and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at:  [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at:  [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] and we have disclosed 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 at:  [insert location]	set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  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 that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.		□ set out 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	<ul> <li>A listed entity should disclose:</li> <li>(a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;</li> <li>(b) if a director has an interest, position, affiliation 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 or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and</li> <li>(c) the length of service of each director.</li> </ul>		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.		□ set out 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.		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  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 for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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PRINC	IPLE 3 – INSTIL A CULTURE OF ACTING LAWFULLY, ETHICALL	Y AND RESPONSIBLY	
3.1	A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.2	A listed entity should:     (a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and     (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	and we have disclosed our code of conduct at: https://westozfunds.com.au/westoz-investment-company-limited/	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.3	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and  (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.4	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and  (b) ensure that the board or committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	PLE 4 – SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CORPORATE REPOR	TS	
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.	and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: https://westozfunds.com.au/westoz-investment-company-limited/  [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at: https://westozfunds.com.au/westoz-investment-company-limited/  [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] and we have disclosed 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 at:  [insert location]	set out 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.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
4.3	A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	LE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE		
5.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.1.		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
		[insert location]	
5.2	A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
5.3	A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
PRINCIP	LE 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.		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.2	A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.3	A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.4	A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.		⊠ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.5	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	PLE 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	and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: https://westozfunds.com.au/westoz-investment-company-limited/  [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at: https://westozfunds.com.au/westoz-investment-company-limited/  [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] and we have disclosed 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 at:  [insert location]	set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.2	employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.  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 that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the board; and  (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.		set out 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 governance, risk management and internal control processes.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] and we have disclosed how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs at:	set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
		[insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] and we have disclosed 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 at: https://westozfunds.com.au/westozinvestment-company-limited [insert location]	
7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental or social risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	LE 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):] and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: [Insert location] and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at: [Insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] and we have disclosed 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: [Insert location]	set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  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.	□ and we have disclosed separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives at: https://westozfunds.com.au/westoz-investment-company-limited [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ 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.	and we have disclosed our policy on this issue or a summary of it at: [insert location]	<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

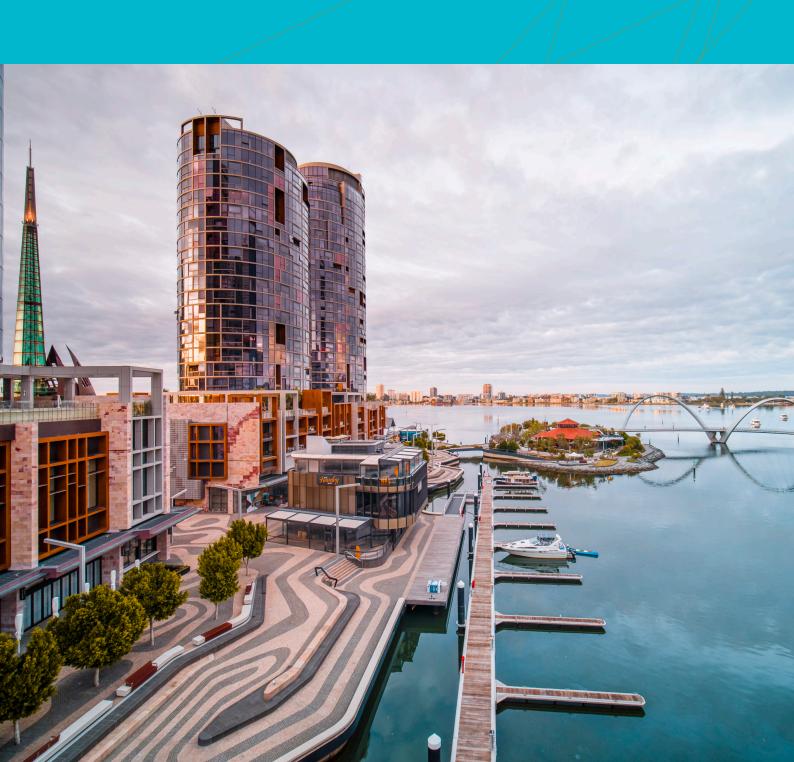
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ADDITIO	ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT APPLY ONLY IN CERTAIN CASES					
9.1	A listed entity with a director who does not speak the language in which board or security holder meetings are held or key corporate documents are written should disclose the processes it has in place to ensure the director understands and can contribute to the discussions at those meetings and understands and can discharge their obligations in relation to those documents.	and we have disclosed information about the processes in place at:	<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we do not have a director in this position and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>			
9.2	A listed entity established outside Australia should ensure that meetings of security holders are held at a reasonable place and time.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  we are established in Australia and this recommendation is therefore not applicable OR  we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable			
9.3	A listed entity established outside Australia, and an externally managed 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.		<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are established in Australia and not an externally managed listed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an AGM and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>			
ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED ENTITIES						
-	Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities:     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; and     (b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.	and we have disclosed the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) at:	set out in our Corporate Governance Statement			

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-	Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities:  An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.	and we have disclosed the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity at:	set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
		[insert location]	

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WESTØZ INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT** 





# WESTOZ INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

# **ACN 113 332 942 (COMPANY)**

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

This Corporate Governance Statement is current as at 16 October 2020 and has been approved by the Board of the Company on that date.

This Corporate Governance Statement discloses the extent to which the Company has, during the financial year ending 30 June 2020, followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council in its publication Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations – 4th Edition (**Recommendations**). The Recommendations are not mandatory, however the Recommendations that have not been followed for any part of the reporting period have been identified and reasons provided for not following them along with what (if any) alternative governance practices were adopted in lieu of the recommendation during that period.

The Company has adopted a Corporate Governance Plan which provides the written terms of reference for the Company's corporate governance duties

Due to the current size and nature of the existing Board and the magnitude of the Company's operations as a Listed Investment Company, a number of the recommendations below are difficult to adopt in full. Whilst the company does have an Audit & Risk Committee, the Board considers the Company will not gain any benefit from other individual Board committees and that its resources would be better utilised in other areas. The Board is of the strong view that the experience and skill set of the current Board is sufficient to perform these roles. Under the Company's Board Charter, the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to individual committees are currently carried out by the full Board under the written terms of reference for those committees. The Company's Corporate Governance Plan is available on the Company's website at www.westoz.com. The Company's Corporate Governance Plan is available on the Company's website at www.westozfunds.com.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS (4TH EDITION)**

delegated to management.

#### COMPLY

#### **EXPLANATION**

## Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

#### **Recommendation 1.1**

(a) A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter which sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Chair and management, and includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those YES

The Company has adopted a Board Charter that sets out the role and functions of the Board, the Chair and management and includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management

The Board Charter sets out the specific responsibilities of the Board, requirements as to the Board's composition, the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and Company Secretary, the establishment, operation and management of Board Committees, Directors' access to Company records and information, details of the Board's relationship with management, details of the Board's performance review and details of the Board's disclosure policy.

A copy of the Company's Board Charter, which is part of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, is available on the Company's website.

#### **Recommendation 1.2**

A listed entity should:

- (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting someone forward 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.

YES

- (a) The Company has guidelines for the appointment and selection of the Board and senior executives in its Corporate Governance Plan. The Company's Nomination Committee Charter (in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan) requires the Nomination Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) to ensure appropriate checks (including checks in respect of character, experience, education, criminal record and bankruptcy history (as appropriate)) are undertaken before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a Director. In the event of an unsatisfactory check, a Director is required to submit their resignation.
- (b) All material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a Director will be provided to security holders in the Notice of Meeting containing the resolution to elect or re-elect a Director.

#### Recommendation 1.3

A listed entity should have a written agreement with each Director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.

YES

The Company's Nomination Committee Charter requires the Nomination Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) to ensure that each Director and senior executive is personally a party to a written agreement with the Company which sets out the terms of that Director's or senior executive's appointment.

The Company has had written agreements with each of its Directors and senior executives for the past financial year.

performance evaluation has been undertaken in

that period.

accordance with that process during or in respect of

#### **COMPLY RECOMMENDATIONS (4TH EDITION) EXPLANATION Recommendation 1.4** YES The Board Charter outlines the roles, responsibility and accountability of the Company Secretary. In accordance The Company Secretary of a listed entity should be with this, the Company Secretary is accountable directly to accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board. proper functioning of the Board. The Company has adopted a Diversity Policy which **Recommendation 1.5** PARTIALLY provides a framework for the Company to establish A listed entity should: and achieve measurable diversity objectives. (a) have and disclose a diversity policy; In accordance with all matters set out in the Diversity (b) through its board or a committee of the board set Policy, Westoz, given its size has formed the view that measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity it would not be appropriate or practical to, at this time: in the composition of its board, senior executives and establish measurable objectives for achieving gender workforce generally; and diversity. (c) disclose in relation to each reporting period: (c) The Board did not set measurable gender diversity (i) the measurable objectives set for that period to objectives for the past financial year with respect to achieve gender diversity; recommendations 1.5(c), Westoz does not at this time the entity's progress towards achieving those intend to comply with this recommendation. However objectives; and this position will be reviewed annualy at Board level. (iii) either: (A) the respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or (B) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in the Workplace Gender Equality Act. If the entity was in the S&P / ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period, the measurable objective for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board should be to have not less than 30% of its directors of each gender within a specified period. The Company's Nomination Committee (or, in its **Recommendation 1.6** YES absence, the Board) is responsible for evaluating A listed entity should: the performance of the Board, its committees and (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating individual Directors on at least an annual basis. It may the performance of the Board, its committees and do so with the aid of an independent advisor. The individual Directors: and process for this is set out in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, which is available on the Company's (b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in website. accordance with that process during or in respect of A review of the performance of the Board and its that period. Directors is undertaken on an annual basis and has been undertaken in respect of the period. **Recommendation 1.7** NOT Westoz is a Listed Investment Company. The mandate **APPLICABLE** for the management of the company is outsourced. A listed entity should: As such, the company does not have any senior (a) have and disclose a process for evaluating the executives at this point in time. performance of its senior executives at least once Should the company have senior executives in the every reporting period; and future, the Company's Nomination Committee (or, (b) disclose for each reporting period whether a in its absence, the Board) will be responsible for

evaluating the performance of the Company's senior

executives on an annual basis.

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Prir	nciple 2: Structure the Board to be effective and ad	d value	
Rec	commendation 2.1	NO	(a) Due to the size of the Board and the nature
The Board of a listed entity should:			of the Company's operations, it does not have a separate Nomination Committee. Matters
(a)	have a nomination committee which:	a nonmiduon con minero	normally considered by this committee are addressed by the full Board.
are independent Directors; and  (ii) is chaired by an independent Director, and disclose:	(ii) is chaired by an independent Director, and disclose:		(b) In accordance with the Company's Board Charter, the Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by the Nomination Committee under the Nomination Committee Charter, including the following processes to
(b)	<ul> <li>(iii) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(iv) the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(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</li> <li>if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>		address succession issues and to ensure the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge of the entity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively:  (i) devoting time at least annually to discuss Board succession issues and updating the Company's Board skills matrix; and  (ii) all Board members being involved in the Company's nomination process, to the maximum extent permitted under the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rules.
Recommendation 2.2  A listed entity should have and disclose a Board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills that the Board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.		YES	Under the Nomination Committee Charter (in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan), the Board prepares a Board skill matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has and reviews the matrix on an annual basis.  The Board Charter requires the disclosure of each Board member's qualifications and expertise. Full details as to each Director's relevant skills and experience are available in the annual report.
			The Company has a Board skill matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has and a copy is available at the conclusion of this document.
Recommendation 2.3		YES	(a) The Board Charter requires the disclosure of the
	sted entity should disclose:  the names of the Directors considered by the Board to be independent Directors;		names of Directors considered by the Board to be independent. The Company has disclosed those Directors it considered to be independent in its Annual Report and on the Company's website.
(b)	if a Director has an interest, position or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 of the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition), but the Board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the Director, the nature of the interest, position or relationship in question and an explanation of why the Board is of that opinion; and		<ul> <li>(b) The Company will disclose in its Annual Report and website any instances where this applies and an explanation of the Board's opinion why the relevant Director is still considered independent.</li> <li>(c) The Company's website discloses the length of service of each Director, as at the end of each financial year.</li> </ul>
(c)	the length of service of each Director		
Recommendation 2.4  A majority of the Board of a listed entity should be independent Directors.		YES	The Company's Board Charter requires that, where
			practical, the majority of the Board should be independent.  The Board currently comprises a total of 3 directors, of whom 2 are considered to be independent. As such, independent directors currently comprise the majority of the Board.

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Recommendation 2.5  The Chair of the Board of a listed entity should be an independent Director and, in particular, should not be		The Chair of the Company during the past financial year was not an independent Director and was not the CEO/Managing Director.	
same person as the CEO of the entity.		The Board has an independent majority however did not have an independent Chair, given the small and limited nature of copany's operations, that being a listed investment ompany, resources to attract and remunerate an independent chair are limited. Should the nature of the company's operations change the Board will reconsider this position in accordance with its Corporate Governance Plan.	
Recommendation 2.6	YES	In accordance with the Company's Board Charter, the	
A listed entity should have a program for inducting n Directors and for periodically reviewing whether there a need for existing directors to undertake profession-development to maintain the skills and knowledge not be perform their role as Directors effectively.	re is al	Nominations Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) is responsible for the approval and review of induction and continuing professional development programs and procedures for Directors to ensure that they can effectively discharge their responsibilities. The Company Secretary is responsible for facilitating inductions and professional development. Given the limited scope of the company, induction and professional development is considered on an as needed basis.	
Principle 3: Instil a culture of acting lawfully, et	hically and respons	ibly	
Recommendation 3.1  A listed entity should articulate and disclose its value	YES	(a) The Company is committed to conducting all of its business activities fairly, honestly with a high level of integrity, and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Board is dedicated to high ethical standards and recognise and support the Company's commitment to compliance with these standards.	
Recommendation 3.2	YES	(a) The Company's Corporate Code of Conduct applies to the Company's Directors, senior executives and	
A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its Dire	ectors	employees.	
senior executives and employees; and  (b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Boinformed of any material breaches of that code.	pard is	(b) The Company's Corporate Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website. Any material breaches of the Code of Conduct are reported to the Board or a committee of the Board.	
Recommendation 3.3	YES	The Company's Whistleblower Protection Policy is available on the Company's website. Any material breaches of the	
A listed entity should:			
(a) have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and		Whistleblower Protection Policy are to be reported to the Board or a committee of the Board.	
(b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Bo informed of any material incidents reported uno policy.			
Recommendation 3.4	YES	The manager of the Company is part of a larger group of	
A listed entity should:		companies which all manage these requirements via their parent company Anti-Bribery and Ani-Corruption policy. This policy is available on the manager's parent company website.	
(a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruptio policy; and	n		
<ul><li>(b) ensure that the Board or committee of the Boar informed of any material breaches of that policy</li></ul>			

of all material market announcements promptly after they

have been made.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS (4TH EDITION)** COMPLY **EXPLANATION** Principle 4: Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports **Recommendation 4.1** The Company had an Audit Committee during the YES past financial year. The Board of a listed entity should: The Audit Committee has an independent majority (a) have an audit committee which: and is chaired by an independent Director. has at least three members, all of whom are non-The members of the Audit Committee, their relevant executive Directors and a majority of whom are qualification and experience, the number of times the independent Directors; and committee met during the period, and the individual is chaired by an independent Director, who is not attendances of the members, are published in the the Chair of the Board. Annual Report to Shareholders and disclose: (iii) the charter of the committee: (iv) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee: and (v) 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. Recommendation 4.2 YES The Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter requires the CEO and CFO (or, if none, the person(s) fulfilling those The Board of a listed entity should, before it approves the functions) to provide a sign off on these terms. entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that the financial The Company has obtained a sign off on these terms for records of the entity have been properly maintained and each of its financial statements in the past financial year. 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. **Recommendation 4.3** YES The Company undertakes significant review of any information to verify its integrity prior to its release to the A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the market. This includes separate reviews by the manager's integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to Directors, Company Secretary and finance and account the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external staff. Where a release is to include matter of substance, auditor the Company will seek additional input and guidance from its Auditors prior to the information being released to the market. The Company advises the market in each instance whether the information contained in the market release is audited or unaudited. Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure **Recommendation 5.1** YES The Board Charter provides details of the Company's Disclosure policy. In addition, the Corporate A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for Governance Plan details the Company's Continuous complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under Disclosure requirements as required by the ASX listing rule 3.1. Listing Rules and other relevant legislation. (b) The Corporate Governance Plan, which incorporates the Board Charter, is available on the Company's website. Recommendation 5.2 YES The Board reviews and considers each material market announcement and provides its approval for release prior to A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies any information being released to market.

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Recommendation 5.3  A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.	YES	All substantive investor or analyst presentations are released on the ASX Markets Announcement Platform ahead of any such presentations.	
Principle 6: Respect the rights of security holders			
Recommendation 6.1  A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	YES	The Westoz website provides detailed information regarding the operations of the Company including copies of all information that has been released to the market.	
		The website contains a specific 'Corporate Governance landing page where information regarding group policies is easily accessible by shareholders.	
Recommendation 6.2  A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.	YES	The Company has adopted a Shareholder Communications Strategy which aims to promote and facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. The Strategy outlines a range of ways in which information is communicated to shareholders and is available on the Company's website as part of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan.	
Recommendation 6.3	YES	Shareholders are encouraged to participate at all general meetings and AGMs of the Company.	
A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.		The Company provides Shareholders with the opportunity to participate in shareholder meetings and by allowing voting in person, by proxy or online.	
Recommendation 6.4  A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.	YES	For the 2019 AGM, no substantive resolutions were put to the shareholders. As such the decision not to call a poll and to decide all resolutions by way of a show of hands was made due to the nature of the resolutions put, the number of proxies received for each resolution coupled with the attendance of unvoted shares.	
		The Company will continue to monitor the factors above and their interaction with Recommendation 6.4 in the future.	
Recommendation 6.5  A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	YES	Westoz actively encourages security holders to communicate with the company and the registry services provider, Computershare, electronically. Security holders can elect to receive electronic communications from the company via the Computershare Investor Centre. Westoz has rolled out online voting for general meetings via the Computershare Investor Centre to encourage higher voting participation from its security holders.	
		Links are made available to the Company's website on which all information provided to the ASX is immediately posted including the release of the Annual Report, and half yearly reports.	
		Security holders can email the company direct at admin@ westozfunds.com.au which is monitored during normal business hours.	
		Security holder queries should be referred to the Company Secretary at first instance.	

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#### Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk **Recommendation 7.1** The Company had an Audit Committee for the past YES financial year. The Board of a listed entity should: The Audit Committee has an independent majority (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each and is chaired by an independent Director. of which: Details confirming the number of meetings in (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom each period are published in the Annual Report to are independent Directors; and Shareholders. 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 risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the process it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework. **Recommendation 7.2** YES The Audit and Risk Committee Charter requires that the Audit and Risk Committee (or, in its absence, the The Board or a committee of the Board should: Board) should, at least annually, satisfy itself that the (a) review the entity's risk management framework at Company's risk management framework continues to least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be be sound. sound and that the entity is operating with due regard (b) A review of the Company's risk management to the risk appetite set by the Board; and framework in the past financial year has been disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether completed. such a review has taken place. **Recommendation 7.3** The Audit Committee Charter provides for the Audit YFS Committee to monitor and periodically review the A listed entity should disclose: need for an internal audit function, as well as assessing (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is the performance and objectivity of any internal audit structured and what role it performs; or procedures that may be in place. (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that (b) The Company did not have an internal audit function fact and the processes it employs for evaluating for the past financial year. Given the size and scale and continually improving the effectiveness of its of the Company's operations the Board considers an governance, risk management and internal control internal audit function is not necessary at this time. processes. The outsourced management function of the company does however have a finance, risk management and compliance fuinction that does regularly review the operations of the company. Recommendation 7.4 YES Westoz operates in the financial services industry. A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material Westoz has no manufacturing operations so environmental exposure to environmental or social risks and, if it does, and sustainability risks are negligible. As a Financial how it manages or intends to manage those risks. Services company, Westoz has economic exposure to financial markets and their cyclical fluctuations. Risk management policies and regulatory compliance requirements mitigate this risk. The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company to 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. The Company will disclose this information in its Annual Report and on its website as part of its continuous disclosure obligations.

**COMPLY** 

**EXPLANATION** 

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#### Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly **Recommendation 8.1** NO The Company does not have a Remuneration Committee The Board of a listed entity should: (b) The Company does not have a remuneration (a) have a remuneration committee which: committee as the Board considers the company will not currently benefit from its establishment. It is worth has at least three members, a majority of whom noting that only the two independent Directors are are independent Directors; and currently remunerated by the Company. (ii) is chaired by an independent Director, In accordance with the Company's Board Charter, the and disclose: Board carries out the duties that would originally be (iii) the charter of the committee; carried out by the Remuneration Committee under (iv) the members of the committee; and the Remuneration Committee Charter including the following processes to set the level of composition of (v) as at the end of each reporting period, the remuneration for Directors and senior executives and number of times the committee met throughout ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and the period and the individual attendances of the not excessive: members at those meetings; or The Board devotes time annually at Board (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose meetings to assess the level and composition of that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for Directors remuneration for Directors and senior executives where necessary. and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive. **Recommendation 8.2** YES The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Board to disclose its policies and practices regarding the A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and remuneration of Directors and senior executives, which practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive is disclosed in the remuneration report contained in Directors and the remuneration of executive Directors and the Company's Annual Report which is available on the other senior executives. Company's website. Recommendation 8.3 N/A The Company did not have an equity-based remuneration scheme during the past financial year. A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: 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. Additional recommendations that apply only in certain cases **Recommendation 9.1** Not applicable A listed entity with a director who does not speak the language in which board or security holder meetings are held or key corporate documents are written should disclose the processes it has in place to ensure the director understands and can contribute to the discussions at those meetings and understands and can discharge their obligations in relation to those documents. **Recommendation 9.2** Not applicable A listed entity established outside Australia should ensure that meetings of security holders are held at a reasonable place and time. **Recommendation 9.3** Not applicable A listed entity established outside Australia, and an externally managed 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.

**COMPLY** 

**EXPLANATION** 

**Board Skills Matrix** Skill and description **Board** Skill and description **Board Risk & Compliance** Leadership Identify key risks to the Make decisions and take organisation related to each necessary actions in the best interest of the organisation, key area of operations. Ability to monitor risk and compliance and represent the organisation and knowledge of legal and favourably. Analyse issues and regulatory requirements. contribute at board level to solutions. Financial & Audit **Ethics & Integrity** Understand the role of director Experience in account and finance to analyse statements, and continue to self-educate assess financial viability, on legal responsibility, ability to contribute to financial planning, maintain board confidentially, oversee budgets, oversee funding declaration of any conflicts. arrangements. Strategy Contribution Ability to identify and critically Ability to constructively contribute to board discussions assess strategic opportunities and threats to the organisation. and communicate effectively with Develop strategies in context management and other directors. to our policies and business objectives. **Policy Development** Negotiation Ability to identify key issues for Process excellent negotiation the organisation and develop skills, with the ability to drive appropriate policy parameters stakeholders support for board within which the organisation directors. should operate. Technology **Crisis Management** Knowledge of IT Governance Ability to constructively manage including privacy, data crisis, provide leadership around management and security. solutions and contributes to communication strategy with stakeholders. **Executive Management Previous Board Experience** Experience in evaluating The board's directors should have performance of senior extensive director experience and management, and oversee have completed formal training in strategic human capital planning. governance and risk. Experience in industrial relations and organisational change management programs.