

## "Malaysia's CG Developments"



## The Emerging Market Perspective

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Goals and characteristics of Malaysia by 2020, as envisioned in the New Economic Model...

## **High Income** Targets USD15,000 -20,000 Per capita by 2020

#### Inclusiveness

Enables all communities to fully benefit from the wealth of the country

#### **Sustainability**

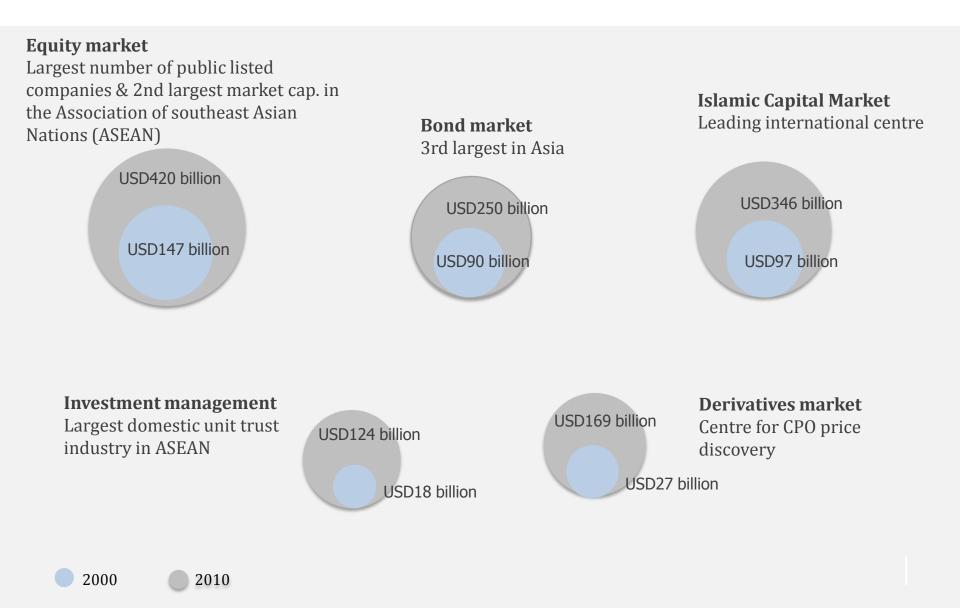
Meets present needs without compromising future generations

#### Malaysia's aspirations

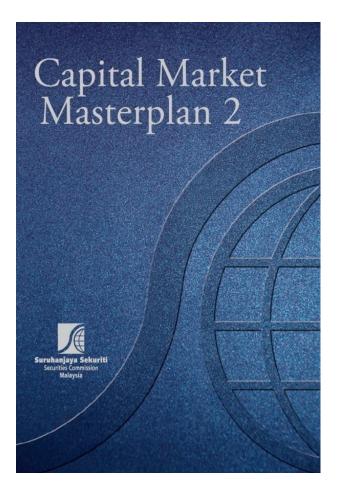
- Market led
- Well-governed
- Regionally integrated
  - Entrepreneurial
    - Innovative

Source: Executive Summary, New Economic Model Report 2010

Eight years to 2020 and Malaysia is in leading positions across segments...



## Underlying theme: Growth with Governance



"... describes the challenge for the Malaysian capital market to expand its role in invigorating national economic growth while addressing concerns about the efficacy of markets in the aftermath of the global financial crisis."

#### **CMP2 STRATEGIES**

#### GROWTH

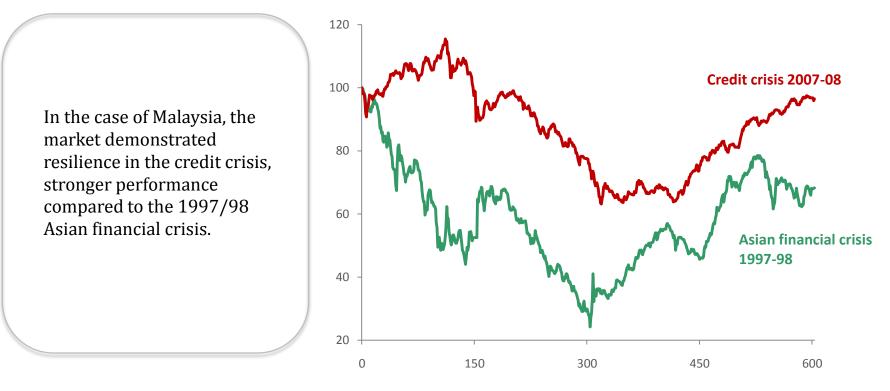
## Promote capital formation -

- Expand intermediation efficiency and scope
- Deepen liquidity and risk intermediation
- Facilitate internationalisation
- Build capacity and strengthen information infrastructure

#### GOVERNANCE

- Enhance product regulation to manage risks
- Expand accountabilities as intermediation scope widens
- Robust regulatory framework for a changing market landscape
- Effective oversight of risks
- Strengthen corporate governance
- Broaden participation in governance

Sound corporate governance contributes to resilience...



KLCI Composite Index Aug 9 2007/Jul 2 97 =100

Good CG practice among companies create quality markets and a strong fundamental base that can cushion or protect markets from crises....

Number of days after start of crisis

#### Malaysia's corporate governance milestones...

High Level Finance Committee Report on

**Events** 

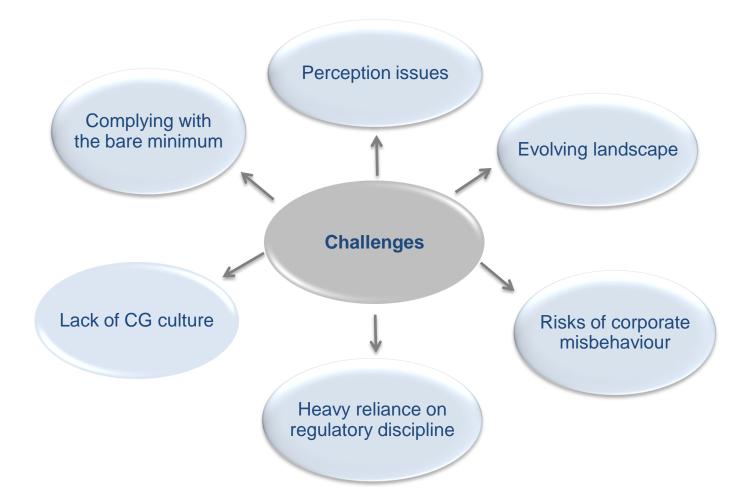
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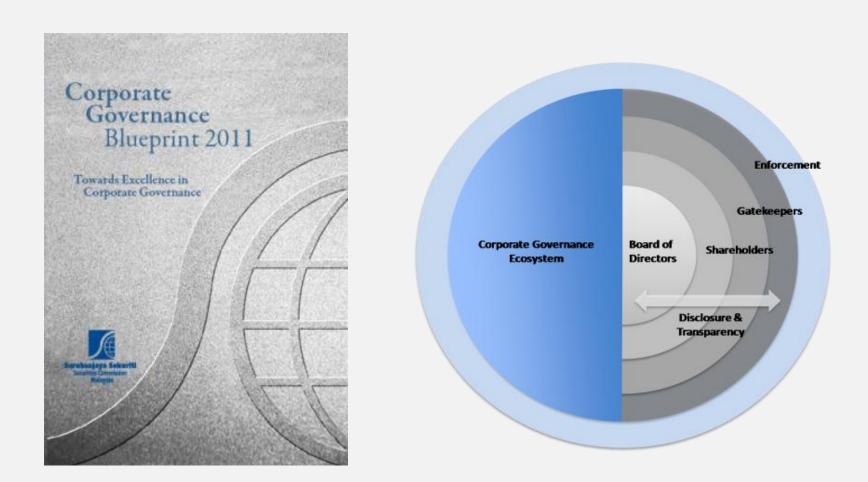
Defined corporate governance as "...the process and structure used to direct and manage the business and affairs of the company towards enhancing business prosperity and corporate accountability with the ultimate objective of realising long-term shareholder value, while taking into account the interest of other stakeholders"

	Corporate Governance taking into account the interest of other stakeholders"
2000	Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance
2001	<ul> <li>Capital Market Masterplan</li> <li>First Corporate Governance Report on the Observance of Standards and Codes by World Bank (CG ROSC)</li> </ul>
2004	<ul> <li>Whistle-blowing provisions in securities laws</li> </ul>
2007	<ul> <li>Introduce qualification criteria for directors, strengthened audit committee and mandated internal audit function</li> <li>Enforcement powers for civil and administrative actions was expanded</li> </ul>
2009	<ul> <li>Sections 317A and 320A introduced in the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 which broadened the scope of enforcement to cover actions against wrongful loss</li> </ul>
2010	<ul> <li>Audit Oversight Board</li> </ul>
2011	<ul> <li>Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center</li> <li>Capital Market Masterplan 2</li> <li>Corporate Governance Blueprint 2011</li> </ul>

Key challenges faced by emerging markets...

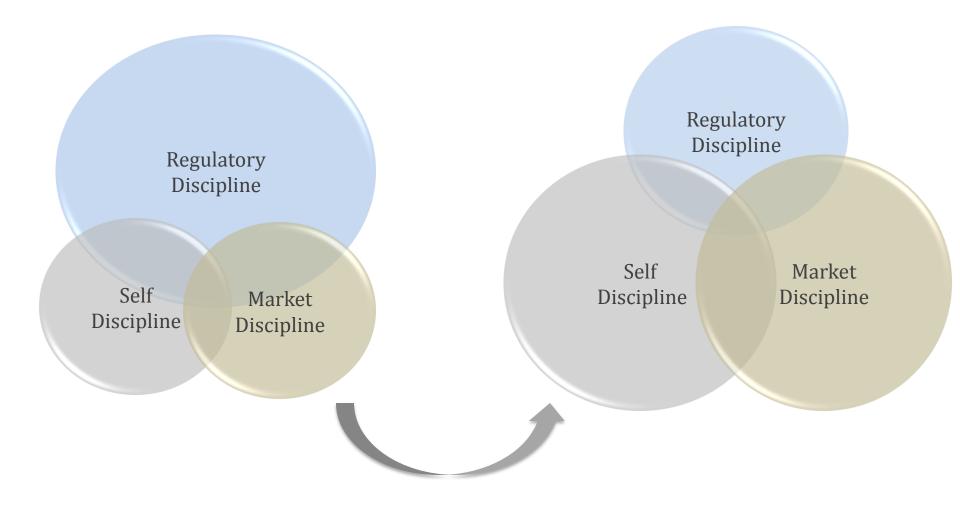


Strengthening corporate governance...



Focuses on strengthening self and market discipline

Regulation is a means instead of being the main driver of change...



## Key focus areas of the CG Blueprint...

Areas	Strategic Thrusts
<ul> <li>Shareholder Rights</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Empowering shareholders through a fair, efficient and transparent voting process</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Role of Institutional Investors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Institutional investors taking leadership in governance by exercising responsible ownership</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The Board's Role in Governance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Amplifying the role of boards as active and responsible fiduciaries</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Disclosure and Transparency</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enhancing disclosure standards and practices for informed decision making by shareholders</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Role of Gatekeepers and Influencers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognising and supporting the role of professionals in fortifying self and market discipline</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Public and Private Enforcement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reinforcing the critical and complementary roles of public and private enforcement for market confidence 10</li> </ul>

Some of the key outcomes...

- □ A new Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance
- □ Amendments to the Listing Requirements
- □ Establishment of an umbrella body for institutional investors
- □ Release of a new code for institutional investors

To enable ...

Fostering of real commitment to corporate governance
 Cultivate stakeholders to be proactive in governance
 Focus on sustainability.



The market needs qualified, dynamic, ethical corporate citizens...

To populate the directors' registry with qualified candidates

- To serve on boards of companies as stewards

To support the diversity agenda

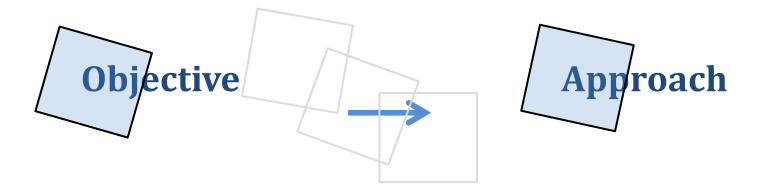
- To be part of a diverse board which harnesses different insights and perspectives
- To have more women participation on boards

The drive sustainable growth

- Ensuring that sustainability is factored into everyday business operations



## ASEAN CG Scorecard – an initiative under the ACMF



- 1. Raise CG standards & practices of ASEAN public listed companies
- 2. Showcase & enhance visibility of well governed ASEAN public listed companies internationally
- 3. Complement the other ACMF initiatives and promote ASEAN as an asset class

- 1. Devise universal scorecard embracing ASEAN & international best practices
- 2. Assessment & ranking by independent Corporate Governance (CG) experts appointed by ADB
- 3. Publish a CG ranking of ASEAN public listed companies
- 4. Target roll out (Q1 2012)

ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations ACMF: ASEAN Capital Markets Forum ADB: Asian Development Bank

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