

Mr. Akbarali Pesnani

Mr. Akbarali Pesnani is an MBA and a Fellow Member of both the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan and the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan. He served as Chairman of the Gwadar Port and Gwadar Port Implementation Authority from 2004 to 2006 and has previously held board positions at Mirpur Khas Sugar Mills, Clariant Pakistan Limited, and Agha Steel Limited. He has been associated with the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) at senior levels for over 49 years. His international assignments include serving as AKDN's Diplomatic Representative in Tajikistan for seven years and as Envoy of His Highness the Aga Khan in Afghanistan for approximately two years.

Mr. John Joseph Metcalf

Mr. John Joseph Metcalf is a Chartered Insurer and Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute of UK who has extensive international experience within the insurance industry. Mr. Metcalf started his insurance career in the UK, where he held various positions within insurance companies and brokers before embarking on his international career in 1990 in the Sultanate of Oman and then the United Arab Emirates. In 1996 Mr. Metcalf joined the Allianz Group, with whom he was engaged as Regional General Manager for Life in Asia-Pacific prior to taking up the appointment as Executive Chairman of Allianz Life Assurance Company and Allianz Insurance Company of Egypt. He is responsible for the development of strategy for the insurance business of AKFED, including management oversight of all AKFED investments in the insurance sector comprised of 9 insurance operations in 6 countries in Africa, Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan.

Mr. Abrar Ahmed Mir

Mr. Abrar Ahmed Mir is an engineer and MBA from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, USA. He has extensive experience in ecommerce, fintech and innovative financial products. He has been associated with HBL for over a decade and is currently working as Chief Information and Transformation Officer.

Ms. Ava Ardeshir Cowasjee

Ms. Ava Ardeshir Cowasjee is a prominent person in the shipping industry of Pakistan. She has been the Chairperson of Pakistan Ships Agents Association 'PSAA' having already served PSAA for ten years as a Managing Committee Member. She pursued Management training at Hyde Park Hotel, London, Intercontinental Hotel, Karachi, and got her diploma in Hotel Management from the Ecole Hotelier, Switzerland. She became Partner of Cowasjee Group of Companies and has served for 39 years. She is a trustee in Cowasjee Foundation and member on the Boards of Syndicate & Senate NED University of Science and Technology and SOS Technical Training Institute.

Mr. Abid Akber Vazir

Mr. Abid Vazir has been associated with Ghulam Faruque Group since 2000. He is serving as the Director and Chief Operating Officer of Cherat Packaging Limited. Furthermore, he is also serving as the Director of Greaves Airconditioning (Pvt.) Ltd., Greaves Engineering Services (Pvt.) Ltd. and Greaves CNG (Pvt.) Ltd. Mr. Vazir is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Management Association of Pakistan and is currently serving as its Vice President.

Mr. Abid A. Vazir holds an MBA degree from Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), enrolled in the Dean's Honors List. He belongs to the first batch of graduates of College of Business Management (IoBM) and holds an MBA degree from the Institute. Mr. Vazir is an Associate member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Pakistan and a Certified Director from Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance (PICG)

Mr. Babar Hussain

Babar Hussain is a Senior Vice President and Director of Hashwani Hotels Limited and has been associated with Orient Petroleum Inc. for over 20 years. A graduate in Commerce and Law, he is also a part-qualified Chartered Accountant with articles from Deloitte. Currently, he serves as General Manager, Internal Audit, Tax & Legal at OPI. He brings 24 years of experience in audit, taxation, compliance, risk management, and corporate affairs. His expertise includes offshore mergers, negotiations, due diligence, and legal matters both locally and internationally. He has attended various professional courses in the UK, UAE, and Pakistan.

Profiles Of Candidates for Independent Directorship

Mr. Riyaz T. Chinoy

Mr. Riyaz T. Chinoy is a seasoned Industrial Engineer from Case Western Reserve University, USA, with over three decades of leadership experience in Pakistan's industrial manufacturing sector. After retiring from his corporate role in 2021, he founded Yaqin Steel Limited, a start-up focused on large-scale steel production in Pakistan. He is widely recognized for his commitment to corporate governance, sustainability, and social impact, particularly in education and community development. He actively contributes to several unlisted and not-for-profit organizations, including The Citizens Foundation, Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, Orange Tree Foundation (OTF), SINA Health Systems Foundation, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Pakistan, Citizens Trust Against Crime, Patrons of Expo 2020, The Water Foundation, and serves on the Advisory Boards of the Packages Group and TCF. He has been a PICG-certified Independent Director since 2007 and is a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers Pakistan.

Ms. Sima Kamil

Ms. Sima Kamil is a pioneering Pakistani banker who became the first woman to head a major Pakistani bank, United Bank Limited (UBL), in 2017. With over 35 years of experience in commercial banking, she has held key roles at American Express Bank, Standard Chartered, and Habib Bank Limited. Ms. Kamil was the first woman appointed as Deputy Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) in 2020 and served a three-year term. She is also actively involved in education and social causes. Ms. Kamil is the Chairperson of the Board of Governors at Karachi Grammar School and a member of Policy Board of the SECP.

Ms. Zahra Anwar Furniturewalla

Zahra Anwar Furniturewalla is a seasoned banking and finance professional with over two decades of experience in cost management and strategic performance reporting. She currently serves as Head of Cost Control & Management Information (MI) at Bank Alfalah, where she plays a key role in driving financial discipline, budgeting oversight, and management reporting to support the bank's strategic objectives. She is also the secretary for the Central Management Committee in the organization. Zahra holds an MBA from Greenwich University, Karachi, and is recognized for her strong analytical and leadership capabilities. Beyond her corporate responsibilities, she is actively engaged in community service and currently serves as a Board Member of Aga Khan Cultural Service–Pakistan (AKCSP) which is a not-for-profit entity focused on cultural heritage preservation, community development, and sustainable social impact.

Mr. Naveed Qazi

Mr. Naveed Qazi is a seasoned banking and financial services professional with over 38 years of extensive experience in various areas including Corporate and Retail Banking, Microfinance, Capital Markets, Operations Risk, Information Technology and Banking Operations. Prior to joining NCCPL, he served as an Advisor for Digitalization and Strategic Initiatives at the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) where he focused on streamlining processes, enhancing operational controls and driving automation to improve efficiency and customer service.

Mr. Qazi has held senior leadership roles, including President and CEO at JS Bank and First Microfinance Bank, CIO at Standard Chartered Bank, Pakistan and COO at American Express Bank Ltd., Pakistan, where he played a key role in establishing and growing these institutions, optimizing their operations and managing regulatory relationships. His experience spans across leading organizational transformations, implementing strategic business plans and overseeing large-scale projects. Mr. Qazi has also been actively involved in working with regulatory bodies such as the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). He holds an MBA from Institute of Business Administration and has received various international trainings on advanced leadership including leadership training from INSEAD, with a strong focus on continuous improvement and innovation in the financial sector.