

# 2024 Corporate Governance Statement

The Board of WOTSO Property (ASX: WOT) (comprising Ostow Limited, WOTSO Property Trust and Planloc Limited (**WOTSO** or **Group**)) is responsible for the corporate governance of the Group. This corporate governance statement applies to the Group. A reference in this document to the Board is a reference to the Board of directors of Ostow Limited, and its wholly-owned responsible entities from time to time, and Planloc Limited.

To the extent they are applicable and appropriate for the Group's size and nature, the Group has adopted the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations Fourth Edition.

This Corporate Governance Statement has been approved by the Board and is current as at 05.07.2024.

COR	PORATE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION	COMPLIANCE	REASON FOR NON-COMPLIANCE
Princ	ciple 1 – Lay solid foundations for management and overs	ight	
1.1	<ul> <li>A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out:</li> <li>(a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and</li> <li>(b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.</li> </ul>	The Board has adopted a formal Board Charter which sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board and management and those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management. The Board Charter is available on WOTSO's website at: <u>Board Charter</u> .	N/A
1.2	<ul> <li>A listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting someone forward for election as a director; and</li> <li>(b) provide securityholders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.</li> </ul>	Prior to appointment, police checks and background checks (including ASIC personal name searches, bankruptcy searches and searches of the High Court and Federal Court) are undertaken for each director. Directors are also required to provide WOTSO with a copy of their resume. WOTSO provides members with a biography of each director to assist members in their decision on whether to elect or re-elect the director. This information is also included in the Group's Annual and Half-Year Reports which are available on WOTSO's website at: www.wotso.com/investors-information.	N/A



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1.3	dired		ntity should have a written agreement with each nd senior executive setting out the terms of their ent.	Senior executive out the terms of			nt agreem	nents setting	The directors do not have written agreements setting out the terms of their appointment because the constitution and the ASX Listing Rules govern the term of each director's appointment. Directors are required to retire by rotation. Common law and the Corporations Act govern the duties of directors. Members are required to approve the maximum fees paid to directors.
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 appointmer by resolution of responsible for:	the Boar	d. The C	ompany	Secretary is	N/A
								oard papers;	
				<ul> <li>attendance at Board meetings and minute-taking; and</li> </ul>					
				maintaining	policies	and proce	dures.		
1.5	A listed entity should:			The Group has					N/A
	(a) have and disclose a diversity policy;			available on WOTSO's website at: <b><u>Diversity Policy</u></b> .					
			ugh its board or a committee of the board set surable objectives for achieving gender diversity	The Group's progress towards achieving its diversity objectives is set out below:					
		in th	e composition of its board, senior executives and kforce generally; and	<ol> <li><u>Recruitment</u>: The Group's employees come from a broad range of ethnic backgrounds. The gender mix is set out below:</li> </ol>					
	(C)	disc	lose in relation to each reporting period:						
		(1)	the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity;	1 July 2023 to					
		(2)	the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and		Female (No.)	Female (%)	Male (No.)	Male (%)	
		(3) either:	Board	1	20%	4	80%		
		(A) the respective proportions of men		Executive Management	2	50%	2	50%	
	pos (inc		positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or	Other	72	96%	3	4%	



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(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.

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	Female (No.)	Female (%)	Male (No.)	Male (%)
Board	1	25%	3	75%
Executive Management	3	75%	1	25%
Other	73	92%	6	8%

- <u>Career Development and Promotion</u>: the Group facilitates equal employment opportunities based on relative ability, performance or potential. All employees are treated fairly and evaluated objectively.
- Safe Work Environment: WOTSO is responsible for taking action against inappropriate workplace and business behaviour including discrimination, harassment, bullying, victimisation and vilification. WOTSO was not required to take action against any inappropriate workplace behaviour during the reporting period.
- 4. <u>Flexibility in the Workplace</u>: WOTSO has a culture that recognises the benefits of flexible working arrangements. During the reporting period WOTSO provided assistance to its employees allowing them to work flexibly.
- 5. <u>Succession plans</u> the Group's culture and management structure facilitates on-the-job training and encourages further professional development and succession.



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1.6	A lis (a) (b)	sted entity should: have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.		The Board does not have a formal evaluation process. The Board prefers to evaluate and monitor its effectiveness by reference to the growth and success of the business. If an issue is identified with the performance of any member, it is raised when the issue is identified rather than at the end of a specified period.
1.7		sted entity should: have and disclose a process for evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.	One of the Board's key responsibilities is overseeing and monitoring the performance of executive management. The Board undertakes ongoing review of their performance based on criteria, including the business performance of the Group as set out in the papers presented at the Board meetings.	N/A



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# Principle 2 - Structure the board to be effective and add value

2.1	The board of a listed entity should:	The Group currently does not have a separate	N/A
	(a) have a nomination committee which:	nomination committee. The roles of a nomination committee is currently undertaken by the Board.	
	<ol> <li>has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> </ol>	Board members (both executive and non-executive) a	
	(2) is chaired by an independent director,	material investors in the Group's securities. The Board's view is that all Board members should have a material	
	and disclose:	holding of securities of the Group to align interests	
	(3) the charter of the committee;	directors with the interests of members.	
	(4) the members of the committee; and	The Board comprises a varied balance of skills ranging	
	(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	from finance, funds management, property and legal. The Group believes the Board has the right balance of skills, knowledge and experience to effectively discharge its duties and responsibilities.	
	(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.		
2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	The Group's Board Skills Matrix is available on WOTSO's website at: <b>Board Skills Matrix</b> .	N/A



- 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 Board consisted of:
- From 1 July 2023 to 28 February 2024:
- one independent director, Richard Hill; and
- four non-independent directors, Jessica Glew and Timothy Brown, each acting in an executive capacity, Seph Glew (Chairman) and Robin Tedder each acting in a non-executive capacity.

The length of service of each director is as follows:

- Seph Glew: 13.5 years
- Richard Hill: 13.5 years
- Robin Tedder: 13.5 years
- Timothy Brown: 6 years
- Jessica Glew: 4.5 years.

#### From 29 February 2024 to 30 June 2024:

- one independent director, Richard Hill; and
- three non-independent directors, Jessica Glew, acting in an executive capacity and Seph Glew (Chairman) and Paul Tresidder each acting in a non-executive capacity.

The length of service of each director is as follows:

- Seph Glew: 14 years
- Richard Hill: 14 years
- Jessica Glew: 5 years
- Paul Tresidder: 6 months.

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N/A



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

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On the Board:

- two members are significant investors of the Group;
- one member is an independent director who has a material investment in the Group;
- one member is the Chief Executive Officer (holding a material investment in the Group); and
- one member was, up until 28 February 2024, the Chief Financial Officer (holding a material investment in the Group).

Accordingly, the Group has not adopted recommendation 2.4. The Board believes that Board members should have a material financial interest in the business to align their interests with members.

The Group has not adopted recommendation

2.5 in its entirety. Whilst the Chairman is not

the CEO, the Group believes that the Chairman

should have a material financial interest in the business to align their interests with members.

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.

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 relevant directors and knowledge needed to perform their relevant directors and evelopment programs to be undertaken by					is a surger to surger
role as directors effectively. directors.	2	2.6	directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and	directors, including training on the Group's policies and procedures. The Company Secretary also recommends	N/A

Principle 3 - Instill a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly

3.1	A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	The Group's values are disclosed in the Code of N/A Conduct.
3.2	<ul> <li>A listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and</li> </ul>	The Group has adopted a Code of Conduct, which is N/A available on WOTSO's website at: <u>Code of Conduct</u> The Board is notified of any material breaches.
	(b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	



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(a)	have ensi	entity should: e and disclose a whistleblower policy; and ure that the board or a committee of the board is med of any material incidents reported under that by.	The Group has adopted a Whistleblower Policy, which is available on WOTSO's website at: <u>Whistleblower</u> <u>Policy</u> . The Board is notified of any material incidents.	N/A
(a)	have polic ensu	entity should: e and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption cy; and ure that the board or a committee of the board is med of any material breaches of that policy.	The Group has adopted an Anti-Bribery, Fraud and Corruption Policy, which is available on WOTSO's website at: <u>Anti-Bribery, Fraud and Corruption Policy</u> The Board is informed of any material breaches.	N/A
Principle 4	4 – Sa	feguard integrity in corporate reporting		
4.1 Th (a) (b)	hav (1) (2) and (3) (4) (5) if it fact veri rep app	d of a listed entity should: re an audit committee which: has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, disclose: the charter of the committee; the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and 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 does not have an audit committee, disclose that and the processes it employs that independently ify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate orting, including the processes for the pointment and removal of the external auditor and rotation of the audit engagement partner.	<ul> <li>The Group has a separate Audit Committee. The roles and responsibilities of the Audit Committee are set out in the Audit Committee Charter which is available on WOTSO's website at: <u>Audit Committee Charter</u>.</li> <li>The Audit Committee consisted of:</li> <li>From 1 July 2023 to 28 February 2024: <ul> <li>Robin Tedder (Chairman); and</li> <li>Richard Hill.</li> </ul> </li> <li>From 29 February 2024 to 30 June 2024: <ul> <li>Paul Tresidder (Chairman); and</li> <li>Richard Hill.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The qualifications and experience of Robin Tedder, Paul Tresidder and Richard Hill can be found in the 2024 Annual Report which is available on WOTSO's website at: <u>www.wotso.com/investors-information</u>.</li> <li>The Audit Committee met twice during the reporting period. Robin Tedder and Richard Hill attended both meetings.</li> </ul>	The Audit Committee currently consists of two members – non-executive directors Pau Tresidder (Chairman) and Richard Hill. The Group has not adopted recommendation 4.1 given the composition of the Board and the size of the Group. There are only two members of the Audit Committee and although they are non-executive directors, only one is considered independent. The Board takes the view that the Committee as constituted, can discharge its role effectively without the undue expense of appointing three members.



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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 Group's Managing Director(s) / CEO provide(s) this declaration to the Board for the reporting period.	N/A
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.	Any periodic corporate reports that are not audited or reviewed by an external auditor are reviewed by executive management and the Board and must be authorised for lodgement by the Company Secretary.	N/A
Princ	iple 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.	The Group has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy, which is available on WOTSO's website at: <b>Continuous Disclosure Policy</b> .	N/A
5.2	A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	The Board receives copies of all material market announcements and investor communications.	N/A
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.	Any such presentation materials are released to the market ahead of the presentation.	N/A
Princ	iple 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.	The Group maintains a website which contains information about itself and its governance policies at: <u>www.wotso.com</u> .	N/A



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6.2	A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.	The Group provides investors with direct access to executive management to facilitate open and candid communication between the Group and its investors. Investors are encouraged to contact the Group if they have any queries regarding their investment or the business. Contact details are provided on the Group's website and, where appropriate, on ASX announcements. The Group uses plain English in its communications.	N/A
6.3	A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.	<ul> <li>The Group encourages participation at general meetings through:</li> <li>well set out and easy to read Notices of Meeting and Explanatory Memoranda;</li> <li>uploading copies of Notices of Meetings and Explanatory Memoranda on the Group's website;</li> <li>enabling electronic and hard copy proxy voting facilitated by the Group's security registry;</li> <li>facilitating virtual attendance at meetings; and</li> <li>proxy solicitation programs (when appropriate).</li> </ul>	N/A
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.	The Group conducts all substantial resolutions by a poll at security holder meetings.	N/A
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.	The Group encourages investors to select email as their preferred method of communication. The Group's security registry facilitates electronic communication so members can access details about their holding. Investors may contact the Group by email using the email address listed in communications and through the 'investors information' section of the website.	N/A



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Princ	iple 7	<ul> <li>Recognise and manage risk</li> </ul>			
7.1	The (a) (b)	<ul> <li>board of a listed entity should:</li> <li>have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</li> <li>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> <li>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</li> <li>(3) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(4) the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(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</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	The Group's Compliance Committee, together with the Board, monitors the risks to the Group's operations. The Compliance Committee comprises 3 members, Don Bayly (Chairman) and Manuel Theos as independent members and Agata Ryan being a non-independent member. The Charter of the Compliance Committee is available on WOTSO's website at: <u>Compliance Committee</u> <u>Charter</u> The Compliance Committee met four times during the reporting period. Don Bayly, Manuel Theos and Agata Ryan attended all meetings.	N/A	
7.2	The (a) (b)	board or a committee of the board should: 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 disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	The Compliance Committee, together with the Board, evaluates the Group's risk management framework. A review was undertaken during the reporting period.	N/A	



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7.3	<ul> <li>A listed entity should disclose:</li> <li>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Group has an internal audit function which consists of senior executives with skills across audit, accounting, finance and law. The internal audit function serves to evaluate the:</li> <li>reliability and integrity of information and information systems; and</li> <li>systems established to ensure compliance with policies, plans, procedures, laws, and regulations which could have a significant impact on the organisation.</li> <li>The internal audit function operates informally under a flat management structure.</li> </ul>	N/A
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.	The Group's material exposure to economic risks and social risks and the ways in which the Group manages the risks is disclosed in the Group's Annual Report which is available on WOTSO's website at: <u>www.wotso.com/investors-information</u> .	N/A



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Principle 8 – Remunerate fairly and responsibly					
8.1	<ul> <li>The board of a listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) have a remuneration committee which: <ul> <li>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> <li>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</li> <li>(3) the charter of the committee; and</li> <li>(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</li> </ul> </li> <li>(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 not excessive.</li> </ul>	Given the nature and scale of the Group's operations, the role of the remuneration committee is carried out by the full Board. The Board considers that no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained by establishing a separate remuneration committee. The Board actively encourages and promotes efficiency, innovation and entrepreneurialism. Senior management meetings are held weekly to discuss issues and opportunities. Senior Executives are remunerated based on the Board's consideration of the employees' responsibilities and performance, the Group's financial position and market conditions.	N/A		
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.	WOTSO's practices regarding the remuneration of non- executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives are set out in the Group's Annual Report which is available on WOTSO's website at: <u>www.wotso.com/investors-information</u> .	N/A		
8.3	<ul> <li>A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(b) diaglage that policy or a summary of it</li> </ul>	The Group's Securities Trading Policy regulates how the Group's directors, senior executives and other employees can deal in WOT securities. A copy of the policy is available on WOTSO's website at: <u>Securities</u> <u>Trading Policy</u> .	N/A		

(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.

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