

Omani Packaging Company SAOG Corporate Governance Report

In accordance with the Capital Market Authority (CMA) Circular No.11/2002 dated 3 June 2002 and as amended by Circular No.1/2003 and Code of Corporate Governance vide CMA Circular No. (E/4/2015) on 22 July 2015; decision No.27/2021 issued on 25 February 2021; Omani Packaging Company (OPC) Board of Directors are pleased to present the Corporate Governance Report for the year ended 31 December 2023.

1. Company philosophy on code of Governance

Omani Packaging Co. Board of Directors ensure that the code of Governance promote a culture of compliance, transparency and accountability, fairness, and responsibility without restraining the business initiative. The Board comprises of members holding high ethical standards and integrity in their personal and professional dealings.

All the Directors of the company except one are independent and none of them assume any executive role in the company. Percentage of Independent directors to the total number of board members is more than one third, with eight independent directors.

The Board has constituted an Audit committee and Nomination & Remuneration Committee to assist them in discharging their responsibilities.

2. Board of Directors

- 2.1 The Board of Directors is committed to achieving full compliance with the updated CMA requirements in respect of independent directors.

Composition and category of Board of Directors elected / re-elected in Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 28 February 2023 for office term of three years up to AGM 2026.

Name	Designation	Institution Representing	Category
Sheikh Bakhit Said Salim Al Shanfari	Chairman	Equity Investor	Independent Non Executive
Sheikh Yasser Abdullah Said Al Rawas	Deputy Chairman	Al Rawas Holding LLC	Independent Non Executive
Sheikh Hamoud Ahmed Mohamed Al Hinai	Director	Bin Omier Group of Companies	Independent Non Executive
Mr. Kamal Asa'd Suleiman Abutayeh	Director	Al Saud Co.Ltd / Ubar Investment	Not Independent Non Executive
Sheikh Faisal Abdullah Said Al Rawas	Director	Al Baraka Financial Services LLC	Independent Non Executive
Eng. Masoud Mohd. Masoud Al Mashani	Director	Dhofar Intl. Dev. & Investment Holding Company SAOG	Independent Non Executive
Mr. Yousuf Ahmed Alawi Al Ibrahim	Director	Equity Investor	Independent Non Executive
Mr. Majid Shams Hamood Al Battashi	Director	Salem International Inv. Holding LLC	Independent Non Executive
Mr. Basheer Ahsan Ali Zaid	Director	Al-Baz Services & Investments LLC	Independent Non Executive

2.2 Meetings and attendance of each Director and other Directorships held during the year 2023.

S.No	Name of the Directors	Position	Board meetings attended	Whether attended last AGM	Directorship Membership in other SAOG / SAOC Companies
1	Sheikh Bakhit Said Salim Al Shanfari	Chairman	Five	Yes	---
2	Sheikh Yasser Abdullah Said Al Rawas	Deputy Chairman	Five	Yes	Salalah Mills Co. SAOG
3	Sheikh Hamoud Ahmed Mohamed Al Hinai	Director	Five	Yes	Oman Refreshment Co. SAOG
4	Mr. Kamal Asa'd Suleiman Abutayeh	Director	Five	Yes	Voltamp Energy SAOG
5	Sheikh Faisal Abdullah Said Al Rawas	Director	Five	Yes	Salalah Mills Co. SAOG
6	Eng. Masoud Mohd. Masoud Al Mashani	Director	Five	Yes	National Mineral Water Co. SOAG
7	Mr. Yousuf Ahmed Alawi Al Ibrahim	Director	Five	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Mineral Water Co. SAOG, Gulf International Chemicals SAOG.
8	Mr. Majid Shams Hamood Al Battashi	Director	Five	Yes	---
9	Mr. Basheer Ahsan Ali Zaid	Director	Five	Yes	National Drilling SAOC United Gulf Energy SAOC

2.3 Details of Board Meetings held and attendance by members.

S. No.	Date of Meeting	Number of Members attended
1 st Board of Directors Meeting	01.02.2023	Nine
2 nd Board of Directors Meeting	27.04.2023	Nine
3 rd Board of Directors Meeting	26.07.2023	Nine
4 th Board of Directors Meeting	25.10.2023	Nine
5 th Board of Directors Meeting	27.12.2023	Nine

3. Audit Committee

3.1 In accordance with CMA guidelines the audit Committee was set up during the year 2002. The Committee's functions and responsibilities are as below.

1. Considering the name of the auditor.
2. Oversight of the internal audit function in general and with particular reference to reviewing the scope of internal audit plan for the year.
3. Checking financial frauds and shall put in place an appropriate system to ensure adoption of appropriate accounting policies and principles leading to fairness in financial statements.
4. Oversight of the adequacy of the internal control system through the regular reports of the internal and external auditors.
5. Oversight of financial statements in general and with particular reference to review of annual and quarterly financial statements before issue, review of qualifications in the draft financial statements and discussion of accounting principles.

6. Serving as a channel of communication between external auditors and the board and also internal auditors and the board.
7. Reviewing risk management policies and looking into the reasons of defaults in payment obligations of the company, if any.
8. Reviewing proposed specific transactions with related parties.
9. Board of Directors has entrusted the following additional executive authorities to audit committee.
 - 9.1 Represent the Board in the general management of the Company, the powers to take decisions within the duties assigned to it and to ensure that the executive management adheres to the activities consistent with the policies approved by the Board.
 - 9.2 Assist the Board in formulating, monitoring and implementing strategies, policies, executive management performance criteria & Business Plan.
 - 9.3 Ensure adequate financial controls which protect the assets and limit the liabilities with a view of achieving the company objectives eg. reviewing and recommendation of budgets to Board for approval, authorizing expenditures, borrowings and budget control.
 - 9.4 Deal with any other matter referred to the committee by the Board.

3.2 Following is the composition of Audit Committee, constituted by Board after Annual General Meeting held on 28 February 2023.

Name	Designation	Category
Sheikh Yasser Abdullah Al Rawas	Chairman	Independent, Non Executive
Mr. Kamal Asa'd Sulieman Abutayeh	Member	Not Independent, Non Executive
Sheikh Faisal Abdullah Said Al Rawas	Member	Independent, Non Executive
Mr. Majid Shams Hamood Al Battashi	Member	Independent, Non Executive
Mr. Yousuf Ahmed Alawi Al Ibrahim	Member	Independent, Non Executive

Details of Audit Committee meeting held and attendance by members.

S. No	Date of Meeting	Number of Members attended
1 st Audit Committee Meeting	01.02.2023	Five
2 nd Audit Committee Meeting	27.04.2023	Five
3 rd Audit Committee Meeting	26.07.2023	Five
4 th Audit Committee Meeting	25.10.2023	Five

4. Nomination & Remuneration Committee

- 4.1 In accordance with CMA guidelines the nomination and remuneration Committee was set up on 19 July 2016. The Committee's functions and responsibilities are as below.
 1. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee aim shall be to assist the general meeting in the nomination of proficient directors and the elect the most fit for purpose. Moreover, the committee aims to assist the board in selecting the appropriate and necessary executives for the executive management.

2. The board shall set out written and published terms of reference for the committee detailing: names of the members, its competences, functions, and responsibilities in addition to any other provisions relating to its work.
3. Subject to the provisions of Administrative Decision No. 11/2005 on the rules of remuneration and sitting fees for directors of public joint stock companies, the committee shall exert its efforts to assist the company in formulating clear, credible, and accessible policies to inform shareholders about directors' and executives' remuneration. However, additional performance based criteria shall be used to determine the bonus and remunerations of the chief executive officer and senior executive management.
4. The board, while constituting the committee, has taken into consideration the following points:
 - a. The committee shall comprise of, at minimum, three directors.
 - b. The committee shall convene at least twice per annum.
5. The committee elected in its first meeting its chairperson.
6. The committee shall submit to the board an annual plan of action.
7. The committee shall have the following competences:
 - a. Provide succession planning for the executive management.
 - b. Develop a succession policy or plan for the board or at least the chairperson.
 - c. Prepare detailed Job descriptions of the role and responsibilities for directors including the chairperson, as per the Code of Corporate Governance for Public Listed Companies Issued in July 2015. This will facilitate orientate directors towards their tasks and roles, and appraise their performance.
 - d. Look for and nominate qualified persons to act as interim directors on the board in the event of a seat becomes vacant.
 - e. Notwithstanding the articles of association of the company, look for and nominate qualified persons to assume senior executive positions, as required or directed by the board.
 - f. Prepare a bonus, allowances and incentive policy for the executive management.
 - g. Review such policies periodically, taking into account market conditions and company performance.
 - h. Taking into consideration avoiding conflict of interests, the committee shall, upon obtaining the approval of the board, seek the assistance and advice of any other party in order to better deliver its tasks.

4.2. **Following is the composition of Nomination & Remuneration Committee, constituted by Board after Annual General Meeting held on 28 February 2023.**

Name	Designation	Category
Eng. Masoud Mohd. Masoud Al Mashani	Chairman	Independent, Non Executive
Sheikh Bakhit Said Al Shanfari	Member	Independent, Non Executive
Sheikh Hamoud Ahmed Mohamed Al Hinai	Member	Independent, Non Executive
Mr. Basheer Ahsan Ali Zaid	Member	Independent, Non Executive

4.3. **Details of Nomination & Remuneration Committee meeting held and attendance by members.**

<u>S. No</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Number of Members attended</u>
1 st Nomination & Remuneration Committee Meeting	28.02.2023	Four
2 nd Nomination & Remuneration Committee Meeting	27.12.2023	Four

5. **Process of Nomination of Directors**

The Directors were elected in the Ordinary General Meeting held on 28 February 2023.

The Board consists of Nine Directors. Only nine members contested for the posts and were elected by the share holders.

The Directors were elected for a period of three years up to Annual General Meeting 2026.

6. **Remuneration matters**

The company paid sitting fees of RO 52,250 (2022: RO 52,250) for attending Board, Audit Committee and Nomination & Remuneration Committee meetings by Directors, and Directors' remuneration RO 45,000.

Total Remuneration paid to top five officials of the company is RO 232,082 (2022: RO. 229,309)

Management Advisor to Board of Directors paid remuneration RO 18,000 (2022: RO 18,000)

The names, designations, description of responsibilities in Omani Packaging Company SAOG and brief profile of the Company Management personnel are as follows:

- Mr. Surya K Arora - Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Surya K Arora is a Graduate Mechanical Engineer with Diploma in Management from Delhi, India. He has more than 41 years of post-qualification experience in Industrial Projects Planning, Implementation and managing operations as Profit Centre head. He has worked with reputed consulting and manufacturing multinational companies at India and contracting company at Oman at various Engineering and Management positions, prior joining Omani Packaging Company as General Manager in 1996.

- Mr. H. Ramakrishnan – General Manager (Finance & Commercial)

Mr. H. Ramakrishnan joined the services of the company in the year 1994, is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) from United State of America (USA), fellow member of Institute of Chartered Accounts of India (FCA), Member of Institute of Cost and Management Accounts of India (ICMA), Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com) with an overall experience of 38 years including multinational companies where he was handling audit, finance and other managerial positions.

- Mr. Ishaq Mohammad Hilal Al Hashami. – Deputy General Manager (Administration & Personnel)

Mr. Ishaq Mohammad Hilal Al Hashami with an overall experience of 30 years in Oman. He joined the services of the Company in 1994 and presently heads the administration and personnel department.

- Mr. Sharada Prasad Panda –Deputy Production Manager

Mr. Sharada Prasad Panda is a Graduate in Electronics and Communication Engineering with M.B.A in Production and Management, Diploma in Packaging with an overall experience of 11 years including multinational companies. He joined the service of the company in February 2023 and presently heading the Production Department.

- Mr. Govindappa Raja – Asst. Maintenance Manager

Mr. Govindappa Raja is a Graduate Mechanical Engineer with an overall experience of 32 years both in India and abroad. He joined the services of the Company as Senior Mechanical Engineer and heads the maintenance since 2021.

7. Detail of non-compliance

There are no penalties, strictures imposed on the company by MSM/CMA or any statutory authorities on any Matter related to Capital Markets, during the last three years.

8. Communication with Shareholders

Quarterly financial statements were submitted to Capital Market Authority and Muscat Security Market and published in daily Newspaper. The same are posted in the Website of Muscat Security Markets (www.msm.gov.om), as well in company website www.omanipackaging.com.

Management discussion & analysis shall be part of Annual report.

9. Market price data

9.1 High/Low during each month in the last financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Month	High RO	Low RO	Shares Volume traded
Jan-2023	0.185	0.185	42,811
Feb-2023	0.195	0.195	13,000
Mar-2023	.....	.....	.....
Apr-2023	0.186	0.186	117,540
May-2023	.....	.....	.....
Jun-2023	.....	.....	.....
Jul-2023	.....	.....	.....
Aug-2023	.....	.....	.....
Sep-2023	.....	.....	.....
Oct-2023	.....	.....	.....
Nov-2023	.....	.....	.....
Dec-2023	.....	.....	.....

9.2 Performance in comparison to broad based index of MSM (relevant sector)

	01 Jan 2023	31 Dec 2023	% change
MSM Index – Industrial Sector (Points)	6,427.359	5,475.233	-14.82%
Omani Packaging Co. SAOG share Closing Price (RO)	0.216	0.200	-7.41%

9.3 Distribution of OPC Shareholding comprises the following:

Omani Nationals 97.26%, GCC Nationals 2.74% and Foreigners 0.00% with total number of Shareholders as 190.

10. Compliance with the code of Corporate Governance

Corporate Governance Training to Board of Directors is conducted by the independent Consultant Firm Al Qabas Enlightening Economic Consultancy during the year 2022 and Board Performance Evaluation further carried out by them.

Mr. H. Ramakrishnan, General Manager (F&C) is appointed as Company Secretary for the Board office term 2023-2026 in the Annual General Meeting held on 28/02/2023.

11. Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR)

CSR Charter was approved by Board Members in the Board Meeting held on 27/12/2022.

12. Shareholders

The shareholders of the Company who own 5% or more of the Company's shares and the number of shares held by them are as follows:

	2023		2022	
	Percentage Shareholding	No. of Shares	Percentage Shareholding	No. of Shares
Sheikh Salim Saeed Hamed Al Fannah Al Araiimi	15.865	5,145,970	15.865	5,145,970
Al Saud Co. Ltd / Ubar Investment	14.182	4,600,000	14.182	4,600,000
Bin Omer Investment Group of Companies	12.558	4,073,262	12.558	4,073,262
Al Baraka Investment Co. LLC	11.409	3,700,485	11.409	3,700,485
Al Rawas Holding LLC	6.682	2,167,313	6.682	2,167,313
Sheikh Bakhit Said Salim Al Shanfari	6.166	2,000,000	6.166	2,000,000
Dhofar International Development & Investment Holding Co. SAOG	5.201	1,687,048	5.201	1,687,048

13. Board of Directors acknowledgement

The Board of Directors are responsible to ensure that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards issued by International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), interpretations issued by International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) and the requirements of the Commercial Companies Law of the Sultanate of Oman and the rules for disclosure requirements prescribed by Capital Market Authority.

The Board reviewed the efficiency and adequacy of internal control systems of the company and confirmed that it is complying with internal rules and regulations and CMA Code of Corporate Governance.

There are no material events affecting the continuation of Omani Packaging Company SAOG and its ability to continue its production operations during the next financial year.

14. Internal Auditor

Board of Directors appointed M/s. Ali Al Dohh & Co. LLC as Internal Auditor for the year 2023.

15. Legal Advisor

Company appointed M/s. Mohsin Al Hadad & Amur Al Kiyumi & Partners as Legal Consultant for the year 2023.

16. Statutory Auditor

The shareholders of the Company have appointed Moore Stephens LLC as the auditors for the year 2023 with a total Fees of RO 5,750.

Professional profile of Moore Stephens LLC:

Moore Stephens LLC, Oman is part of the Moore Global network, which is regarded as one of the world's major accounting and consulting networks, with its headquarters in London, consisting of more than 228 independent firms with 522 offices and more than 34,000 people across 110 countries.

The Oman office commenced practice in the Sultanate of Oman in 1988. Over the years, the practice has developed considerably and now services a number of clients, including major listed companies, Groups, government organisations and Ministries providing either audit, tax or management consultancy services. The local staff strength is around 65, most of whom are qualified Chartered Accountants, internal auditors and information systems auditors.