

Board of Directors



J Durairatnam

**Chairman
Independent Non-Executive Director
(Member of the Board since August 2018
and as Chairman from July 2019)**

Skills and experience

Mr Durairatnam possesses extensive experience in banking having been with Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC covering a period of 36 years. He served as a Director of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC from April 2012 to July 2014 and as the Managing Director/CEO from July 2014 until his retirement in July 2018. He has served in several other Senior Management positions at Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC including as Chief Operating Officer, Deputy General Manager – International, Assistant General Manager – International and Head of Imports. He has held the position of Managing Director of Commercial Development Company PLC and has served as a Director on the Board of Lanka Financial Services Bureau Limited.

He holds a BSc from the University of Peradeniya and an Executive Diploma from the University of Colombo.

Other current appointments:

Listed companies: He is a Director of Asian Hotels and Properties PLC.

Others: He is a Director of Ceylinco Life Insurance Limited and Assetline Leasing Company Limited.



L H A L Silva

**Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
(Member of the Board since October 2015
and as CEO from August 2017)**

Skills and experience

Mr Silva held the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer during October 2015 – August 2017. He started his professional career with the Department of Inland Revenue of Sri Lanka and joined the DFCC Banking Group in 1987. He was seconded to the service of DFCC Vardhana Bank PLC (DVB) in 2003. He served as the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of DVB from January 2010 to September 2015 and functioned as the Chief Operating Officer of DVB until his appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of DVB in January 2010.

He holds a BCom (Sp.) from the University of Kelaniya and an MBA from the Postgraduate Institute of Management of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Other current appointments:

Listed companies: He is the Chairman of Lanka Ventures PLC and LVL Energy Fund PLC.

Others: He is the Chairman of DFCC Consulting (Pvt) Limited, Lanka Industrial Estates Limited and Synapsys Limited, subsidiary companies of DFCC Bank PLC and a Director of Acuity Partners (Pvt) Limited, the joint venture company of DFCC Bank PLC.

He is also a Director of the Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP), member of the Board of Management of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority and a member of the Financial System Stability Consultative Committee of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. He also serves as the Chairman of Lanka Financial Services Bureau Limited and Sri Lanka Banks' Association (Guarantee) Limited.

Board of Directors



P M B Fernando
Senior Director
Independent Non-Executive Director
(Member of the Board since July 2013)

Skills and experience

Mr Fernando is a former Partner of KPMG Ford, Rhodes, Thornton & Co., and has extensive experience in financial services. He has functioned as the Group Finance Director of the Confifi Group and Finance Director for the Asia Region at Virtusa (Pvt) Limited. In 2005 he became the Managing Director of Capital Reach Group and was appointed as Director/Chief Executive Officer of Softlogic Finance PLC, following the consolidation of activities of Capital Reach Group under Softlogic Finance PLC.

He holds a BSc in Applied Science from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of UK.

Other current appointments:

Listed companies: He is a Director of The Lanka Hospitals Corporation PLC and Laugfs Power PLC.

Others: He is a Director of Synapsys Limited, a subsidiary company of DFCC Bank PLC, Laugfs Leisure Limited, Laugfs Eco Sri Limited, Reach Asia Leisure Limited, Evoke International Limited and Lanka Hospitals Diagnostics (Pvt) Limited.



Ms S R Thambiyah
Independent Non-Executive Director
(Member of the Board since March 2015)

Skills and experience

Ms Thambiyah holds a BA (Hons.) in Economics from the University of Nottingham, UK and a Master's of Management in Hospitality from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration, USA

After starting her career at Nestle Lanka PLC in Marketing, Ms Thambiyah joined the hospitality industry in 1999 at Hotel Renuka and Renuka City Hotel. After her Master's of Management in Hospitality, she joined the Hotel Team at Expedia Inc in New York, USA where she worked as a Market Manager until her return to Sri Lanka. On her return she was appointed as Managing Director of Hotel Renuka and Renuka City Hotel.

She served as a Director of DFCC Vardhana Bank PLC from September 2012 to February 2015.

Other current appointments:

Listed companies: She is the Executive Chairperson of Renuka Hotels PLC, the Joint Managing Director of Renuka City Hotels PLC and a Director of Cargo Boat Development Company PLC.

Others: She is a Director of Crescent Launderers & Dry Cleaners (Pvt) Limited, Renuka Consultants & Service Limited, Renuka Properties Limited, Lancaster Holdings Limited and Portfolio Management Services (Pvt) Limited.

She is also a Member of the Management Committee of the Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka, a Member of the Committee of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce representing "General Interest" and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Sri Lankan Convention Bureau.



Ms V J Senaratne
Non-Executive Director
(Member of the Board since July 2015)

Skills and experience

Ms Senaratne has over 40 years of professional experience and is well versed in the fields of litigation, commercial law, conveyancing, and company secretarial practices. She held the position of Company Secretary at Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation PLC from May 2003 to 2009 and has served as a Legal Officer at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

She is an Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public, Commissioner of Oaths, and a Solicitor of England and Wales.

Other current appointments:

Listed companies: She is an Alternate Director of Melstacorp PLC and Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka PLC. She is also the Chief Legal Officer and Company Secretary of Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka PLC.

Others: She is a Director of Paradise Resort Pasikudah (Pvt) Limited and Amethyst Leisure Limited and the Company Secretary of Periceyl (Pvt) Limited.



Ms L K A H Fernando

Independent Non-Executive Director
(Member of the Board since November 2017)

Skills and experience

Ms Fernando started her career at Kreston MNS & Co, a correspondent firm of Grant Thornton International – Sri Lanka Division, a firm of Chartered Accountants and counts over 20 years of professional and commercial experience in the fields of auditing, finance, and management.

She is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka.

Other current appointments:

Listed companies: She is the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director of R I L Property PLC and a Director of United Motors Lanka PLC

Others: She is a Director of Foodbuzz (Pvt) Limited, Unimo Enterprises Limited, and UML Heavy Equipment Limited.



N K G K Nemawatta

Independent Non-Executive Director
(Member of the Board since December 2018)

Skills and experience

Mr Nemawatta has held several executive positions in the public sector. He has served as Secretary, State Ministry of Defence, Director General – Department of Public Enterprise, Ministry of Finance, Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Higher Education and Highways and the Ministry of Environment. He has also served as Director of Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority, Sri Lanka Customs and Department of Trade, Tariff and Investment Policy.

He holds a BCom (Sp.) from the University of Colombo, a Postgraduate Diploma in Devolution and Local Government Studies from the University of Colombo and an MSc in Management from the University of Sri Jayewardenapura. He is also a Licentiate of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

Other current appointments:

None.



N H T I Perera

Director/Deputy Chief Executive Officer
(Member of the Board since July 2019)

Skills and experience

Mr Perera has held several senior positions in the banking sector and has over two decades of experience in the financial services and banking sector, both locally and internationally having been with the HSBC Group, both in Sri Lanka and overseas, the Commercial Bank of Qatar, Barclays Bank Plc, UAE and at Hatton National Bank. He has served as a Board member of HNB Assurance PLC, HNB General Insurance Limited and HNB Finance Limited.

He is a Member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and a finalist of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) – UK.

Other current appointments:

Listed companies: None.

Others: He is a Director of Synapsys Limited, Acuity Partners Limited, Acuity Stock Brokers (Pvt) Limited and Guardian Acuity Asset Management Limited. He also functions as Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Acuity Group.

Board of Directors



Ms H M N S Gunawardana

**Non-Executive Director
(Member of the Board since July 2020)**

Skills and experience

Ms Gunawardana has over 35 years of diverse experience. She started her career at Julius & Creasy and proceeded to the Legal Division, Central Bank of Sri Lanka. She has held several senior public service positions including Legal Advisor – Department of Fiscal Policy and Economic Affairs, Senior Assistant Secretary (Legal) – Ministry of Finance, and Director General – Legal Affairs Department of the General Treasury. As Project Director, she led the Fiscal Reforms Project and the Fiscal Management Reform Programme of the ADB/Ministry of Finance, and the Legal and Judicial Reforms Project of the World Bank/Ministry of Justice. She has previously served as a Director of Renuka City Hotels PLC and Information & Technology Agency of Sri Lanka and as the Government Nominee Director of DFCC Bank PLC. She has had extensive foreign training including programmes at HIID/Harvard University (USA), Amsterdam Institute of Finance, LKY School of Public Policy (Singapore), Commonwealth Secretariat (London), and the World Bank (Washington D.C.).

She is an Attorney-at-Law and holds a Master's Degree in Commercial Law from the United Kingdom.

Other current appointments:

Listed companies: None.

Others: She is the Joint Managing Partner of Capital City Law – Colombo, Group Legal Consultant – International Distilleries Lanka Limited and Consultant, CHEC Port City (Colombo) (Pvt) Limited, She is also a member of the Company Law Advisory Commission of Sri Lanka and a Director of Capital City Corporate Services (Pvt) Limited.



H A J De S Wijeyeratne

**Independent Non-Executive Director
(Member of the Board since July 2020)**

Skills and experience

Mr Wijeyeratne counts over 28 years of experience in the fields of general management, financial management and auditing which has been acquired while being employed at Investcorp Bank, Bahrain, Grindlays Bahrain Bank, Ernst & Young, Bahrain and Ernst & Young, Sri Lanka. In addition, he has held the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (Pvt) Limited (SLINTEC) for over five years (2013 to 2019) and a consultant for ZONE 24x7 an IT company involved in data analytics and machine learning (2019 to 2020). He was an Independent Director of Union Assurance PLC until September 2020 and was also the Chairman of the Board Audit and Compliance Committee.

He is an Associate member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and a Fellow member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK.

Other current appointments:

Listed companies: None.

Others: He holds the position of Audit Committee Chairman of MAS Holdings and is also a member of the Gamini Corea Trust, a Trustee of the SLINTEC Endowment Trust Fund and remains the Founder/Owner of Avastha Financial Advisory Services and the Co-Founder of Kalyana a mental health advocacy group.



Ms A Withana

Secretary to the Board (Since May 2011)

Skills and experience

Ms Withana joined the Bank in April 1990 and has functioned as the Chief Financial Officer, Head of Operations, Head of Credit Administration and Head of Accounting and Reporting. She is a former partner of a firm of Chartered Accountants and was a Director of DFCC Vardhana Bank PLC from August 2003 to July 2012.

She holds an MBA from the University of Colombo, a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of UK.

Other current appointments:

Listed companies: She is also the Company Secretary of DFCC Bank PLC.

Others: None.