



## Ms Tai Sook Yee

Advisory Board Director  
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Sook Yee is a senior business executive with close to 40 years of experience spanning the profession, governance, corporate, investments, strategies and, for most parts of her career, leading businesses with vast geographical operations. Having worked for family businesses and multinationals with bases in Malaysia, USA, United Kingdom, Mexico, Singapore, and China, she has learnt to be culturally attuned.

She is an experienced non-executive independent board member who has chaired the audit and risk committee and nomination and remuneration committee of listed entities in Australia and Malaysia. In these positions, she has proactively contributed to the growth and flourishing of the companies while fulfilling her governance role.

For most of her career, Sook Yee held business leadership positions. She was the chief operating officer of a new lifestyle business in China and, before that, the group managing director of a large industrial group with operations spanning 16 countries and more than 10,000 employees. Its businesses include integrated transport logistics, shipping, marine & offshore engineering, and resources that provide solutions for industrialisation needs. Before that, she headed the Malaysian operation of a global heavy building materials group, where she broke new ground when she was appointed as its first female and Asian country head. By training, Sook Yee started her career as an accountant, specialising in audits of financial institutions, and subsequently as a corporate finance advisor with a merchant bank.

Sook Yee has seen through the economic bear and bull runs, the regional financial crisis in 1997, and the global shipping and resources boom and bust in the 2000s. These experiences have taught her that technology enables business innovation and drives its cycles shorter. There is no space for gradual change. Instead, there is a demand for leadership transformation. She believes this era requires the cultivation of human beings to guide human doing. This resilience and adaptability are the cornerstones of her leadership and flourishing. She is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants and has certificates in Family Business Advising (CFBA) and Family Business Wealth Advising (CFWA).