

Oriental Interest Berhad

(272144-M)



Annual Report

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CORPORATE INFORMATION

Board of Directors

Dato' Haji Thobrani Bin Haji Hanafi

[Executive Chairman]

Mr Goh Cheng Hock

[Managing Director]

Mr Goh Aik Lai

[Deputy Managing Director]

Mr Koay Leong Eng

[Executive Director]

Mr Lim Hai Hong @ Lim Hai Hak

[Non-Independent Non-Executive Director]

Mr Chai Tin Kok @ Sua Ah Seng

[Non-Independent Non-Executive Director]

Mr Gee Kok Sang

[Independent Non-Executive Director]

Tuan Haji Ahmad Bin Abdul Rashid

[Independent Non-Executive Director]

Mr Chin Kuet Sen

[Independent Non-Executive Director]

Audit Committee

Mr Gee Kok Sang *(Chairman)*

Tuan Haji Ahmad Bin Abdul Rashid

Mr Chin Kuet Sen

Mr Koay Leong Eng

Remuneration Committee

Mr Gee Kok Sang *(Chairman)*

Tuan Haji Ahmad Bin Abdul Rashid

Mr Chai Tin Kok @ Sua Ah Seng

Nominating Committee

Tuan Haji Ahmad Bin Abdul Rashid *(Chairman)*

Mr Chin Kuet Sen

Mr Lim Hai Hong @ Lim Hai Hak

Company Secretary

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Principal Corporate Advisor

Malaysian International

Merchant Bankers Berhad

Principal Bankers

RHB Bank Berhad

Malayan Banking Berhad

Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad

Stock Exchange Listing

Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange

Main Board

Stock Code: 5827

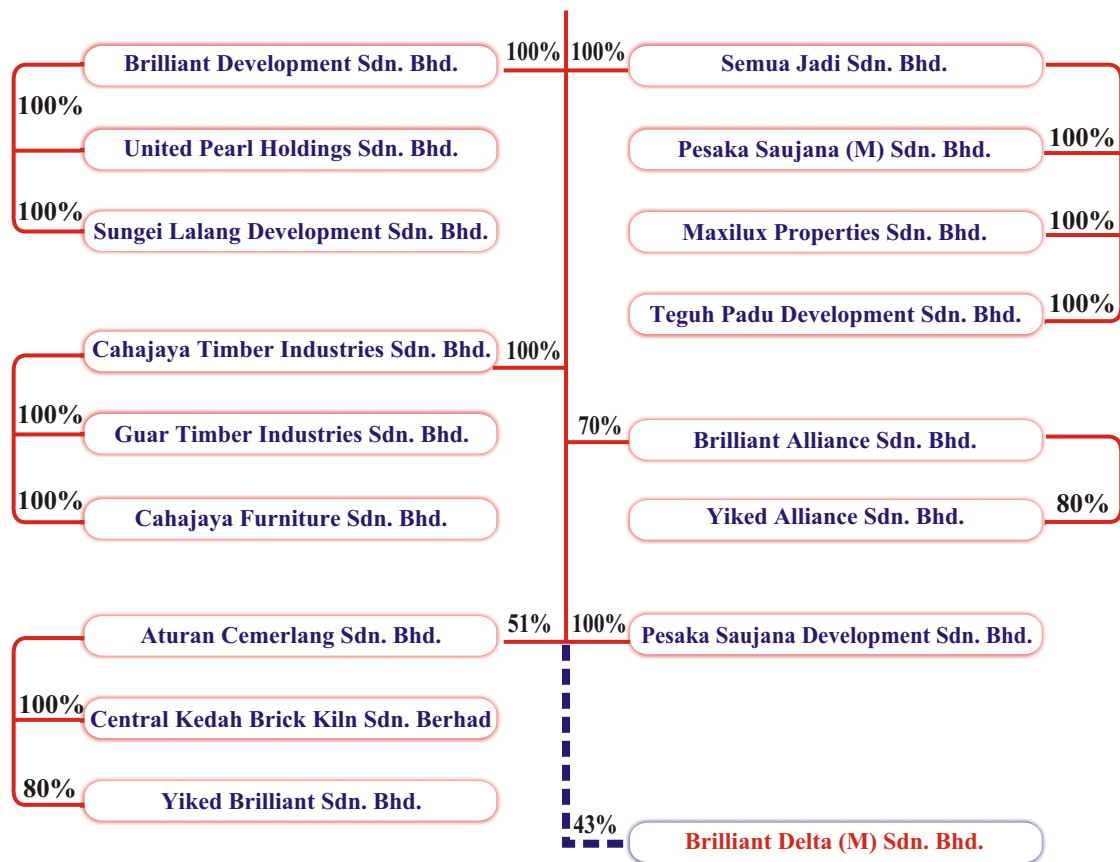
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GROUP STRUCTURE



Oriental Interest Berhad



Legend -



Subsidiary Company



Associated Company



CORPORATE PROFILE

Incorporation

Oriental Interest Berhad ("Oriental Interest") was incorporated in Malaysia on 3 August 1993 under the Companies Act, 1965 as a private limited company under the name of Oriental Interest Sdn. Bhd. The Company was converted to a public limited company on 22 December 1993 and adopted its present name. The principal activities of the Company are investment holding and provision of management services.

Oriental Interest was officially listed on the Main Board of Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange on 18 October 1994.

Business

The Company is an investment holding company for the Oriental Interest Group. The Oriental Interest Group, comprises of Oriental Interest, 6 subsidiary companies and 10 sub-subsidiary companies, is actively involved in the businesses of commercial and residential property development, general construction and the manufacture of rubberwood products.

Property Development

Over the past 18 years, the Group has completed numerous construction and property development projects totalling over RM1 billion value and has established itself as a leading housing developer, having completed approximately 17,500 units of houses since 1985.

The Group has gained the confidence of house buyers and is well-known as a reliable housing developer due to its good reputation in consistently delivering houses ahead of development schedule.

Manufacturing

Oriental Interest, through its wholly-owned subsidiary company, Cahajaya Timber Industries Sdn. Bhd. is also involved in the manufacture and export of downstream rubberwood products to complement its property development activity. The rubberwood products are mainly moulding, lamination, drawers fronts, furniture parts, cabinet doors and solid doors.

The manufacturing activity is carried out in the main factory sited on 10.25 acres of land in the Bakar Arang Industrial Estate in Sungai Petani, Kedah. Approximately 95% of its products are exported to United States of America, Japan, Ireland, Belgium, United Kingdom and Korea.



Board of Directors



Seated (from Left to Right):

Mr Goh Cheng Hock [Managing Director]
Dato' Haji Thobrani Bin Haji Hanafi [Executive Chairman]
Mr Goh Aik Lai [Deputy Managing Director]
Mr Koay Leong Eng [Executive Director]

Standing (from Left to Right):

Mr Chin Kuet Sen [Independent Non-Executive Director]
Mr Gee Kok Sang [Independent Non-Executive Director]
Tuan Haji Ahmad Bin Abdul Rashid [Independent Non-Executive Director]
Mr Lim Hai Hong @Lim Hai Hak [Non-Independent Non-Executive Director]
Mr Chai Tin Kok @ Sua Ah Seng [Non-Independent Non-Executive Director]



Profile of Directors

Dato' Haji Thobrani Bin Haji Hanafi, Malaysian, aged 57, was appointed to the Board on 19 August 1994 as the Executive Chairman of the Company, a position he is still holding to date. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science from University of Malaya in 1969 and, in 1979, attended City Planning Studies in Europe and Thailand. Dato' Haji Thobrani served with the Kedah State Civil Service for 13 years in various capacities and was President of Majlis Perbandaran Kota Setar, Kedah prior to leaving Civil Service to join OIB Group in August 1982. He is the spouse of Datin Sharifah Mahiran Binti Syed Kechil as well as having a substantial interest in Thobrani Holdings Sdn Bhd; both of them are major shareholders of the Company. Dato' Haji Thobrani has no conflict of interest with the Company. He does not hold any directorship in other public companies and had no conviction for offences within the past 10 years.

Mr Goh Cheng Hock, Malaysian, aged 66, was appointed to the Board on 19 August 1994 as the Managing Director of the Company, a position he is still holding to date. As one of the founder members of OIB Group, he became an entrepreneur at the age of 18, when he ventured into fertilizer dealing in 1955, before embarking upon housing development in 1977. Today, Mr Goh is involved in a spectrum of businesses including building construction, property development, rubber/oil palm plantation and manufacturing. He is the father of Mr Goh Aik Lai, the Deputy Managing Director of the Company, Mr Goh Aik Keong and Mr Goh Aik Lean as well as having a substantial interest in Goh Cheng Hock Holdings Sdn Bhd; all of them are major shareholders of the Company. Mr Goh has no conflict of interest with the Company. He does not hold any directorship in other public companies and had no conviction for offences within the past 10 years.

Mr Goh Aik Lai, Malaysian, aged 37, is the Deputy Managing Director of the Company and was appointed to the Board on 8 January 1996. He graduated from University of Sydney in 1988 with a Bachelor of Economics degree. Mr Goh joined the Manufacturing Division of OIB Group in 1988 as Operation Manager and was promoted to General Manager in 1990. He has travelled extensively abroad to keep abreast with new production technology and has succeeded in establishing a wide and growing clientele network. He is the son of Mr Goh Cheng Hock, the Managing Director of the Company, and brother of Mr Goh Aik Keong and Mr Goh Aik Lean as well as having a substantial interest in Goh Cheng Hock Holdings Sdn Bhd; all of them are major shareholders of the Company. Mr Goh has no conflict of interest with the Company. He does not hold any directorship in other public companies and had no conviction for offences within the past 10 years.

Mr Koay Leong Eng, Malaysian, aged 52, is an Executive Director of the Company and was appointed to the Board on 19 August 1994. He obtained a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree from University of Malaya in 1975. Mr Koay started his banking career with United Malayan Banking Corporation Bhd in 1975 as a Credit Officer. In 1976, he was sponsored by the Bank to pursue a 2-year part-time course at University of Malaya and obtained the Diploma in Accounting in 1978. In 1985, he was promoted to the position of a Branch Manager before resigning to join OIB Group in 1990. Mr Koay does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company or any conflict of interest with the Company. He does not hold any directorship in other public companies and had no conviction for offences within the past 10 years.



Mr Lim Hai Hong @ Lim Hai Hak, Malaysian, aged 66, is a Non-Independent and Non Executive Director of the Company and was appointed to the Board on 19 August 1994. He started his own business at the age of 18 as a retailer in vegetables and subsequently as a rice merchant. In 1977, Mr Lim ventured into housing development and is one of the founder members of OIB Group. His business interests include investment holdings and rubber/oil palm plantation. Mr Lim does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company or any conflict of interest with the Company. He does not hold any directorship in other public companies and had no conviction for offences within the past 10 years.

Mr Chai Tin Kok @ Sua Ah Seng, Malaysian, aged 68, is a Non-Independent and Non Executive Director of the Company and was appointed to the Board on 19 August 1994. Also a founder member of OIB Group, he started his own sundry shop at the age of 18 in 1953 and later became a padi merchant. In 1973, Mr Chai ventured into rubber plantation and subsequently into housing development in 1976. His business interests involve investment holdings and rubber/oil palm plantation. Mr Chai does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company or any conflict of interest with the Company. He does not hold any directorship in other public companies and had no conviction for offences within the past 10 years.

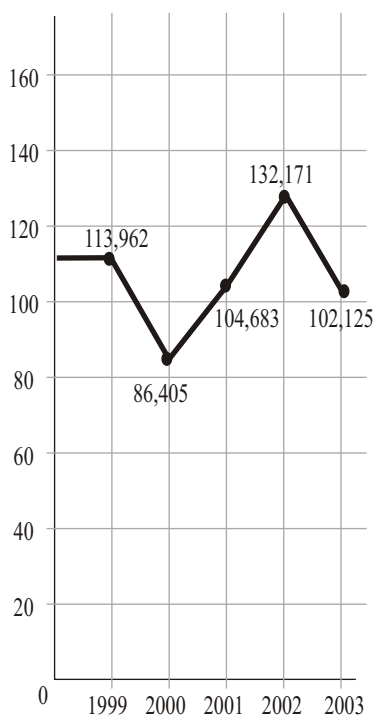
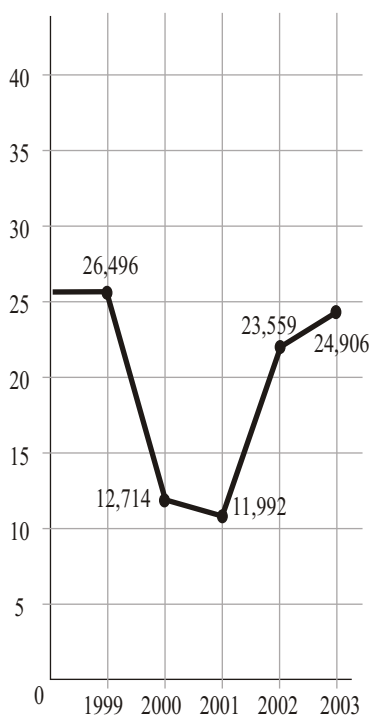
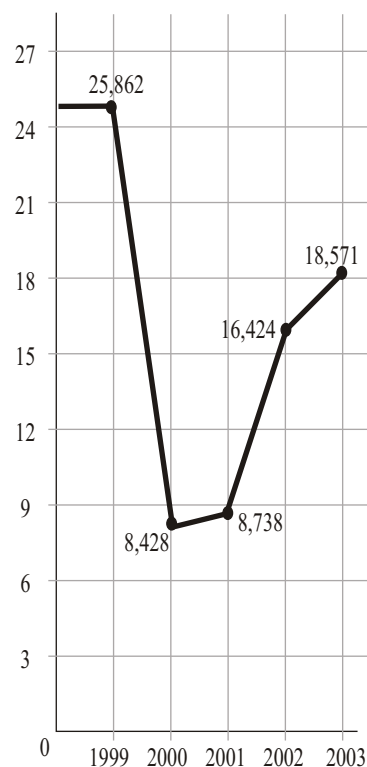
Mr Gee Kok Sang, Malaysian, aged 47, is an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and was appointed to the Board on 19 August 1994. He joined Messrs. Kassim Chan & Co., then an affiliated firm of Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, upon graduating with a Diploma in Commerce from Tunku Abdul Rahman College in 1978. Mr Gee was attached to the firm for 6 years before setting up his own practice, Gee & Co., in 1984. He qualified as an Associate Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in 1981 and the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in 1982 respectively. Presently, Mr Gee is a Fellow Member of both the aforementioned professional bodies as well as a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. He does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company or any conflict of interest with the Company. Mr Gee does not hold any directorship in other public companies and had no conviction for offences within the past 10 years.

Tuan Haji Ahmad Bin Abdul Rashid, Malaysian, aged 52, is an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and was appointed to the Board on 16 August 2001. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Malaya in 1974. Tuan Haji Ahmad started his career as an Assessing Officer in the Department of Inland Revenue, after a few months, to serve as an Assistant Director of the Bumiputera Participation Unit in the Ministry of Trade and Industry in 1975. He was appointed as a lay magistrate for a period of 2 years before pursuing his law degree in 1977. After obtaining his Bachelor of Law degree from University of Malaya in 1980, Tuan Haji Ahmad continued serving as a Judicial and Legal Officer until starting his private practice, Ahmad A. Rashid & Co., in 1983. He does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company or any conflict of interest with the Company. Tuan Haji Ahmad does not hold any directorship in other public companies and had no conviction for offences within the past 10 years.

Mr Chin Kuet Sen, Malaysian, aged 40, is an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and was appointed to the Board on 16 August 2001. He holds Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Economics (Major in Accounting) degrees from Monash University. He began his career with Chew Tan & Lim, Penang in 1990, specializing in conveyancing, civil litigations, banking and corporate work, and was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in the same year. He joined Ooi Gin Sun, Bakar & Co., in 1993 and became the managing partner for Sungai Petani office, in-charge of conveyancing financial institution documentation and corporate work. He does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company or any conflict of interest with the Company. Mr Chin does not hold any directorship in other public companies and had no conviction for offences within the past 10 years.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

5 Years Results (RM'000)	Year Ended 30 June				
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Revenue	102,125	132,171	104,683	86,405	113,962
Profit Before Taxation	24,906	23,559	11,992	12,714	26,496
Taxation	(5,697)	(6,424)	(2,627)	(3,428)	(331)
Profit After Taxation	19,209	17,135	9,365	9,286	26,165
Minority Interests	(638)	(711)	(627)	(858)	(303)
Profit Attributable To Shareholders	18,571	16,424	8,738	8,428	25,862

**TURNOVER (RM'000)****PROFIT BEFORE
TAXATION (RM'000)****PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE
TO SHAREHOLDERS
(RM'000)**