

## **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTUS**

### **Introduction**

Malaysian Investor Relations Association (“MIRA”) was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee by Bursa Malaysia Berhad on 13 June 2007. MIRA is Malaysia’s first professional association committed to developing and advancing the status and integrity of Investor Relations (“IR”) professionals and the proficiency of its members in the field of IR. The Association plays an important role in promoting the views of public listed companies on IR and Malaysian IR professionals to the investment community, regulatory bodies and Government.

### **Vision of MIRA**

A more efficient, shareholder-friendly capital market through excellence in IR.

### **Mission of MIRA**

Using IR to promote corporate governance, transparency and enhance shareholder value for all.

### **Objectives and functions of MIRA**

MIRA’s primary objectives reflect its Charter, namely:

- (1) supporting members through seminars, workshops, policy briefs and other activities;
- (2) conducting educational and training programmes to raise the professional level of IR in Malaysia;
- (3) assisting companies on establishing an IR function and implementing effective IR programmes;
- (4) promoting the views of IR professionals to the investment community, regulatory bodies and Government;
- (5) providing a forum and networking opportunities for IR professionals to meet, exchange views and grow in their practice; and
- (6) enhancing the function of IR in companies to a more strategic role.

### **Guidelines for Election to Membership**

#### **(A) Election to membership**

- (1) Application of individual membership shall be accompanied by the following documents, failing which the application will not be processed:
  - (a) duly completed individual membership application form;
  - (b) duly certified copy of front and back of NRIC or passport;
  - (c) 2 recent passport-size photographs;
  - (d) duly certified copies of academic certificates;

- (e) duly certified copies of membership certificates of other professional bodies recognised by the Board (where applicable); and
- (f) testimonials (where applicable).

(Note: certification of documents could be by a company director, company secretary, advocate or solicitor, a statutory declaration made before a commissioner for oath or by a Board Member of MIRA)

- (2) The respective registration fee, annual subscription and upgrading fee are as follows and must be paid in full upon application:

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>Registration fee* (RM)</b>	<b>Annual subscription (RM)</b>
Fellow	200.00	300.00
Member	150.00	250.00
Provisional Member	150.00	200.00

(\*For application by individual, registration fee for membership year 2011/2012 [i.e. period from 01 July 2011 to 30 June 2012] is waived.)

(Note : MIRA Board had resolved to grant **ONE** complimentary Individual Membership [registration fee and annual subscription are waived] for every Corporate Member or Associate Member for membership year 2011/2012. Terms and conditions apply.)

#### **Upgrading fee**

From Provisional Member to Member	-	RM200.00
From Member to Fellow	-	RM250.00

The Board reserves the right to assign the appropriate grade of membership other than the grade applied for if the existing qualifications and experience warrant the award of the appropriate grade of membership.

The Board may approve or reject any application without assigning any reason.

### **(B) Categories of membership**

#### **(1) Individual Provisional Member**

Individual Provisional Member grade shall be awarded to a person who has passed such Qualifying Examination of MIRA or obtained the qualification deemed to be equivalent to the Qualifying Examination, but does not fulfil the requirement of minimum number of years of working experience related to IR.

#### **(2) Individual Full Member**

Individual Full Member grade may be awarded to a person who has:

- (a) passed such Qualifying Examination of the MIRA; **OR**
- (b) obtained at least one of the 'Prescribed Qualifications' recognised by the Board; **OR**
- (c) obtained the qualification deemed to be equivalent to the Qualifying Examination recognised by the Board;

**AND**

- (d) has had Three (3) or more years of working experience related to IR.

### **(3) Individual Fellow Member**

A Fellowship may be awarded to a qualified person who is Individual Full Member grade of at least five (5) years standing of the Association and in the opinion of the Board deemed fit and proper to be admitted as a Fellow. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may in its absolute discretion invite to become a Individual Fellow Member any individual who, being an Individual Full Member of MIRA or otherwise, in the opinion of the Board is worthy of being an Individual Fellow Member of the Association by virtue of substantial and significant contribution to the standing and/or advancement of the Association and/or the IR profession in Malaysia.

### **(C) Designatory letters**

Individual Members in categories of Individual Fellow Member and Individual Full Member are entitled to use the following designatory letters after their name :-

Individual Fellow Member grade	-	FMIRA
Individual Full Member grade	-	MMIRA

### **(D) Prescribed qualifications**

A person may be deemed to have passed the Qualifying Examination of the Associations if he/she has successfully completed full examination and qualified to be a full member of one of the professional bodies recognised by the Association as 'Prescribed Qualifications'.

The bodies recognised as 'Prescribed Qualifications' for the purpose of admission to full Membership of the Association are:

- (1) Malaysian Institute of Accountants
- (2) Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- (3) The Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
- (4) Malaysian Association of Company Secretaries
- (5) Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia
- (6) The Malaysian Bar
- (7) Other local/overseas professional bodies recognised by the Board

### **(E) Qualifying Examination**

- (1) Certificate in Investor Relations of IR Society UK
- (2) Certificate in Investor Relations by the Association