

Board of Directors

Belinda Mapongwana (49)

(Independent non-executive chairperson; Member of the Audit and Risk Committee)

Bachelor of Social Science (UCT), Bachelor of Laws (UCT), Master of Laws (International Business Law) (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam), Postgraduate Certificate in Compliance Management (UCT)

Independent Non-executive Director (Appointed: 22 June 2020; Appointed as Independent Non-executive Chairperson on 16 September 2020)

Member of the Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee (Appointed: 9 April 2021)

Belinda is an admitted attorney with over 15 years post-admission experience. She specialises in all aspects of mergers and acquisition transactions, corporate commercial law, compliance, risk and corporate governance.

She spent some time in New York where she worked on several mergers and acquisitions, private equity and structured finance transactions. Belinda has experience in compliance and risk management having worked in investment banks in Johannesburg, New York and London.

Belinda is the founder of Mapongwana Attorneys Inc. a 100% black woman-owned boutique law firm that offers specialist legal services in corporate and commercial law. Belinda is a member of the UNISA Council. She is also a member of the board of Hilton College.

Sindisiwe N Mabaso-Koyana (53)

(Independent non-executive director; Member of the Audit and Risk Committee)

CA(SA), B Comm (Natal), Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting (Natal)

Non-executive Director (Appointed: 6 June 2017; Resigned as Independent Non-executive Chairperson on 16 September 2020)

Sindi is currently the Chairperson of African Women Chartered Accountants (AWCA) Investment Holding Company and the Chairperson of the Advanced Group of Companies. She is the founder member and former President of the African Women of Chartered Accountants. Her other board positions include that of a non-executive director for MTN Group Limited, Bidvest Ltd and Sun International Limited.

Sindi is a Chartered Accountant by profession with experience in financial management, auditing and governance in both the public and private sector. She is a renowned leader and champion in growth and development of young women.

Edward Pitsi (39)

CA(SA), Masters in Finance (University of Pretoria), EMBA (INSEAD)

(Independent non-executive director; Member of the Audit and Risk Committee)

Independent Non-executive Director (Appointed: 22 June 2020)

Member of the Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee (Appointed: 16 September 2020)

Edward is currently CEO of Infinite Partners Proprietary Limited and a non-executive director of, Autozone Holdings Proprietary Limited, Barron Proprietary Limited, Synerlytic Holdings Proprietary Limited, and Crossfin Technology Holdings Proprietary Limited.

Through a sub-advisory agreement, Infinite Partners, manages Ethos Mid-Market Fund which holds 4.05% of the MTN Zakhele Futhi issued ordinary share capital. Prior to his 12-year private equity career (both at Infinite Partners and Ethos Private Equity), he worked in the Acquisition and Leveraged Finance team at Barclays Africa Group after completing his articles at Price Waterhouse Coopers. He has investment experience across various sectors including but not limited to TIC, Technology and Connectivity, Automotive, Industrials and Business Services.

Grant Gelink (73)

CA(SA), BComm, BCompt (Hons)

(Independent non-executive director; Member of the Audit and Risk Committee)

Independent Non-executive Director (Appointed: 9 June 2017)

Chairman of the Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee (Appointed: 9 June 2017)

Grant is a non-executive director of FirstRand Limited, Grindrod Limited, Allied Electronics Limited and Rain Group Holdings Proprietary Limited.

He was the chief executive of Deloitte & Touche from 2006 to 2012. His vast experience at Deloitte spans over 26 years and includes being Lead Client Service Partner across a number of different industries servicing clients such as Barloworld, Imperial Holdings, Murray & Roberts, Nedbank, Sappi, South African Airways and Transnet.
