

# **FORTUNE BRANDS INNOVATIONS, INC. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES**

The following principles have been adopted by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc. (the “Company”) to assist the Board in the exercise of its responsibility to oversee the performance of the Company’s management for the benefit of the Company’s stockholders and the long-term enhancement of stockholder value and to create a common set of expectations for how the Board, its committees, the directors and management should perform their respective functions.

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## A. **Board Composition**

### 1. Size of Board.

The Board shall set the precise number of directors from time to time and as prescribed in the Company's bylaws. The number of directors selected by the Board shall be of a size that facilitates substantive discussion in which each director can participate.

### 2. Independent Directors.

It is the policy of the Board, consistent with New York Stock Exchange listing standards, that at least a majority of the Board members shall be independent directors. The Board shall determine on an annual basis whether each director qualifies as an "independent director" within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange listing standards. If the resignation of an incumbent independent director would result in the number of independent directors falling below a majority, the Nominating, Environmental, Social and Governance Committee (the "Nominating Committee") shall nominate, and the Board shall appoint, a replacement independent director as soon as practicable. The Board shall also determine on an annual basis whether each member of the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee qualifies as "independent" within the meaning the New York Stock Exchange listing standards. Each independent director is expected to promptly disclose to the Board any existing or proposed relationships or transactions that could impact his or her independence.

The Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the Conflicts of Interest Policy shall be applicable to each director. Waivers of either policy for any director or executive officer, require the approval of the Nominating Committee.

### 3. Director Qualifications.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing with the Board the appropriate qualifications required of Board members. In developing these qualifications, the Nominating Committee should consider general qualifications such as experience in an executive leadership role, experience in the consumer products industry, experience as a board member of a public company, business judgment, diversity, stature, lack of conflicts of interest, integrity, ethics, commitment to the goal of enhancing long-term stockholder value and any evolving needs of the Board.

### 4. Majority Vote Policy.

The Company's Bylaws provide for directors to be elected by a majority of the votes cast in an uncontested election and by plurality of the votes cast in a contested election. If, in an uncontested election of directors, the votes cast for a director do not exceed 50% of the votes cast, the director will submit his or her resignation in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws (which resignation shall be effective only upon acceptance by the Board).

The Nominating Committee is responsible for considering resignations submitted under this circumstance and for determining whether such resignation should be accepted or rejected by the Board. In the event that in an uncontested election a majority of the members of the Nominating Committee were voted upon for election and did not receive a majority of the votes cast in such election, then the Board of Directors will consider whether such resignations should be accepted or rejected.

After the Nominating Committee determines what action to take, the Board will consider and act on such recommendation. The Board will make such determination within 90 days of the certification of the stockholder vote and will promptly disclose its decision in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A director that submits his or her resignation in accordance with the Bylaws, will not participate in the action or deliberations of the Nominating Committee or the Board regarding his or her resignation. If directors who have tendered resignations constitute a majority of the directors then in office, then, with respect to each tendered resignation, all directors, other than the director who tendered the particular resignation under consideration, may participate in the deliberations and action regarding whether to accept or reject the tendered resignation or to take other action with respect thereto.

5. Tenure; Retirement Age.

The Board does not believe it should limit the number of terms an individual may serve as a director; however, the Board generally will not re-nominate a director at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders following his or her 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday. From time to time, the Board may choose to waive the retirement age if it believes that it is in the best interests of the Company's stockholders for a Board member to continue his or her service.

6. Change in Personal Circumstances.

The Board does not believe that directors who experience a change in their personal circumstances, including a change in their principal employment should necessarily leave the Board. However, any director who experiences a change to his or her principal employment, including retirement, should promptly tender a resignation to the Board. In addition, any director who experiences a significant change in professional or personal circumstances that (i) may create a conflict or potential conflict of interest, (ii) may trigger any Company reporting obligation, (iii) may result in the director engaging in significant political activity (such as participating in a visible leadership position in a political campaign, running for office or accepting an elected or appointed political office), (iv) has the potential to cause embarrassment, negative publicity or reputational harm to the Company or the director, and/or (v) could result in a possible inconsistency with the Company's policies or values, should promptly tender a resignation to the Board. The Nominating Committee shall then review the appropriateness of that director's continued service on the Board in light of the new circumstances and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether to accept the resignation.

7. Selection of Directors.

The Nominating Committee selects director candidates on the basis of how well the candidates meet the qualifications developed by that Committee and, if already serving as a director of the Company, the director's past meeting attendance and participation, and the contributions the director makes in providing advice and guidance to the Board and management of the Company. The Nominating Committee shall recommend to the Board candidates for election to serve for a full term as directors, and the Board shall nominate directors for election by the Company's stockholders. If there is a vacancy in a director position, the Nominating Committee shall make recommendations to the Board for the appointment of a director to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

8. Service on Other Public Company Boards.

Directors must obtain approval from the Chair of the Nominating Committee before accepting any offer to serve as a director of another public company.

To ensure that all directors have sufficient time to devote proper attention to their responsibilities, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and any other directors who are Chief Executive Officers of public companies shall not serve on more than one public company boards in addition to the Company's Board. This limitation shall not include the board of any subsidiary or affiliate of a company by which the director is employed. Directors who are not fully employed shall not serve on more than three public company boards in addition to the Company's Board. Positions may be held in excess of these limits if the Board determines that doing so would not impair a director's ability to serve effectively on the Company's Board.

No member of the Company's Audit Committee may serve on the audit committee of more than two other publicly traded companies, unless the Board determines that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such member to effectively serve on the Audit Committee of the Board.

9. Board Leadership Structure.

The Nominating Committee shall periodically assess the Board's leadership structure and recommend to the Board whether it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to combine or separate the roles of the Chair of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chair of the Board may be an independent director, non-independent director or member of management and must be elected by the Board. The Chair of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer position may be filled by the same individual. If the Board appoints an Executive Chair of the Board, or any other non-independent director as Chair, the independent directors on the Board shall elect one director whom the Board has determined is "independent" under New York Stock Exchange listing standards to serve as the Lead Director.

The Chair of the Board shall be responsible for:

- (a) presiding at all Board and Stockholder meetings;
- (b) presiding at all executive sessions of the Board (if the Chair is independent);
- (c) establishing Board meeting agendas in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, the Lead Director (if one is appointed), the chairs of the Board committees and the Secretary of the Company and the Board committees;
- (d) acting as a liaison between the non-employee directors and the Company's management;
- (e) advising Company management of the quality, quantity and timeliness of the flow of information from Company management to enable the Board to effectively and responsibly perform their duties;
- (f) if the Chair is independent, leading the annual performance review of the Chief Executive Officer in conjunction with the Chair of the Compensation Committee;
- (g) facilitating teamwork and communication among non-employee directors;
- (h) maintaining frequent contact with the Chief Executive Officer and/or the Lead Director (if one is appointed); and
- (i) performing such other duties assigned by the Board or requested by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Lead Director, if appointed, shall be responsible for:

- (a) presiding at all executive sessions of the Board;
- (b) serving as a liaison between the Chair and the Board, including the independent directors;
- (c) working with the Chair on, and approving, Board meeting agendas;
- (d) facilitating teamwork and communication among non-employee directors;
- (e) leading the annual performance review of the Chief Executive Officer in conjunction with the Chair of the Compensation Committee;
- (f) calling meetings of the independent directors, if appropriate;

- (g) maintaining frequent contact with the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (h) performing such other duties assigned by the Board.

## **B. Board Performance**

### 1. Board Responsibilities and Functions.

Each director shall act in good faith and exercise his or her duty of care in a manner that he or she believes to be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. In fulfilling its responsibility to oversee the performance of the Company's management, the Company's Board performs, either directly or through its committees, the following principal functions:

- (a) oversight of management's effort to increase stockholder value and protect the interests of stockholders;
- (b) oversight of legal compliance and ethical conduct;
- (c) oversight of management's efforts to ensure the integrity, accuracy and completeness of the Company's financial statements and reports to stockholders, the New York Stock Exchange, and the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (d) general oversight of the business;
- (e) approving long-term corporate strategy;
- (f) approving major management initiatives, including significant acquisitions, divestitures and other transactions;
- (g) selecting, compensating, evaluating, and, when necessary, replacing the Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives;
- (h) selecting director nominees, or in the case of a Board vacancy, new directors, and evaluating the Board's composition;
- (i) establishing a succession plan for the Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives;
- (j) oversight of the Company's risk management process and mitigation of such risks; and
- (k) evaluating Board and its committees' processes and performance.

In order to perform these functions, it is expected that directors will attend the meetings of the Board and the committees on which they serve. Each director is also encouraged and expected to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

2. Executive Sessions of Non-Employee Directors.

Non-employee directors shall meet in executive session, without management participation, on a regularly scheduled basis. At each of these meetings, the Chair of the Board or, if he or she is not a non-employee director, the Lead Director shall preside, or in his or her absence, one of the other non-employee directors shall be selected to preside. If the non-employee directors include one or more directors who is not independent under New York Stock Exchange listing standards, the independent directors will themselves meet in executive session at least once per year.

3. Orientation, Training and Continuing Education of Directors.

To facilitate directors in the performance of their duties and responsibilities, all directors, including new directors, shall be provided with materials regarding the Company's business and operations, governing documents, information on key personnel, and financial information, which will be periodically updated. The Company shall also make available to all directors opportunities for continuing education with respect to the duties and responsibilities of corporate directors, the Company's regulatory environment, applicable federal securities and state corporate laws, corporate governance, board and committee practices and functions, financial principles and standard accounting procedures. The Company shall reimburse directors for reasonable costs incurred while furthering their education.

4. Annual Evaluation of the Board's Performance.

Through an evaluation process administered by the Nominating Committee, the Board shall annually evaluate the performance of the Board and each of its committees. Each committee shall also annually review its own performance.

5. Board Compensation.

The compensation of non-employee directors of the Company is designed to ensure that the Company can attract and retain qualified directors of outstanding ability with a high degree of experience and expertise. The amount and form of non-employee directors' compensation is annually recommended by the Nominating Committee to the Board after review. The Nominating Committee may consider how such compensation compares with the compensation provided to directors of other companies with comparable levels of assets and revenues.

The structure of fees to non-employee directors is designed to provide increased compensation for those directors whose duties require additional expenditures of time and effort. To further align the Board's interests with the interests of stockholders, a significant portion of directors' compensation should be paid in the form of equity. Directors are encouraged to own a significant number of shares of Company common stock, as set forth in the Company's Director Stock Ownership Guidelines.

### **C. Board Access to Senior Management and Outside Advisors**

The directors of the Company shall have complete access to senior management of the Company and, as necessary and appropriate, to the outside auditors, consultants and other advisors of the Company. The Board shall have the right to retain its own legal counsel, consultants and other advisors independent of the Company, and shall have the right to designate funds to be used for this purpose.

### **D. Board Meeting Procedures**

#### 1. Selection of Agenda Items.

The Chair of the Board, in consultation with the Lead Director (if one is appointed), the Chief Executive Officer, the Secretary, or other members of management, shall establish the agenda for each Board meeting. Each director is free to suggest the inclusion of items on the agenda for any Board meeting.

#### 2. Board Materials Distributed in Advance.

Information and data that is important to the Board's understanding of the business to be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting will generally be distributed in writing to the Board members sufficiently in advance of the meeting to permit meaningful review.

#### 3. Meeting Attendance

The Board and committees may take action by unanimous written consent of all of its members. Directors may attend any meeting by phone or by video conference. In the event that a director has a conflict or if the Board determines that the director has a conflict of interest in the subject matter being discussed, the director may recuse himself or herself from the discussion.

### **E. Board Committees**

#### 1. Establishment of Committees.

From time to time the Board may determine to form a new committee or disband a current committee. The current Board committees are the Executive, Audit, Compensation, and Nominating, Environmental, Social and Governance Committees.

#### 2. Permanent Committees.

For so long as the Company is a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, there shall be an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, and a Nominating Committee.



3. Membership of Permanent Committees.

To the extent required by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, membership on the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Nominating Committee shall be limited to those directors whom the Board has determined are independent under New York Stock Exchange listing standards. Directors may serve on more than one committee for which he or she qualifies. The Nominating Committee will periodically consider and recommend changes to the composition of the committees and the committees' respective chairs.

4. Committee Charters.

Each of the following committees shall establish, and the Board shall approve, formal charters in order to define the Committee's responsibilities and role in ensuring proper and effective corporate governance: (a) Audit Committee; (b) Compensation Committee; (c) Nominating Committee; and (d) Executive Committee. The charters of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating Committee shall address those matters required by the New York Stock Exchange listing standards with respect to that committee. Each charter shall be made available on the Company's website.

The Board shall have the authority to delegate any additional duties not already provided for in the committees' charters, other than those prohibited by the Company's Bylaws, from time to time.

**F. Board Review of Management Succession Planning**

The Board shall annually review a management succession plan for the Chief Executive Officer and other key senior leadership positions in the Company in both emergency situations and ordinary course of business. The assessment shall include career paths for senior management.

**G. Board Review of Risks**

The Board shall annually review an assessment of the Company's risks and oversee the strategy and process for managing those risks. The Audit Committee oversees external, strategic, operational and financial and compliance risks. The Compensation Committee oversees the management of risks relating to the Company's compensation programs and practices and risks relating to compensation paid to the Company's executives. The Nominating Committee manages risks associated with the independence of the Board, potential conflicts of interest and the Company's corporate governance structure, as well as management of risks associated with environmental, health and safety, diversity, philanthropy, global citizenship, reputational risk and sustainability.

## H. Director Code of Conduct

### 1. Board Interaction with Third Parties.

It is the policy of the Board that as a general matter management should speak for the Company. Each director will refer inquiries from investors, analysts, the press or customers to the CEO or his or her designee. When management deems it appropriate, statements from the Board will be made by the Chair. If the Chair is an affiliated director or member of Company management, the Lead Director generally speaks for the Board, although there may be circumstances when the Board designates another director to participate in and lead the communication effort. Individual directors will only speak with investors, analysts, the press or customers about the Company if expressly authorized by the full Board and in accordance with the policies of the Company.

### 2. Stockholder Access to Directors.

It is the policy of the Board that stockholders shall have reasonable access to directors at annual meetings of stockholders and an opportunity to communicate directly with directors on appropriate matters. The Board will generally respond, or cause the Company to respond, in writing to bona fide communications from stockholders addressed to one or more members of the Board. Stockholders and other interested parties are who wish to communicate with the Board or any of its committees or directors by writing should submit their communication to the Secretary.

### 3. Confidentiality.

The proper functioning of the Board requires a candid and open exchange of information, ideas and opinions among directors in an atmosphere of trust, confidence and mutual respect. Directors have an affirmative duty to protect and hold confidential all non-public information obtained in the role of a Board or committee member. Accordingly:

- no director shall use Confidential Information for his or her own personal benefit or to benefit persons or entities outside the Company; and
- no director shall disclose Confidential Information to any person or entity outside the Company (which prohibits a director designated by any other person or entity from disclosing Confidential Information to such person or entity), either during or after his or her service as a director of the Company, except with express prior authorization of the Company's General Counsel or the Chair of the Board of Directors or as may be otherwise required by law (in which event a director shall promptly advise the General Counsel and the Chair of such anticipated disclosure and take all reasonable steps to minimize the disclosure of such Confidential Information). In considering whether to permit a director to share Confidential Information, the General Counsel or Chair may consider, among other things, whether sharing the information would give rise to a

conflict and/or potential harm, including whether the information is protected by attorney-client privilege.

For purposes of these Guidelines, “Confidential Information” is all non-public information (whether or not material to the Company) entrusted to or obtained by a director by reason of his or her position as a director of the Company. In addition to information regarding Board and committee meetings, discussions, deliberations and decisions, Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, non-public information that might be of use to competitors or harmful to the Company, its customers, suppliers or other stakeholders if disclosed, including but not limited to:

- non-public information about the Company’s financial condition, forecasts, prospects or plans, its marketing and sales programs and research and development information, as well as information relating to mergers and acquisitions, stock splits and divestitures;
- non-public information concerning possible transactions with other companies or information about the Company’s customers, suppliers or joint venture partners, which the Company is under an obligation to maintain as confidential; and
- non-public information about discussions, deliberations and decisions relating to business issues between and among Company employees, officers and directors.

## **I. Interpretation and Amendment of Corporate Governance Principles**

These Corporate Governance Principles shall be interpreted by the Board and shall be subject to amendment by the Board.

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