

# Board of Directors



## **J Durairatnam**

### **Chairman**

Appointed to the Board of DFCC Bank PLC in August 2018 and appointed Chairman in July 2019.

Mr Durairatnam possesses extensive experience in banking having been with Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC covering a period of 36 years. He served as a Director of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC from April 2012 to 16 July 2014 and as the Managing Director/CEO from 17 July 2014 until his retirement on 26 July 2018.

He has served in several other senior management positions at Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC including as Chief Operating Officer, Deputy General Manager – International, Assistant General Manager – International and Head of Imports. His experience covers all aspects of international trade, offshore banking, credit and operations.

Presently, he is also a Director of Asian Hotels and Properties PLC, Ceylinco Life Insurance Limited, and Assetline Leasing Co Limited. He has held the position of Managing Director of Commercial Development Company PLC and has served as a Director on the Board of Lanka Financial Services Bureau Limited.

Mr Durairatnam holds a BSc from the University of Peradeniya and an Executive Diploma from the University of Colombo.



## **L H A L Silva**

### **Chief Executive Officer**

Appointed to the Board of DFCC Bank PLC in October 2015 and appointed as the Chief Executive Officer in August 2017.

Mr Silva held the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer since October 2015. He was the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of DFCC Vardhana Bank PLC from January 2010 to September 2015. Mr Silva started his professional career with the Department of Inland Revenue of Sri Lanka and joined the DFCC Banking Group in 1987. He was seconded to the service of DFCC Vardhana Bank in 2003 and functioned as the Chief Operating Officer of DFCC Vardhana Bank until his appointment as the Chief Executive Officer in January 2010. Mr Silva is the Chairman of DFCC Consulting (Pvt) Limited, Lanka Industrial Estates Limited and Synapsys Limited, subsidiary companies of DFCC Bank PLC, and the Chairman of Lanka Ventures Limited, LVL Energy Fund PLC, as well as Lanka Financial Services Bureau Limited. He is a Director of Acuity Partners (Pvt) Limited, the joint venture company of DFCC Bank PLC. Furthermore, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP).

Mr Silva holds a BCom (Sp.) from the University of Kelaniya and an MBA from the Postgraduate Institute of Management of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



### **P M B Fernando**

#### **Senior Director**

Appointed to the Board of DFCC Bank PLC in July 2013.

A former Partner of KPMG Ford, Rhodes, Thornton & Company, Mr Fernando has extensive experience in financial services.

He has functioned as the Group Finance Director of the Confifi Group, and Finance Director for the Asia Region at Virtusa (Pvt) Limited. In 2005, he became the Managing Director of Capital Reach Group and was appointed as Director/Chief Executive Officer of Softlogic Finance PLC, following the consolidation of activities of Capital Reach Group under Softlogic Finance PLC.

Presently, he is a Director of Synapsys Limited and in few companies within the Laugfs Group.

Mr Fernando holds a BSc in Applied Science from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. He is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of UK.



### **T Dharmarajah**

#### **Director**

Appointed to the Board of DFCC Bank PLC in July 2014.

Mr Dharmarajah is the Senior Partner (Audit & Assurance) of Messrs Amarasekera & Company and serves as a Director of LOLC Development Finance PLC, Management Applications (Pvt) Limited, DHS Medical Group (Pvt) Limited, and Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau.

He is a Member of the Council of University of the Visual and Performing Arts and a member of the Standing Committee on Management Studies of the University Grants Commission. He was a Director of DFCC Vardhana Bank PLC and a Member of the Board of Management of the Postgraduate Institute of Management and Curriculum Development Committee of the National Institute of Education. He was also a Member of the Council of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and University of Sri Jayewardenepura, and a former President of the Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka.

Mr Dharmarajah holds a BSc in Management (Sp.) from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, and is a Fellow Member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka, and Institute of Public Finance and Development Accountancy.



### **Ms S R Thambiayah**

#### **Director**

Appointed to the Board of DFCC Bank PLC in March 2015.

Ms Thambiayah is the Executive Chairperson of Renuka Hotels PLC, and the Joint Managing Director of Renuka City Hotels PLC, of which she was the General Manager from 2001 to 2010, prior to assuming the current position with the Company. She is also a Director of Cargo Boat Development Co. PLC, Crescent Launderers & Dry Cleaners (Pvt) Limited, Renuka Consultants & Services Limited, Renuka Properties Limited, Lancaster Holdings Limited, and Portfolio Management Services (Pvt) Limited.

She was a Director of DFCC Vardhana Bank PLC from September 2012 to February 2015.

Ms Thambiayah holds a BA (Hons.) in Economics from the University of Nottingham, UK, and a MMH from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration, USA.



### **K P Cooray**

#### **Director**

Appointed to the Board of DFCC Bank PLC in March 2015.

Mr Cooray has served as the Chairman of Hotel Developers Lanka PLC, and Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited. He has also held executive positions in several companies including Ceylinco Group, Richard Pieris Group, and the Maharaja Organisation.

He was instrumental in setting up Rivira Media Corporation (Pvt) Limited under the Richard Pieris Group and served there as founder Director and Chief Executive Officer. The two flagship newspapers launched under his direction, "Rivira" and "The Nation", continue to be widely read newspapers in Sri Lanka. During his tenure at Maharaja Group, he worked as a consultant, supervising, streamlining, and ensuring executive coordination of news broadcasts by the television and radio stations belonging to the Company.

Mr Cooray holds a BA (Hons.) in Political Science, and Law from the University of Middlesex.



### **Ms V J Senaratne**

#### **Director**

Appointed to the Board of DFCC Bank PLC in July 2015.

Ms Senaratne presently holds the position of Chief Legal Officer and Company Secretary of Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka PLC, and Company Secretary of Periceyl (Pvt) Limited. She is a Director of Paradise Resort Pasikudah (Pvt) Limited, and Amethyst Leisure Limited, and an Alternate Director of Melstacorp PLC and Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka PLC.

She has over 40 years of professional experience and is well versed in the fields of litigation, commercial law, conveyancing, and company secretarial practices. She held the position of Company Secretary at Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation PLC from May 2003 to 2009, and served as a Legal Officer at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Ms Senaratne is an Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public, Commissioner of Oaths, having being admitted to the Bar on 25 August 1977, and is also a Solicitor of England and Wales.



### **Ms L K A H Fernando**

#### **Director**

Appointed to the Board of DFCC Bank PLC in November 2017.

Ms Fernando presently serves as the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director of R I L Property PLC, and a Director of Foodbuzz (Pvt) Limited, United Motors Lanka PLC, Unimo Enterprises Limited, Orient Motor Company Limited, and UML Heavy Equipment Limited.

She started her career at Kreston MNS & Co, a correspondent firm of Grant Thornton International – Sri Lanka Division, a firm of Chartered Accountants, and counts over 20 years of professional and commercial experience in the fields of auditing, finance, and management.

Ms Fernando is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, and a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka.



### **N K G K Nemmawatta**

#### **Director**

Appointed to the Board of DFCC Bank PLC in December 2018.

Mr Nemmawatta has held several executive positions in the public sector. He has served as the Secretary, State Ministry of Defence, Director General – Department of Public Enterprise, Ministry of Finance, Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Higher Education and Highways and the Ministry of Environment. He has also served as Director of Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority, Sri Lanka Customs, and Department of Trade, Tariff and Investment Policy.

Mr Nemmawatta holds a BCom (Sp.) from the University of Colombo. He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Devolution and Local Government Studies from the University of Colombo and an MSc in Management from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. He is also a Licentiate of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.



### **N H T I Perera**

#### **Director**

Appointed to the Board of DFCC Bank PLC in July 2019.

Mr Perera is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of DFCC Bank PLC. He has held several senior positions in the banking sector and has over two decades of experience in the financial services and banking sector, both locally and internationally having been with the HSBC Group, both in Sri Lanka and Overseas, the Commercial Bank of Qatar, Barclays Bank PLC, UAE and at Hatton National Bank.

He is a Director of Synapsys Limited, Acuity Partners Limited, and Acuity Stock Brokers (Pvt) Limited and also functions as Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Acuity Group. He has also served as a Board member of HNB Assurance PLC, HNB General Insurance Limited, and HNB Finance Limited.

Mr Perera is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and a finalist of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) – UK.



### **Ms A Withana**

#### **Secretary to the Board**

Appointed as Secretary to the Board in May 2011.

Ms Withana is also the Company Secretary of DFCC Bank PLC and was a Director of Synapsys Limited until December 2019. She joined the Bank in April 1990 and has functioned as the Chief Financial Officer, Head of Operations, Head of Credit Administration, and Head of Accounting and Reporting.

Ms Withana was a Director of DFCC Vardhana Bank PLC from August 2003 to July 2012.

She is a former partner of a firm of Chartered Accountants and counts over 30 years of professional experience in the field of auditing, finance, and management.

Ms Withana holds an MBA from the University of Colombo. She is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of UK.