# B.P.MARSH & PARTNERS PLC

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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#### FOREWORD

As an AIM-listed Company, B.P. Marsh & Partners Plc (the "Company") has adopted where appropriate the principles of the 2018 Quoted Companies Alliance Corporate Governance Code (the "QCA Code"). The QCA Code identifies ten principles to be followed in order for companies to deliver growth in long term shareholder value and to encompass an efficient, effective and dynamic management framework accompanied by good communication in order to promote confidence and trust.

The sections below set out the ways in which the Company applies the ten principles of the QCA Code in support of the Company's medium to long-term success.

We will provide annual updates on our compliance with the QCA Code.

#### PRINCIPLE ONE

QCA Code Principle	Application (as set out by the QCA)	What we do and why
Establish a strategy and business model which promote	The board must be able to express a shared view of the company's purpose, business model and strategy. It should go beyond the	B.P. Marsh & Partners PLC is a specialist investor in early stage and growing financial services intermediary businesses. The Group's primary focus is on insurance distribution investments, with a wider focus on the financial services sector. The Company will consider opportunities globally, and currently has a significant presence in North America and Australia.
long- term value for shareholders	simple description of products and corporate structures and set out how the company intends to	The Company's aim is to be the capital provider of choice for the early stage and growing financial services intermediary sector and to deliver to its investors long-term capital growth alongside a sustainable distribution policy.
	deliver shareholder value in the medium to long-term. It should demonstrate that the delivery of long-term growth is underpinned	The Company considers this to be achievable through partnering with strong management teams to back credible business opportunities to which the Company can provide strategic and financial assistance. The Company therefore considers the people element of its business as vital to its success.
	by a clear set of values aimed at protecting the company from unnecessary risk and securing its long-term future	The Company typically invests amounts of up to £5m in first round financings (and considers higher amounts for certain opportunities) and takes a flexible approach to investment structures, reviewing companies ranging from start-ups to those that have developed to the next stage of growth. The Company takes minority equity positions (at times, alongside debt) and does not seek to impose exit pressures, preferring to be able to take a long-term view where required and work alongside management to a mutually beneficial exit route that maximises value.

The Company's business model and strategy are set out in the Company's 2025 Annual Report.

The key challenges to the business and how these are mitigated are detailed on pages 52-55 of the Company's 2025 Annual Report.

#### PRINCIPLE TWO

QCA Code Principle	Application (as set out by the QCA)	What we do and why
Seek to understand and meet shareholder needs and expectations	Directors must develop a good understanding of the needs and expectations of all elements of the company's shareholder base. The board must manage shareholders' expectations and should seek to understand the motivations behind shareholder voting decisions.	As a company listed on AIM, the Company is responsible for ensuring that it is aware of shareholder needs and expectations, the Company attaches great importance to maintaining good relationships with all its shareholders and interested parties and seeks to ensure that they always have access to correct and adequate information. The Company is aware that as stakeholders, its shareholders play a vital role in the fabric of the Company and therefore the Investor Relations function regularly encourages dialogue with shareholders, and key Executives are available for meetings with institutional and major shareholders following the release of the Company's Annual and Interim Results. Whilst the Company's shareholder base has broadened over the past year, much of the Company's shareholder base is comprised of small retail shareholders holding shares through nominee accounts and therefore the identities of the underlying shareholders are not easily available. The Company welcomes these, and all, shareholders to contact the Company and provide any feedback or comments that they may have. The Board recognises the Company's Annual General Meeting as an important opportunity to meet private shareholders and encourages attendance, when possible, from all shareholders. At the AGM, the Directors are available to listen to the views of shareholders and answer questions that shareholders may have. The Company also conducts two presentations a year to all current shareholders and prospective shareholders through the platform Investor Meet Company after the release of the Company's Annual and Interim Results. These have been a successful way for the Company to offer shareholders and prospective shareholders the opportunity to have the results presented to them by the Executive Team as well as ask questions outside of the AGM setting. On the Company's Website, there is the relevant contact information for shareholders to contact the Company.

#### **PRINCIPLE THREE**

What we do and why

#### QCA CodeApplication (as set out by the<br/>QCA)

#### Take into account wider stakeholder and social responsibilities and their implications for long-term success.

Long-term success relies upon good relations with a range of different stakeholder groups both internal (workforce) and external (suppliers, customers, regulators and others). The board needs to identify the company's stakeholders and understand their needs, interests and expectations.

Where matters that relate to the company's impact on society, the communities within which it operates or the environment have the potential to affect the company's ability to deliver shareholder value over the medium to long-term, then those matters must be integrated into the company's strategy and business model.

Feedback is an essential part of all control mechanisms.

Systems need to be in place to solicit, consider and act on feedback from all stakeholder groups.

The key stakeholders that the Board has identified are its Shareholders, its Investee Companies and its Employees. The Board is aware that there are other groups who are affected by the Company's actions such as the wider members of the public and where appropriate, wider stakeholders are given equal regard.

The Company's Investor Relations function, alongside its Investor Relations advisers, are in regular contact with the Company's Shareholders and provide a valuable avenue for feedback to be communicated to the Board of the Company.

The Nominee Director placed on the Boards of the Investee Companies report to the Board of the Company whilst periodic meetings held between the Chairman's Office and the Senior Management of Investee Companies also serve as a direct forum for exchange of information and opinions.

Operating as a small company of 15-20 members of staff in an open plan environment, there are frequent opportunities for members of staff to provide feedback to their line managers and the executive Directors.

### PRINCIPLE FOUR

QCA Code Principle	Application (as set out by the QCA)	What we do and why
Embedded effective risk management, considering both opportunities and threats, throughout the organisation	The board needs to ensure that the company's risk management framework identifies and addresses all relevant risks in order to execute and deliver strategy; companies need to consider their extended business, including the company's supply chain, from key suppliers to end-customer. Setting strategy includes determining the extent of exposure to the identified risks that the company is able to bear and willing to take (risk tolerance and risk appetite).	The Company's activities are underpinned by thorough risk identification, monitoring and mitigation across the business. The key challenges to the business and how these are mitigated is detailed on pages 52-55 of our 2025 Annual Report. The Directors take appropriate steps to identify risks and undertake mitigation strategies to manage those risks. The Board formally reviews and documents the principal risks to the business at least annually. The Board is responsible for reviewing and evaluating risk and the Board of the Company's operating subsidiary, B.P Marsh & Company Limited meet at least quarterly to review ongoing trading performance, discuss budgets and forecasts and new risks associated with ongoing trading. The Board's risk management policy and internal controls are considered appropriate for a Company of its size and business activities.

#### PRINCIPLE FIVE

QCA Code	Application (as set out by the	What we do and why
Principle	QCA)	
Maintain the Board as a well- functioning, balanced team led by the Chairman	The board members have a collective responsibility and legal obligation to promote the interests of the company, and are collectively responsible for defining corporate governance arrangements. Ultimate responsibility for the quality of, and approach to,	The Board of B.P. Marsh & Partners Plc is responsible for the Company's corporate governance policies and recognises the importance of high standards of integrity. The Company seeks to consistently apply the principles set out in the 'Corporate Governance Code' published in 2018 by the Quoted Company Alliance to the extent that they are appropriate for, and applicable to, a company of B.P. Marsh's size that is quoted on the Alternative Investment Market.
	corporate governance lies with the chair of the board.	them to effectively discharge their duties as directors.
	The board (and any committees) should be provided with high quality information in a timely manner to	The Board believes that its two non-executive directors are independent. It has considered the fact that both of its non-executive directors are shareholders in the Company and both have an employment history with the Chairman, Brian Marsh. Notwithstanding those factors, the Board remains comfortable that its non-executive directors provide independent input and challenge.
	facilitate proper assessment of the matters requiring a decision or insight.	The Board believes it has an appropriate balance between executive and non-executive directors.
	The board should have an appropriate balance between executive and non- executive directors and should have at least two independent non- executive	All directors are expected to dedicate as much time as is necessary for the satisfactory discharge of their duties. These include the preparation for the four main Board Meetings per year, as well as engaging in the wider business as required for the approval of investment and follow on funding.
	directors. Independence is a board judgement.	More information can be found in the Company's 2025 Annual Report & Accounts on pages 24-32.
	The board should be supported by committees (e.g. audit, remuneration, nomination) that have the necessary skills and knowledge to discharge their duties and responsibilities effectively.	

#### PRINCIPLE SIX

QCA Code Principle	Application (as set out by the QCA)	What we do and why
Ensure that between them the Directors have the necessary up- to-date experience, skills and capabilities	The board must have an appropriate balance of sector, financial and public markets skills and experience, as well as an appropriate balance of personal qualities and capabilities. The board should understand and challenge its own diversity, including gender balance, as part of its composition. The board should not be dominated by one person or a Company of people. Strong personal bonds can be important but can also divide a board. As companies evolve, the mix of skills and experience required on the board will change, and board composition	The Board has established a Nominations Committee for the purpose of overseeing the process of all Board appointments. Any appointment has been made with reference to objective criteria and based on the merits of the individual. The Nominations Committee keeps in its contemplation the requirement for the Board to have the necessary sector experience as well as the requisite skills set to forr a fully rounded Board. The Board undertake an annual evaluation process where any concerns regarding experience or further training are raised. Further information can be found in the Company's 2025 Annual Report & Accounts on pages 26-27.

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### PRINCIPLE SEVEN

QCA Code Principle	Application (as set out by the QCA)	What we do and why
Evaluate Board performance based on clear and relevant objectives, seeking continuous improvement.	The board should regularly review the effectiveness of its performance as a unit, as well as that of its committees and the individual directors. The board performance review may be carried out internally or, ideally, externally facilitated from time to time. The review should identify development or mentoring needs of individual directors or the wider senior management team. It is healthy for membership of the board to be periodically refreshed. Succession planning is a vital task for boards. No member of the board should become indispensable.	The Chairman is responsible for reviewing the performance of the Board and the individual members of the Board. Reviews to date have been internal and at least annual. The Company operates an annual Board Evaluation, most recently this has taken the form of a two stage process, initially a questionnaire is circulated, followed by an interview. Factors that are relevant include: Board Performance, Direction and Strategy, Board Composition, Committee Composition, Board Meetings, Individual Performance and ESG. Directors are encouraged to give narrative responses and expand on their answers to provide further context. The evaluation process will be reviewed when reviewing the composition of the Board for selecting any new Board members, and in succession planning for the Directors as well as key executive team members

### PRINCIPLE EIGHT

QCA Code Principle	Application (as set out by the QCA)	What we do and why
Promote a Corporate Culture that is based on ethical values and behaviours.	The board should embody and promote a corporate culture that is based on sound ethical values and behaviours and use it as an asset and a source of competitive advantage. The policy set by the board should be visible in the actions and decisions of the chief executive and the rest of the management team. Corporate values should guide the objectives and strategy of the company. The culture should be visible in every aspect of the business, including recruitment, nominations, training and engagement. The performance and reward system should endorse the desired ethical behaviours across all levels of the company. The corporate culture should be recognisable throughout the disclosures in the annual report, website and any other statements issued by the company.	The Company is fully committed to upholding a high standard of ethics and corporate social responsibility, and the Board regularly reviews the Company's values and behaviours to ensure that these are respected. Further information is provided in the Company's 2025 Annual Report & Accounts on page 31.

#### PRINCIPLE NINE

QCA Code Principle	Application (as set out by the QCA)	What we do and why
Maintain governance structures and processes that are fit for purpose and support good decision making by the Board.	<ul> <li>The company should maintain governance structures and processes in line with its corporate culture and appropriate to its:</li> <li>size and complexity; and</li> <li>capacity, appetite and tolerance for risk.</li> <li>The governance structures should evolve over time in parallel with its objectives, strategy and business model to reflect the development of the company.</li> </ul>	The Board hold ultimate accountability for good governance. The non-executive directors are responsible for bringing independent and objective judgement to the Board. The executive directors are responsible for the operation of the business and delivering the strategic goals agreed by the Board. The Corporate Governance Statement on pages 28-32 of the Company's 2025 Annual Report details the Company's governance structures which support the Board and why they are appropriate and suitable for the Company.

### PRINCIPLE TEN

QCA Code Principle	Application (as set out by the QCA)	What we do and why
Communicate how the Company is Governed and is performing by maintaining a dialogue with shareholders and other relevant stakeholders.	A healthy dialogue should exist between the board and all of its stakeholders, including shareholders, to enable all interested parties to come to informed decisions about the company. In particular, appropriate communication and reporting structure should exist between the board and all constituent parts of its shareholder base. This will assist: • the communication of shareholders' views to the board; and • the shareholders' understanding of the unique circumstances and constraints faced by the company. It should be clear where these communication practices are described (annual report or website).	The Company communicates with shareholders through the Annual Report and Accounts, full-year and half-year announcements, trading updates, the AGM and one-to-one meetings with large existing or potential new shareholders. A range of corporate information (including all Company announcements and presentations) is also available to shareholders, investors and the public on the Company's corporate website. Information on the work of the various Board Committees and other relevant information are included in the Company's Annual Report. The Company's financial reports can be found here: https://www.bpmarsh.co.uk/shareholder-documents/ Notices of General Meetings of the Company can be found here: https://www.bpmarsh.co.uk/shareholder-documents/ After each AGM, the Company informs the London Stock Exchange of the outcome of the resolutions. Suitable explanations of any actions undertaken as a result of any significant votes against resolutions shall also be disclosed on the Company's website. The Company has undertaken a review of the previous five years of General Meetings and has reported the results on the Website, here: http://www.bpmarsh.co.uk/aim-rule-26/