

King III, Maturity Assessment Report

Company: Quantum Foods

The King III Maturity Assessment report denotes your self assessment based on the principles of good governance as per the King Report on Corporate Governance – 2009 (King III). The report summarises the results of this self assessment and allows the reader to assess your company's current position in comparison to the requirements of King III.

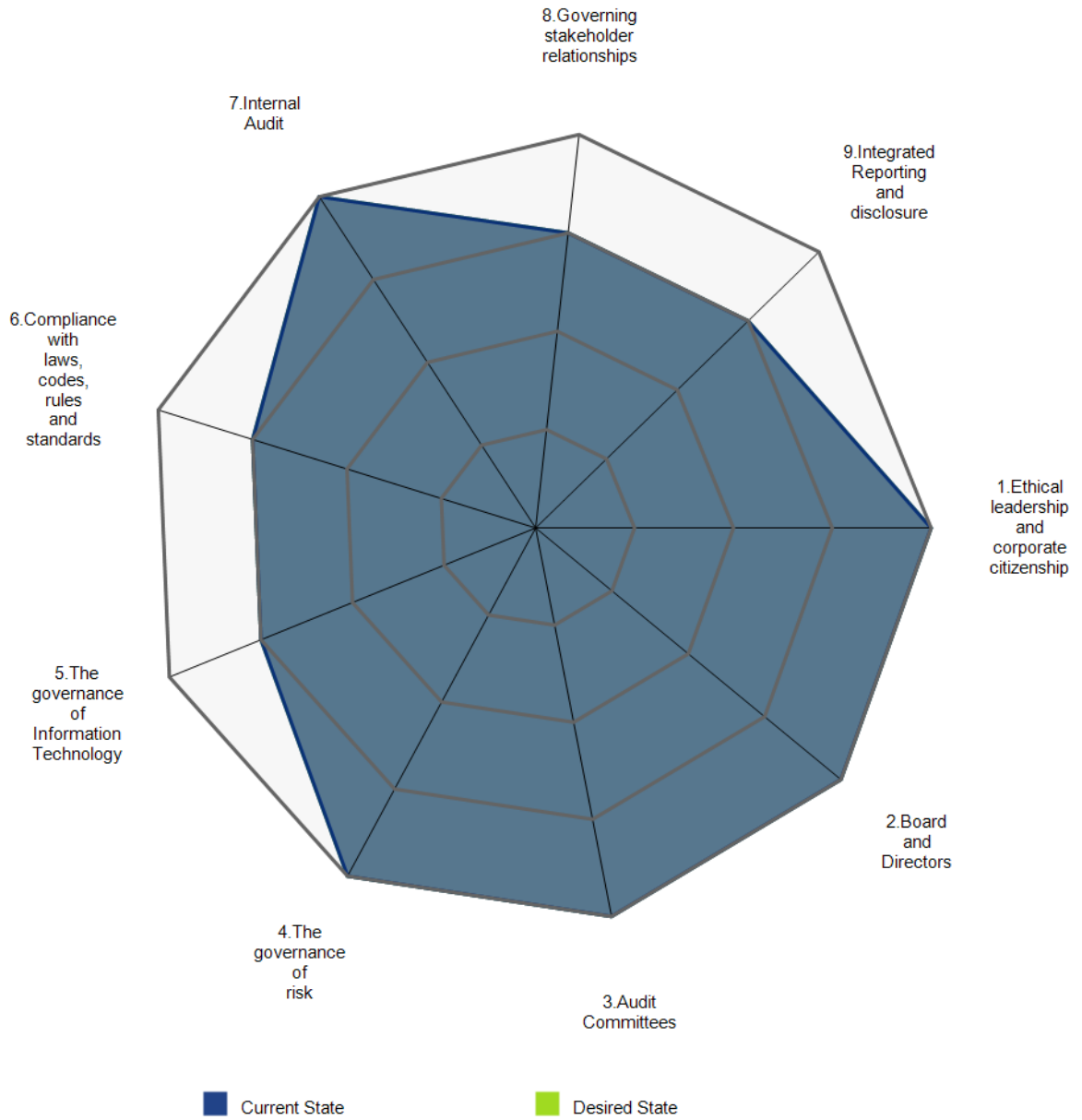
This report is structured following the nine chapters of King III. Each of these chapters are rated by principle.









We have ranked the principles into four stages of maturity and based on your self assessment. Your current and desired state has been rated according to the following:










1. Not adopted,
2. Engaging with the Principles of the Code,
3. Basic Level of Adoption, and
4. Full Adoption/ Leading Practice.

The report provides a summary of your current versus desired state of adoption per principle and also includes management commentary to explain principles that the company choose not to adopt based on the 'apply or explain' voluntary nature of King III.










Executive Summary





















	Principle	Stage of Maturity	Comments
1. Ethical leadership and corporate citizenship			
1.1	The board should provide effective leadership based on an ethical foundation		
1.2	The board should ensure that the company is, and is seen to be, a responsible corporate citizen		
1.3	The board should ensure that the company's ethics are managed effectively		
2. Board and Directors			
2.1	The board should act as the focal point for and custodian of corporate governance		
2.2	The board should appreciate that strategy, risk, performance and sustainability are inseparable		
2.3	The board should provide effective leadership based on an ethical foundation		
2.4	The board should ensure that the company is and is seen to be a responsible corporate citizen		Board ensures that the organisation is seen to be a responsible corporate citizen. This area only covers stage 1 and Stage 4 but Quantum Foods sees itself as Stage 3 i.e. Basic level of Adoption.
2.5	The board should ensure that the company's ethics are managed effectively		Board ensures that the company's ethics are managed effectively. This area only covers stage 1 and Stage 4 but Quantum Foods sees itself as Stage 3 i.e. Basic level of Adoption.









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2.6	The board should ensure that the company has an effective and independent audit committee		
2.7	The board should be responsible for the governance of risk		
2.8	The board should be responsible for information technology (IT) governance		
2.9	The board should ensure that the company complies with applicable laws and considers adherence to non-binding rules, codes and standards		Board ensures that the company complies with applicable laws and considers adherence to non-binding rules, codes and standards . This area only covers stage 1 and Stage 4 but Quantum Foods sees itself as Stage 3 i.e. Basic level of Adoption.
2.10	The board should ensure that there is an effective risk-based internal audit		
2.11	The board should appreciate that stakeholders' perceptions affect the company's reputation		
2.12	The board should ensure the integrity of the company's integrated report		
2.13	The board should report on the effectiveness of the company's system of internal controls		Board reports on the effectiveness of the company's system of internal controls. This area only covers stage 1 and Stage 4 but Quantum Foods sees itself as Stage 3 i.e. Basic level of Adoption.
2.14	The board and its directors should act in the best interests of the company		










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2.15	The board should consider business rescue proceedings or other turnaround mechanisms as soon as the company is financially distressed as defined in the Act		
2.16	The board should elect a chairman of the board who is an independent non-executive director. The CEO of the company should not also fulfil the role of chairman of the board		
2.17	The board should appoint the chief executive officer and establish a framework for the delegation of authority		
2.18	The board should comprise a balance of power, with a majority of non-executive directors. The majority of non-executive directors should be independent		
2.19	Directors should be appointed through a formal process		The board acts as the nomination committee and the appointment is confirmed by shareholders at the AGM.
2.20	The induction of and ongoing training and development of directors should be conducted through formal processes		Informal induction took place in 2015 for new member and in 2016 for current members
2.21	The board should be assisted by a competent, suitably qualified and experienced company secretary		
2.22	The evaluation of the board, its committees and the individual directors should be performed every year		Performed at board level. Committees to be evaluated at the next evaluation.
2.23	The board should delegate certain functions to well-structured committees without abdicating its own responsibilities		
2.24	A governance framework should be agreed between the group and its subsidiary boards		This area only covers stage 1 and Stage 4 but Quantum Foods sees itself at Stage 3 i.e. Basic level of Adoption. Still need to Formalise the framework.





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2.25	Companies should remunerate directors and executives fairly and responsibly		
2.26	Companies should disclose the remuneration of each individual director and certain senior executives		
2.27	Shareholders should approve the company's remuneration policy		
3. Audit Committees			
3.1	The board should ensure that the company has an effective and independent audit committee (private company exception)		
3.2	Audit committee members should be suitably skilled and experienced independent, non-executive directors (subsidiary exception)		
3.3	The audit committee should be chaired by an independent non-executive director		
3.4	The audit committee should oversee the integrated reporting (integrated reporting, financial, sustainability and summarised information)		
3.5	The audit committee should ensure that a combined assurance model is applied to provide a coordinated approach to all assurance activities		Audit committee should ensure that a combined assurance model is applied to provide a coordinated approach to all assurance activities. This area only covers stage 1 and Stage 4 but Quantum Foods sees itself as Stage 3 i.e. Basic level of Adoption.
3.6	The audit committee should satisfy itself of the expertise, resources and experience of the company's finance function		Audit committee should satisfy itself of the expertise, resources and experience of the company's finance function. This area only covers stage 1 and Stage 4 but Quantum Foods sees itself as Stage 3 i.e. Basic level of Adoption.

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3.7	The audit committee should be responsible for overseeing of internal audit		
3.8	The audit committee should be an integral component of the risk management process		
3.9	The audit committee is responsible for recommending the appointment of the external auditor and overseeing the external audit process		
3.10	The audit committee should report to the board and shareholders on how it has discharged its duties		
4. The governance of risk			
4.1	The board should be responsible for the governance of risk		
4.2	The board should determine the levels of risk tolerance		
4.3	The risk committee or audit committee should assist the board in carrying out its risk responsibilities		
4.4	The board should delegate to management the responsibility to design, implement and monitor the risk management plan		
4.5	The board should ensure that risk assessments are performed on a continual basis		

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4.6	The board should ensure that frameworks and methodologies are implemented to increase the probability of anticipating unpredictable risks		
4.7	The board should ensure that management considers and implements appropriate risk responses		
4.8	The board should ensure continual risk monitoring by management		
4.9	The board should receive assurance regarding the effectiveness of the risk management process		
4.10	The board should ensure that there are processes in place enabling complete, timely, relevant, accurate and accessible risk disclosure to stakeholders		
5. The governance of Information Technology			
5.1	The board should be responsible for information technology (IT) governance		
5.2	IT should be aligned with the performance and sustainability objectives of the company		
5.3	The board should delegate to management the responsibility for the implementation of an IT governance framework		
5.4	The board should monitor and evaluate significant IT investments and expenditure		

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5.5	IT should form an integral part of the company's risk management		
5.6	The board should ensure that information assets are managed effectively		Review POPI assessment and plan.
5.7	A risk committee and audit committee should assist the board in carrying out its IT responsibilities		
6. Compliance with laws, codes, rules and standards			
6.1	The board should ensure that the company complies with applicable laws and considers adherence to nonbinding rules, codes and standards		
6.2	The board and each individual director should have a working understanding of the effect of the applicable laws, rules, codes and standards on the company and its business		
6.3	Compliance risk should form an integral part of the company's risk management process		Compliance risk should form an integral part of the company's risk management process. This area only covers stage 1 and Stage 4 but Quantum Foods sees itself as Stage 3 i.e. Basic level of Adoption.
6.4	The board should delegate to management the implementation of an effective compliance framework and processes		
7. Internal Audit			
7.1	The board should ensure that there is an effective risk-based internal audit		

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7.2	Internal audit should follow a risk-based approach to its plan		
7.3	Internal audit should provide a written assessment of the effectiveness of the company's system of internal control and risk management		
7.4	The audit committee should be responsible for overseeing internal audit		
7.5	Internal audit should be strategically positioned to achieve its objectives		
8. Governing stakeholder relationships			
8.1	The board should appreciate that stakeholders' perceptions affect a company's reputation		
8.2	The board should delegate to management to proactively deal with stakeholder relationships		Stakeholder engagement policy in place
8.3	The board should strive to achieve the appropriate balance between its various stakeholder groupings, in the best interests of the company		
8.4	Companies should ensure the equitable treatment of shareholders (only applicable to companies and state owned companies)		
8.5	Transparent and effective communication with stakeholders is essential for building and maintaining their trust and confidence		

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8.6	The board should ensure that disputes are resolved as effectively, efficiently and expeditiously as possible		
9. Integrated Reporting and disclosure			
9.1	The board should ensure the integrity of the company's integrated report		
9.2	Sustainability reporting and disclosure should be integrated with the company's financial reporting		
9.3	Sustainability reporting and disclosure should be independently assured		Reassess on an annual basis.

