

Yuanta Financial Holding Company Independence Criteria for Independent Directors

In order to improve the operational efficiency and duly execute the oversight function of the board and conduct its oversight function to secure public interest, the Company has set four independent directors in place in adherence to Corporate Governance Guidelines. Independent directors shall possess professional knowledge and maintain independence in executing their duties, and shall not have a direct or indirect stakeholder relationship with the Company. The independent directors of the Company not only have to meet the qualification requirements as stipulated in Article 3 of *Regulations Governing Appointment of Independent Directors and Compliance Matters for Public Companies* but are also examined against DJSI criteria for determining independence as an additional reference.

Each independent director's status in relation to DJSI's independence criteria is summarized in the table below:

Independence Criteria (Note 1)	Ming Ling Hsueh	Kuang Si Shiu	Hsing Yi Chow	Sheau Wen Yang
1. The director must not have been employed by the Company in a senior-management executive capacity within the last five years.	V	V	V	V
2. The director must not accept or have a family member who accepts any payments from the Company or any subsidiary of the Company in excess of USD 60,000 during the current fiscal year or any of the past three fiscal years, other than those permitted by SEC Rule 4200 Definitions.	V	V	V	V
3. The director must not be a family member of an individual who is, or during the past three years was employed by the Company or by any subsidiary of the Company as a senior-management executive officer.	V	V	V	V
4. The director must not be (and must not be affiliated with a company that is) an advisor or consultant to the Company or a member of the consulting company's senior management.	V	V	V	V
5. The director must not be affiliated with a significant customer or supplier of the Company.	V	V	V	V
6. The director must have no personal services contract(s) with the Company or a member of the Company's senior management.	V	V	V	V

7. The director must not be a related party of a not-for-profit organization that receives significant contributions from the Company.	V	V	V	Note 2
8. The director must not have been an auditor or accountant of the Company during the past three years.	V	V	V	V
9. The director must not have a conflict of interest with the board of directors itself while serving as a director.	V	V	V	V

Note 1: The field is marked "V" if the director meets the said criteria.

Note 2: Independent director Sheau Wen Yang serves as a director of the Yuanta Cultural and Educational Foundation.