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## Corporate Governance Rating

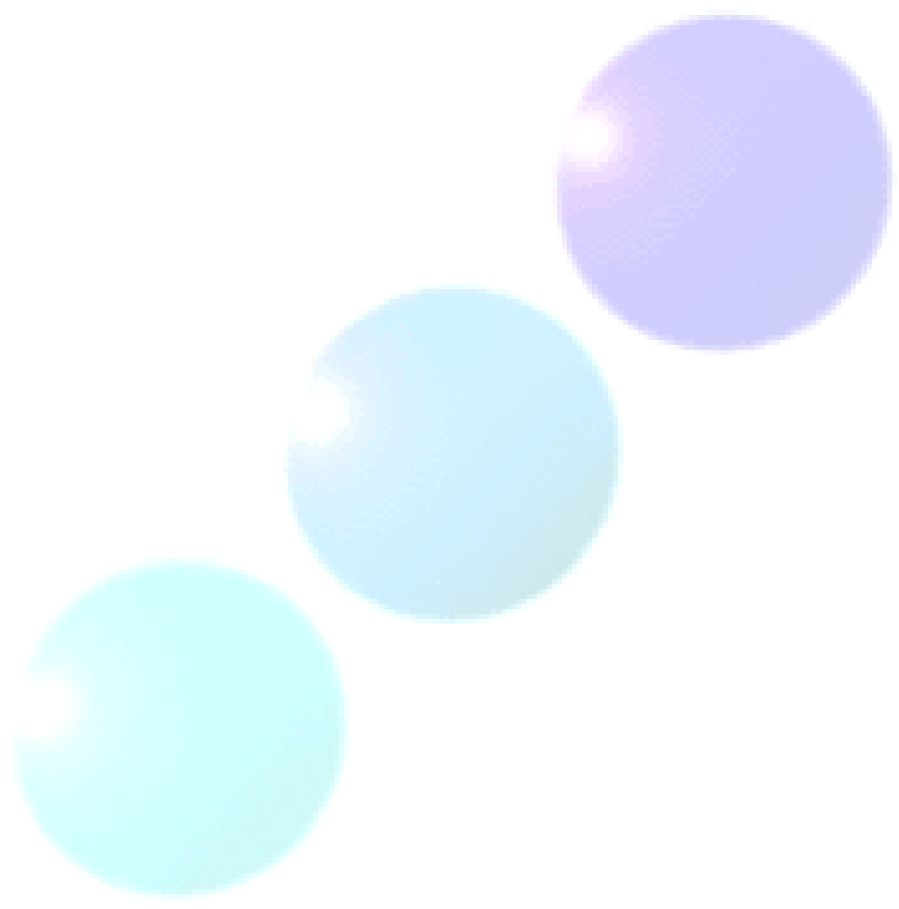
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## TÜRKİYE HALK BANKASI A.Ş.

 **SAHA**  
Corporate Governance Rating:

**9.21**  
**BNK**



**MAIN SECTIONS: Avg. 92.05**

**Shareholders: 94.03**



**Public Disclosure & Transparency: 94.11**



**Stakeholders: 95.91**



**Board of Directors: 87.52**



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## RATING REVISION

The Corporate Governance Rating (8,77) that has been assigned to Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş. on 19.12.2012 is hereby revised up to **9.21**. SAHA's methodology for rating the degree of compliance with the Principles of Corporate Governance is based upon the CMB's Corporate Governance Principles (page 5). In this rating study, SAHA allocated new weights to the four main sections which is designated by Capital Markets Board in April 2013. The new methodology with the new Principles of Corporate Governance will be applied soon and all companies will be rated as per the new Principles and therefore the new methodology.

Furthermore, Halk Bank's degree of compliance with the Corporate Governance Principles is rated within the top Group 1 countries as categorized by the World Corporate Governance Index (WCGI), which is updated by SAHA on 30.01.2013. The details of the World Corporate Governance Index (WCGI) can be reached at [www.saharating.com](http://www.saharating.com)

In consideration of Tofaş's determination to apply corporate governance principles, its willingness to manage this process dynamically and continuously, and finally the improvements affected during the twelve months lapsed since the publication of the previous report, the corporate governance rating of the company is updated and confirmed as above.

Main improvements that affected the above revision are:

- The Corporate Governance Committee have prepared a report on the candidates including the ones nominated by the board and shareholders, by taking into consideration of whether or not the candidate meets the independency criteria and submitted this report to the board for its approval.
- The company has a written employee compensation policy and declared the same on its web site.
- 3 independent members, as defined by CMB's Corporate Governance Principles' Communique, are appointed to form the board of directors.
- Audit committees is formed entirely by independent board members. Corporate Governance Committee is chaired by an independent member.
- The company prepared a policy on donations and grants, approved by the general Shareholders' Meeting, and declared the same on its web site.
- A provision to maintain that transactions and decisions taken by the board of directors that do not comply with those Corporate Governance Principles which are defined as mandatory by the Capital Markets Board will be invalid and the company will fully comply with the Corporate Governance Principles published by the Capital Markets Board regarding the transactions of significance as defined by the Corporate Governance Principles and all transactions with related parties is incorporated in the articles of association of the company.

As the public audience is well aware, a legal prosecution was launched on 17th December 2013 and is being pursued under strict confidentiality. As yet, the details of the case have not been publicly disclosed. The rating in question has been assigned to the corporate entity based on information and declarations prior to the mentioned legal action. The process will be held under close scrutiny and based on new official information pertinent to the case, the ratings might be reviewed as deemed necessary.

The sub-section ratings are revised as follows:

<b><i>Sub Sections</i></b>	<b><i>Weight</i></b>	<b><i>Rating</i></b>
<b>Shareholders</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>94.03</b>
<b>Public Disclosure and Transparency</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>94.11</b>
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>95.91</b>
<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>87.52</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>92.05</b>

## Rating Methodology

SAHA's methodology for rating the degree of compliance with the Principles of Corporate Governance is based upon the CMB's Corporate Governance Principles released on 30.12.2011

The CMB based these principles on the leading work of the Global Corporate Governance Forum (GCGF), which has been established in cooperation with the World Bank and the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). After having incorporated the views and opinions of experts and representatives from the CMB, the Istanbul Stock Exchange, the Turkish Corporate Governance Forum, academicians, private sector representatives as well as various professional organizations and NGOs, the Principles were adopted to reflect the national characteristics and conditions.

Within the Principles, "comply or explain" approach is valid. Some of these Principles are mere recommendations and their implementation thereof is optional. However, the explanation concerning the implementation status of the Principles, if not detailed reasoning thereof, conflicts arising from inadequate implementation of these Principles, and explanation on whether there is a plan for change in the company's governance practices in the future should all be included in the annual report and disclosed to public.

The Principles consist of four main sections: shareholders, public disclosure and transparency, stakeholders and board of directors.

On the foundation of these Principles, SAHA Corporate Governance Rating methodology features over 400+ code criteria. During the rating process, each criterion is evaluated on the basis of information provided by the company officials and disclosed publicly. Some of these criteria can be evaluated by a simple YES/NO answer; others require more detailed analysis and examination.

SAHA assigns ratings between 1 (weakest) and 10 (strongest). In order to obtain the maximum rating of 10, a company should be in full and perfect compliance with the Principles (see Rating Definitions).

In compliance with the CMB's directive and to reach an overall Corporate Governance Rating, SAHA allocates the following weights to the four main sections of the Principles:

Shareholders: **25%**  
Disclosure and Transparency: **25%**  
Stakeholders: **15%**  
Board of Directors: **35%**

To determine the final overall rating, SAHA utilizes its proprietary methodology which consists of sub-section weightings and weightings for the criteria there under. A separate rating is assigned to each one of the main sections as well.

## Rating Definitions

Rating	Definition
9 - 10	The company performs <b>very good</b> in terms of Capital Markets Board's corporate governance principles. It has, to varying degrees, identified and actively managed all significant corporate governance risks through comprehensive internal controls and management systems. The company's performance is considered to represent best practice, and it had almost no deficiencies in any of the areas rated.
7 - 8	The company performs <b>good</b> in terms of Capital Markets Board's corporate governance principles. It has, to varying degrees, identified all its material corporate governance risks and is actively managing the majority of them through internal controls and management systems. During the rating process, minor deficiencies were found in one or two of the areas rated.
6	The company performs <b>fair</b> in terms of Capital Markets Board's corporate governance principles. It has, to varying degrees, identified the majority of its material corporate governance risks and is beginning to actively manage them. Management accountability is considered in accordance with national standards but may be lagging behind international best practice. During the ratings process, minor deficiencies were identified in more than two of the areas rated.
4 - 5	The company performs <b>weakly</b> as a result of poor corporate governance policies and practices. The company has, to varying degrees, identified its minimum obligations but does not demonstrate an effective, integrated system of controls for managing related risks. Assurance mechanisms are weak. The rating has identified significant deficiencies in a number (but not the majority) of areas rated.
<4	The company performs <b>very weakly</b> and its corporate governance policies and practices are overall very poor. The company shows limited awareness of corporate governance risks, and internal controls are almost non-existent. Significant deficiencies are apparent in the majority of areas rated and have led to significant material loss and investor concern.

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This revision, conducted by SAHA A.Ş. analysts and based on their best intentions, knowledge base and experience, is the product of an in depth study of the available information which is believed to be correct as of this date. It is a final opinion about the degree of sensitivity of a company to its shareholders' and stakeholders' rights, its commitment to public disclosure and transparency, and conduct and credibility of its board of directors.

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