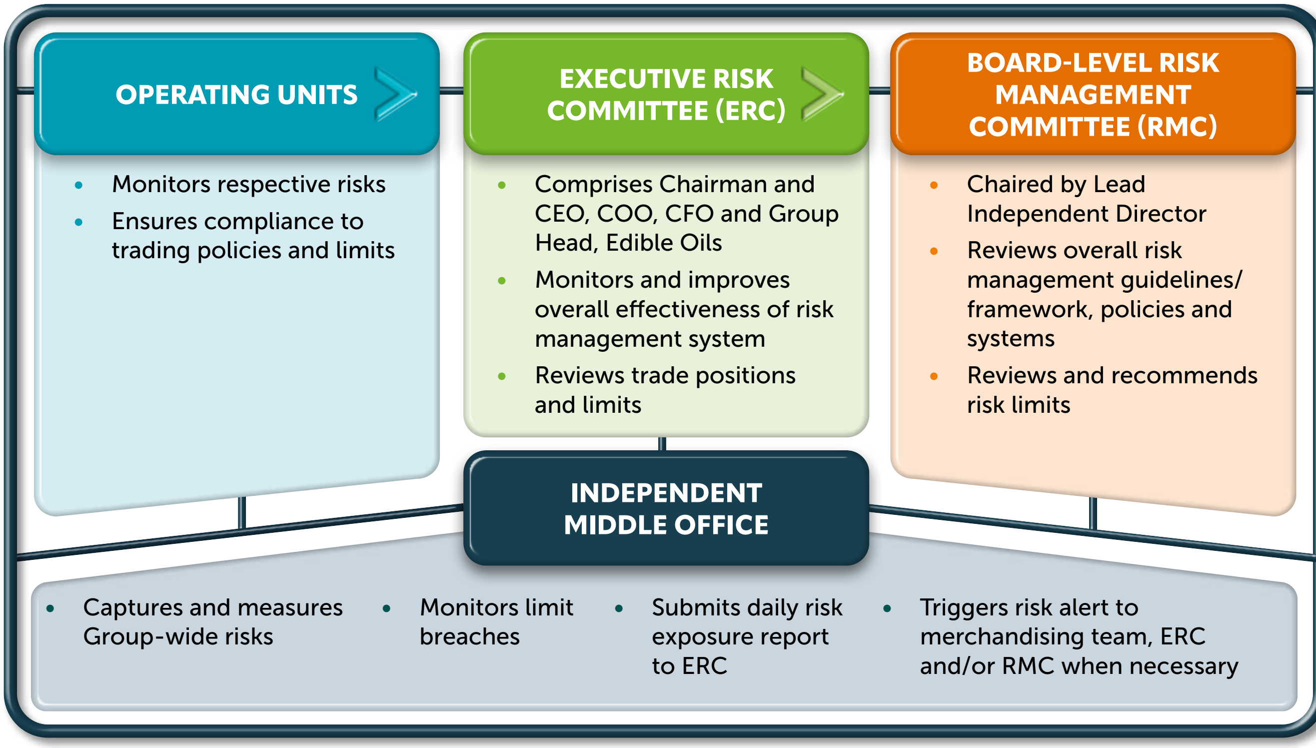
RISK MANAGEMENT



OVERVIEW

We have a robust risk management framework in place to identify, measure, monitor and manage the critical risks we face. The framework, including policies and procedures, is regularly reviewed and enhanced in response to changes in the external environment and business processes.

We proactively evaluate our risks and ensure coverage against our exposure. Our strategic and operational decision-making process continues to be strengthened through transparent communication and risk awareness across the organisation, while ongoing compliance with risk management processes is regularly reviewed.

COMMODITY PRICE RISK

Agricultural commodities prices are very volatile, and are affected by factors such as weather, government policies, global demographic changes and competition from substitute products. In sourcing raw materials and selling manufactured outputs, we are exposed to price fluctuations in the commodities markets because the sale and purchase commitments do not typically match at the end of each business day. To manage such price risks, we carefully monitor and manage our open commodity positions by using forward physical contracts and/or derivatives.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The Group operates in numerous countries with dominant operations in Singapore, People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, Europe, South Africa, Nigeria, Vietnam, India and others. We are exposed to foreign exchange risk in our normal course of business when transactions are denominated in currencies that are different from the functional currency of each business entity. The Group manages our foreign currency risk through a risk management process of exposure identification and measurement. These foreign exchange exposures are then managed through executing hedges in the over-the-counter foreign exchange market, product pricing or structuring natural hedges in our business where possible. These strategies mitigate the adverse impact of foreign exchange volatility on our financial position.

As the Group's reporting currency is U.S. Dollar (USD), we are also exposed to currency translation risk arising from our net investments in foreign operations. The net investments in these countries are not hedged, as the foreign currency exposures are considered to be long-term in nature.

INTEREST RATE RISK

A substantial portion of our borrowings is in the form of trade finance and short-term banking facilities. These are used to fund operations and are transaction-related. Interest expense arising from such financing is subject to the stock holding period assumed at the time of entering into the transaction versus the actual time taken to deliver the physical product and realise the proceeds of sale from the end-customer. Consequently, interest expense is dependent on the volume of transactions and the cash conversion cycle, and it is factored into product pricing. As such, interest rate movements do not have a significant impact on the net contribution margin. The Group's long-term assets are substantially funded by equity. The Group monitors its interest rate risk from floating rate exposures and manages these exposures through the use of financial instruments, such as futures and swaps, as necessary.

CREDIT RISK

The majority of our sales are export sales in bulk, for which documentary credit from customers are required. For domestic sales in China, we may grant our more substantial customers credit terms while requiring cash on delivery or advance payment for others.

New customers' credit worthiness is evaluated by considering their financial standings and operating track records as well as conducting background checks through industrial contacts. In this regard, we benefit from the experience and local knowledge of our wide manufacturing base and distribution network. Actual credit terms and limits to be granted are decided based on the information obtained, and revised according to economic or market conditions. As a practice, we will usually require documentary credit or advance payments for sales to new customers.

Credit facilities granted to existing customers are also reviewed periodically. A customer's current financial strength, payment history, transaction volume and duration of business relationship with us are taken into consideration.

GEOPOLITICAL RISK

Some of the countries in which we operate present geopolitical risks and whilst we acknowledge that investors can no longer afford to ignore these risks and that a stand has to be taken, we are also mindful that being in the essential foods business dealing with non-sanctioned products, we have a responsibility to employees and customers both locally and abroad. We will continue to monitor the situation and navigate our way carefully to ensure that we comply with all relevant laws and regulations in our operations in and dealings with these countries.

RISK GOVERNANCE

Our risk governance structure comprises the Risk Management Committee at the Board level, the Executive Risk Committee and risk management by the respective operating units. The Board-level Risk Management Committee, chaired by the Lead Independent Director, oversees the Executive Risk Committee, reviews the overall risk management guidelines/framework, reviews and recommends risk limits as well as assesses the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management policies and systems.

The Executive Risk Committee comprises the Group's Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Operating Officer (COO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Group Head, Edible Oils. Its responsibilities include, amongst others, the monitoring and improvement of the overall effectiveness of its risk management system, the review of trade positions and limits to manage overall risk exposure.

The Heads of operating units are responsible for monitoring their respective risks and adherence to trading policies and limits set by the Risk Management Committee and the Board.

To achieve effective governance and oversight by ensuring proper segregation of duties, we have a Middle Office which is independent of the front and back office. The Middle Office is responsible for the tracking and measurement of Group-wide risks as well as monitoring adherence to limits. The Middle Office circulates a daily risk exposure report, which is reviewed by the Executive Risk Committee for any significant risk issues. The Middle Office also sends out regular risk alerts to the merchandising team and the Executive Risk Committee when risk exposure is seen to be nearing trigger levels.

The documented risk management policy, which is regularly reviewed, clearly defines the procedures for monitoring, controlling and reporting risk in a timely and accurate manner. We have in place an overall risk tolerance threshold recommended by the Risk Management Committee and approved by the Board. The risk tolerance threshold refers to the maximum potential loss of all open exposures across major products and geographical regions at any given time. The risk tolerance threshold is determined after taking into account of the Group's equity strength and profitability as well as our overall production capacity, price trends of raw materials, management's overall view of the market, track record of the management of risk exposure in the prior period and financial budgets including projected sales volumes and turnover.