

Ms. Sujatha Sekhar

Independent, Non-Executive Director

Sujatha Sekhar who is 59 years old and of Malaysian nationality was appointed to the Board of Directors of Metrod on 29 November 2022. She is also a member of the Audit Committee and Nominating Committee of Metrod.

Sujatha is a senior capital markets professional whose experience encompasses policy and strategy development, governance, compliance, and dispute resolution. She is currently the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG), and has been a Non-Executive Independent Director of Ombudsman for Financial Services (OFS) since September 2020. With over 30 years of experience in legal, governance and capital market work, she brings a depth of experience plus a practical and holistic understanding of financial markets, the regulatory framework and investor concerns and challenges.

In October 2021, Sujatha took on the mantle of Chief Governance Officer & Group General Counsel of Smart Glove Holdings Bhd, bringing her experience in governance and compliance work to the manufacturing sector. Prior to this, she was Managing Partner and Principal Consultant of SSN Consult Plt, during which, she worked as part of a founding team with a fintech start up, responsible for developing the risk and compliance framework for the platform.

She served as CEO of the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC) from 2013 to 2019. As CEO, she helped steer SIDREC's dispute resolution service to be at par with international best practice and in step with developments in the capital market.

Her prior work as a regulator at the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC), included advisory and reform work in both the General Counsel's Office and the Corporate Finance and Investments Business Group. She was also responsible for the development and implementation of the SC's investor education strategy and management of complaints relating to market misconduct and was directly involved in major policy and reform work by the SC.

Sujatha obtained her LLB (Hons) degree from the University of London and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1989 and re-qualified with the Law Society of England and Wales as a Solicitor in 1990. She was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1998 and is an accredited mediator and certified trainer and coach of the Bar Council's Malaysian Mediation Centre.