

## **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PLATFORM**

# HÜRRİYET GAZETECİLİK VE MATBAACILIK A.Ş. Rating for Compliance with Corporate Governance Principles

# **Summary Information**

Rating for Compliance with Corporate Governance Principles



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Relevant Companies []

**Relevant Funds** 

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Disclosure Content	
Is the Disclosure an Update?	No
Is the Disclosure a Correction?	No
Date of the Previous Disclosure Made on the Subject	-
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Title of Rating Institution	SAHA Kurumsal Yönetim ve Kredi Derecelendirme Hizmetleri A.Ş.
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SAHA Kurumsal Yönetim ve Kredi Derecelendirme Hizmetleri A.Ş., which is authorized to carry out rating activities in line with the regulations and resolutions of the Capital Markets Board ("CMB") in Turkey, has updated our corporate governance rating score as 9.26 out of 10 (92.61). The final rating score is determined by assigning a different weight to four sub-categories, in line with the Resolution of the CMB in this respect.

The Corporate Governance Rating Report is available on the website of our Company at

www.hurriyetkurumsal.com.

Respectfully submitted,

	Shareholders	Public Disclosure and Transparency	Beneficiaries	Board of Directors	Corporate Governance Principles Compliance Rating Score
Rating Score for Compliance with Corporate Governance					
Weight	25%	25%	15%	35%	100%
Rating Score Achieved	95.26	98.79	80.52	91.48	92.61

We hereby declare that the above disclosures are in conformity with the principles under the Communiqué on Material Events Disclosure in force, issued by the Capital Markets Board, that they fully reflect the information obtained by us in this matter/these matters, that the information disclosed is in conformity with our books, records and documents, that we have shown due efforts to obtain the relevant information accurately and fully, and that we are fully liable due to these disclosures.



# **Corporate Governance Rating**

Rating Revision



21 September 2022

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## **Corporate Governance Rating**



# Hürriyet Gazetecilik ve Matbaacılık A.Ş. (HURGZ)



9.26



# MAIN SECTIONS: Avg. 92.61 Shareholders: 95.26 Public Disclosure & Transparency: 98.79 Stakeholders: 80.52 Board of Directors: 91.48 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 30 90 100

## **RATING REVISION**

Hürriyet Gazetecilik ve Matbaacılık A.Ş. previous Corporate Governance Rating of 9.26 dated September 21th, 2021, is hereby confirmed as **9.26**. SAHA's rating methodology is based on the Capital Markets Board's (CMB) "Corporate Governance Principles" released on January of 2014.

Furthermore, SAHA publishes (annually) the World Corporate Governance Index (WCGI) which ranks countries in terms of their level of compliance with corporate governance principles as well as their germane institutions, rules, codes, and regulations together with international standards and indices which evaluate countries in a vast array of areas such as transparency, corruption, ease of doing business, etc. Hürriyet Gazetecilik ve Matbaacılık A.Ş. is analyzed as a Turkish company and Turkey takes place at the top classification of the WCGI which is Group 1. Details of the World Corporate Governance Index (WCGI) published by SAHA on May 10, 2022 can be accessed at http://www.saharating.com.

The sub-section ratings are confirmed as follows:

Sub Sections	Weight	Rating
Shareholders	25%	95.26
<b>Public Disclosure and Transparency</b>	25%	98.79
Stakeholders	15%	80.52
<b>Board of Directors</b>	35%	91.48
Total		92.61

# 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 published on January 2014.

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 Principles these 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 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 330 code criteria. During the rating process, each criterion is evaluated on the basis information provided bv company officials and 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 subsection 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. Deserved to be included in the BIST Corporate Governance Index on the highest level.
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. Deserved to be included in the BIST Corporate Governance Index.
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 report, 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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