

## **BOARD CHANGES AT THE SINGAPORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

1. The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) today announced board changes at the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB). These changes will take effect on 1 February 2022.
2. MTI has appointed one new Member and re-appointed five Members to the Board of EDB:

### Appointment of New Board Member

- Mr Desmond Choo Pey Ching  
Assistant Secretary-General  
National Trades Union Congress

### Re-Appointment of Board Members

- Mr Alexander Charles Hungate  
Chief Operating Officer  
Grab Holdings Inc.
- Mr Forrest Li  
Founder, Chairman & Group CEO  
Sea Ltd
- Mr Gan Seow Kee  
Vice Chairman & Honorary Treasurer  
Singapore Business Federation
- Ms Liew Wei Li  
Deputy Director-General of Education (Schools) and Director of Schools  
Ministry of Education
- Mr Magesvaran Suranjan  
President  
P&G (Asia Pacific, Middle East & Africa)

### **In Appreciation**

3. The following Board Members will be stepping down upon the completion of their term on 31 January 2022.
- Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan  
Assistant Secretary-General  
National Trades Union Congress

- Ms Tan Hooi Ling  
Co-founder  
Grab

4. MTI would like to thank the outgoing Board Members for their contributions and welcome the new members to the EDB Board.

*(The write-up of the new Board member, and the full list of Board members of EDB can be found in Annex.)*

**MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**  
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**New EDB Board Member**



**Mr Desmond Choo Pey Ching  
Assistant Secretary-General  
National Trades Union Congress**

Desmond Choo is a Member of Parliament for the Tampines Group Representative Constituency and the Adviser to the Tampines Changkat Grassroots Organisations. Concurrently, he is the Mayor of North East District. Desmond oversees social and community development for 20 constituencies.

Desmond is also the Assistant Secretary-General and Director of Policy Division at NTUC. He oversees economic and social policies, strategic communications and international affairs. He is also the Executive Secretary of the Union of Telecoms Employees of Singapore and Advisor to the Young NTUC Committee.

Within the Labour Movement, Desmond is the Advisor to the Attractions, Resorts & Entertainment Union, Singapore Union of Broadcasting Employees and Union of Security Employees. He is also the Trustee of Singapore Shell Employees' Union.

Desmond also sits on the Board of Directors for Surbana Jurong Pte Ltd and SBSTransit Ltd.

Prior to joining NTUC, Desmond served in various roles in the Singapore Police Force (SPF), Ministry of Manpower and the private sector. He was the Senior Vice President, Investments of Kestrel Capital Pte Ltd. He was also instrumental in leading the acquisition of La Liga's Valencia CF and development of the non-profit Foundation of Valencia CF. He was on the Board of the Foundation of Valencia CF and provided advice on the development of Hotel Football in Manchester, United Kingdom.

Desmond was awarded the SPF Overseas Merit Scholarship in 1997 to study Economics at the University of Chicago.

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**EDB Board Members (as at 1 February 2022)**

**Chairman**

Dr Beh Swan Gin  
Chairman  
Singapore Economic Development Board

**Members**

Ms Jacqueline Poh  
Managing Director  
Singapore Economic Development Board

Mr Desmond Choo Pey Ching  
Assistant Secretary-General  
National Trades Union Congress

Mr Gan Seow Kee  
Vice Chairman & Honorary Treasurer  
Singapore Business Federation

Ms Cindy Hook  
Chief Executive Officer  
Deloitte Asia Pacific

Mr Alexander Charles Hungate  
Chief Operating Officer  
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Mr Forrest Li  
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Ms Liew Wei Li  
Deputy Director-General of Education (Schools) & Director of Schools  
Ministry of Education

Mr Loh Boon Chye  
Chief Executive Officer  
Singapore Exchange Limited

Mr Loh Chin Hua  
Chief Executive Officer  
Keppel Corporation Limited

Professor Ilian Lubomirov Mihov  
Dean  
INSEAD

Mr Png Cheong Boon  
Chief Executive Officer  
Enterprise Singapore

Mr Magesvaran Suranjan  
President  
Procter & Gamble (Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa)

Mr Irving Tan  
Chairman  
Cisco, Asia Pacific, Japan, Greater China (APJC)

Mr Tan Wern-Yuen  
Chief Executive Officer  
PepsiCo Asia Pacific, Australia, New Zealand and China (APAC)