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## Corporate Governance Rating

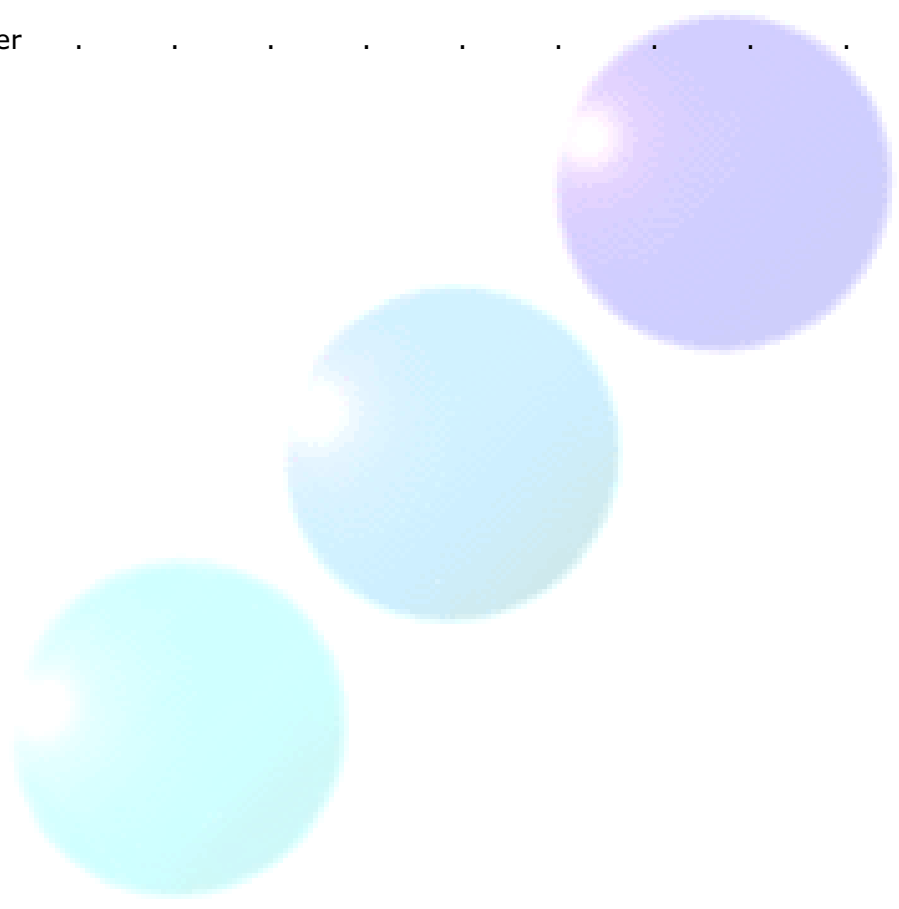
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### Tofaş Türk Otomobil Fabrikası A.Ş (TOAŞO)

 **SAHA**  
Corporate Governance Rating:

**8.95**



MAIN SECTIONS: **Avg. 89.51**

Shareholders: **85.35**



Public Disclosure & Transparency: **91.40**



Stakeholders: **95.02**



Board of Directors: **88.76**



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## RATING REVISION

Tofaş Türk Otomobil Fabrikası A.Ş. (TOFAŞ)'s rating (85.77), which has been assigned in accordance with the CMB's (Capital Markets Board) declaration by using 2013 data for all companies, is hereby revised to **89.51** by using 2014 data in cooperation with TOFAŞ. Our rating methodology (page 5) is based on the Capital Markets Board's (CMB) "Corporate Governance Principles". SAHA's methodology for rating in this study is based upon the CMB's Corporate Governance Principles released on 03.01.2014 and the weights declared by the CMB.

Additionally, in accordance with the World Corporate Governance Index (WCGI) published by SAHA on January 30, 2013, TOFAŞ takes place in Group 1. Details of the World Corporate Governance Index (WCGI) published by SAHA can be accessed at <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 since the assignment of latest rating, the corporate governance rating of the company is updated and confirmed as above.

Main factors that affected the above revision are:

- Investor Relations Department reports to the Board at least once a year.
- There is now a written employee compensation policy which is disclosed to public on the corporate web site.
- Financial statements which are disclosed on KAP (Public Disclosure Platform) with the exception of material disclosures and footnotes, in accordance with the Capital Markets legislation, are being disclosed simultaneously in English.
- The corporate web site of the company now has a security policy.
- The company has in-house procedures for the orientation of new managers.
- The Company has acquired a Directors & Officers Liability Insurance Policy which covers board members as well.
- TOFAŞ has a sustainability policy. Internal regulations, disclosure methods, objectives, initiatives and campaigns are clearly defined.

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>85.35</b>
<b>Public Disclosure and Transparency</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>91.40</b>
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>95.02</b>
<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>88.76</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>89.51</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 03.01.2014.

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 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 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.
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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