

# **Avantfaire Holding Limited**

Disclosure Report

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## **Disclosure Materials**

Certified B Corporations must complete a Disclosure Questionnaire to identify potentially sensitive issues related to the company (e.g. historical fines, sanctions, material litigation, or sensitive industry practices).

This component does not affect the company's score on the B Impact Assessment. If the company answers affirmatively to any items in the Disclosure Questionnaire that B Lab deems relevant for public stakeholders, then, as a condition of their certification, the company must:

- Be transparent about details of the disclosure issues identified on the company's public B Impact Report
- 2) Describe how the company has addressed this issue
- 3) Demonstrate that management practices are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future, when necessary.

In all cases, the Standards Advisory council reserves the right to refuse certification if the company is ultimately deemed not to uphold the spirit and integrity of the community.

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to a background check by B Lab staff. Background checks include a review of public records, news sources, and search engines for company names, brands, executives/founders, and other relevant topics.

Sensitive issues identified through background checks may or may not be within the scope of questions in the Disclosure Questionnaire, but undergo the same review process and are subject to the same possible review by the Standards Advisory Council, including ineligibility for B Corp Certification, required remediation, or disclosure.

This document contains a copy of the company's completed Disclosure Questionnaire and related disclosure documentation provided by the company



# **Disclosure Questionnaire**

#### **Industries and Products**

#### Yes No Please indicate if the company is involved in production of or trade in any of the following. Select Yes for all options that **Animal Products or Services** $\boxed{}$ **Biodiversity Impacts** Chemicals $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Alcohol Disclosure Firearms Weapons** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Mining** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Pornography** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Tobacco** $\boxed{}$ **Energy and Emissions Intensive** $\boxed{}$ Industries Gambling $\square$ **Genetically Modified Organisms** $\square$ Illegal Products or Subject to $\square$ **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Rights Violations Monoculture Agriculture Nuclear Power or Hazardous** $\square$ **Materials** Payday, Short Term, or High $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Interest Lending** Water Intensive Industries $\square$ **Tax Advisory Services** $\square$

#### **Outcomes & Penalties**

	Yes	No	
Please indicate if the company has had any formal complaint to a regulatory agency or been assessed any fine or sanction in the past five years for any of the following practices or policies. Check all that apply.			
Anti-Competitive Behavior		<b>∀</b>	
Breaches of Confidential Information		X	
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		V	
Company has filed for bankruptcy		N.	
Consumer Protection		$\vee$	
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N	
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		$\checkmark$	
Labor Issues		$\searrow$	
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		X	
Litigation or Arbitration		$\vee$	
On-Site Fatality		V	
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V	
Political Contributions or International Affairs		Y	
Recalls		$\vee$	
Significant Layoffs		V	
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		V	
Other		$\checkmark$	



### **Practices**

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the following statements are true regarding whether or not the company engages in the following practices. Check all that apply. If the statement is true, select "Yes." If false, select "No."		
Animal Testing		K
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		V
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		$\searrow$
Company workers are prisoners		$\searrow$
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		$\checkmark$
Confirmation of Right to Work		V
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		$\searrow$
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		K
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		N
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		\
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		V
No signed employment contracts for all workers		V
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		V
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		V

	Yes	No
Sale of Data		V
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells	V	
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		Ŋ
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		N
Workers paid below minimum wage		$\vee$
Workers Under Bond		V
Other		$\checkmark$

## Supply Chain Disclosures

	Yes	No
Please indicate if any of the following statements are true regarding your company's significant suppliers.		
Business in Conflict Zones		V
Child or Forced Labor		N
Negative Environmental Impact		V
Negative Social Impact		V
Other		✓



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

# **Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Tax Reduction Through Corporate Structure**

Topic	Financial Services and Wealth Planning Structures in Tax Havens
Summary of Issue	AvantFaire Holding is an impact investment company with two subsidiaries based in Hong Kong and Singapore respectively. The parent company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands, which has a score of 100 on the Corporate Tax Haven Index.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In Fiscal Year 2022, the effective tax rate for the main subsidiary in Hong Kong was 16.5% and 17% for the Singapore based subsidiary. The overall effective tax rate for the company was 0% as the Hong Kong based subsidiary is loss making with no accessible profit.
Impact on Stakeholders	Companies in the wealth planning structures industry play a significant role in global wealth holding and creation, alongside other financial service companies, especially those who operate in jurisdictions that are known as tax havens for corporations or individuals. Given the important nature of their services, their operations and business models also have associated risks. While a company's specific risk will vary, the most material potential risks related to the industry can be categorized as: concealment of beneficial ownership and wealth sources; money laundering and corruption; and tax evasion and avoidance.
Implemented Management Practices	B Lab has set a high bar for Financial Services in Tax Havens and Wealth Planning Structures Companies. It is documented in B Lab's position that "Wealth planning structures companies and other financial service companies that 1) operate in jurisdictions in the Tax Justice Network's Corporate Tax Haven Index with a 100 Haven Score, and 2) do not exclusively serve clients physically resident in that jurisdiction are currently ineligible for B Corp Certification".  Since Avantfaire was already a Certified B Corp, when those standards were updated (August 2022), the company will be
	allowed to proceed with its certification journey. By next recertification cycle, the company will be required to be compliant with the Financial Services in Tax Havens and Wealth Planning Structures Companies Risk Standards. Therefore, the company will be required to meet in full the requirements



applicable to the financial industry including moving away from tax havens or only serving clients in the jurisdictions where it is registered (if they continue operating in tax havens).