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# GFH ESG Report



## GFH's ESG Framework rests upon three core principles of Responsibility, Nurturing and Integrity

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GFH Operates with Responsibility

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GFH Actively Nurtures our Talent

GFH Acts with Integrity

#### **Material Topics**

- Responsible Finance
- Sustainable Performance
- Environmental Management

Sustainable Procurement

- Community Engagement

- Diversity and Inclusion
- Health, Safety and Wellbeing
- Talent Attraction and Management
- Governance, Business Ethics and
- Data Privacy
- Customer Experience and Relations Digitalization and Innovation

#### Bahrain Vision 2030

- Bahrain stimulates growth by enhancing productivity and skills
- Bahraini nationals and residents enjoy a sustainable and attractive living environment
- A high standard of social assistance gives all Bahrainis an equal start
- A predictable, transparent, and fairly enforced regulatory system facilitates economic growth
- All Bahraini nationals and residents have access to quality healthcare
- Bahrain stimulates growth by enhancing productivity and skills
- A predictable, transparent, and fairly enforced regulatory system facilitates economic growth
- Bahrain stimulates growth by enhancing productivity and skills
- A world-class infrastructure links Bahrain to the global economy

## \_ESG at GFH

The world has arrived at a crossroads to address environmental and societal issues such as climate change, poverty, and biodiversity loss as we collectively have to act in the next decades to minimise massive potential negative impacts on communities and natural life.

The way GFH conducts its business is belied by a responsibility to the communities we serve. Since our inception, and continuously improving our sustainability performance, GFH implemented a range of initiatives related to the we strive to create sustained positive impact. This will unlock environmental, social and governance (ESG) of operations value realization for us and help reach the brighter future we and activities, aimed at affecting lasting a positive impact. envision for the future. To effectively manage and realise the maximum value we can obtain from such initiatives, we are advancing through to ESG issues are a key investment consideration for GFH, and implement formalised ESG policies and frameworks.

This ESG report presents an overview of our approach towards sustainability management, including a snapshot of our ESG framework, along with our 2023 sustainability performance. This information presented covers the activities of GFH a key consideration. Financial Group and its portfolio.

At GFH, we are driven by the vision of discovering, innovating, economic uncertainties or downturns, are resilient, and create and realising value potential across our business lines - and we recognize we can only do this by creating value for all of our stakeholders with a robust, sustainable business model. The ESG Framework we built is aligned with GFH's vision, values, and ESG commitments. We aim to integrate sustainability across our day-to-day activities, operations, and investment decisions.

Through rigorous monitoring, responsible investment decisions

we are increasingly applying these factors as part of the underwriting and investment decision-making processes specifically as they relate to sustainability. We will continue to pursue opportunities in resilient sectors including healthcare, education, technology, and infrastructure with ESG issues as

These sectors are better positioned to withstand potential sustainable value for the future.

#### **Sustainable Development Goals**

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and Well-Being

Quality Education

Gender Equality





Sustainable Cities and Communities

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Clean Energy



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Climate Action

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Life Below Water

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Life on Land

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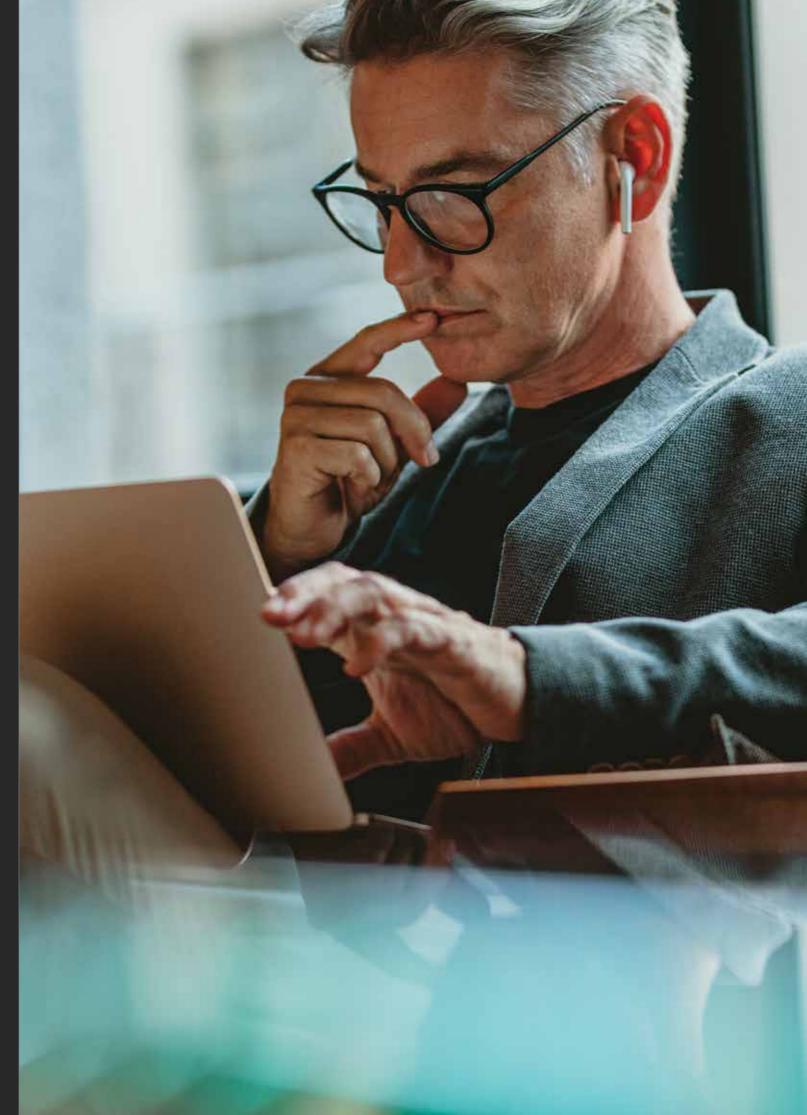


Strong Institutions



Partnerships for





#### **Contribution to the SDGs**

As we expand our horizons to contribute to a more sustainable future, we have taken United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a guide to our ESG management. To fulfil the ambitions of the SDGs, it is vital that the business world also contributes, and we are fully committed to playing our part. In line with the sectors we operate, we have prioritised the SDGs that we can contribute to.

#### **How We Operate Responsibly**

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Clean Water & Sanitation	Affordable & Clean Energy	Decent Work & Economic Growth	Sustainable Cities & Communities	Responsible Consumption & Production	Climate Change Action

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## \_ESG Focus Areas & GFH's Contributions

This special report section highlights GFH's robust ESG performance and positive trends throughout 2023.

#### **Aligning with National Priorities**

We have aligned the GFH ESG management process with the national vision of Bahrain by incorporating key components of the Bahrain Vision 2030 which outlines a sustainable path for the future. The vision sets out the Kingdom's importance on the global stage while providing insight into its unique challenges, culture, and opportunities.

#### **Bahrain Vision 2030 Focus Areas & GFH's contributions**

Ε	Environment	GFH is committed to protecting the Environment
S	Society	GFH is dedicated to community & Social development
G	Governance	GFH adopts best practices & good Governance

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The company has implemented a range of ESG standards and activities to create a lasting positive impact on its group, investments and the markets it operates in. A summary of these activities are outlined here.

#### Associate Partnership with the World Economic Forum (WEF) Promotion of Sports and Healthy Lifestyles

As part of its efforts to enhance its global footprint and forge impactful partnerships, GFH joined forces with the World Economic Forum in 2023 as an associate partner. This collaboration enables GFH's leadership to engage in the Shaping the Future of Financial and Monetary Systems. This organizations to tackle global challenges.

#### Participation in the Future Investment Initiative (FII)

InstituteThe FII Institute is a renowned non-profit global foundation focused on making impactful advancements in Artificial Intelligence & Robotics, Sustainability, Healthcare, and Education. Its partners include major global and regional banking and financial players in addition to market leaders GFH Capital S.A. has expanded its efforts into Saudi Arabia from a variety of industries. In 2023, GFH partnered with the FII Institute to drive initiatives that foster positive change and sustainable development worldwide.

#### **Environmental Conservation Efforts**

GFH is dedicated to environmental sustainability, actively participating in initiatives like the 58th Avenue tree-planting project in the Seef district on World Environment Day. Additionally, GFH launched an internal campaign to eliminate the use of single-use plastic bottles within the company, providing all employees with sustainable, high-quality recycled stainless steel water bottles to reduce plastic waste.

#### Support for Health and Social Impact Initiatives

notably by establishing a state-of-the-art center for prostate cancer treatment equipped with robotic surgery technology, the first of its kind in the region, highlighting GFH's commitment to leading-edge diagnostic and therapeutic innovations. Additionally, in collaboration with the Smile Foundation, GFH organized a walkathon to support pediatric cancer patients, raising funds and awareness for these resilient children.

GFH has been a strong advocate for sports and wellness, demonstrated through its sponsorship of the prestigious Ironman triathlon in Bahrain and its partnership with World Aquatics to establish the region's first aquatic sports center of WEF's annual Davos meeting and contribute to its initiative, excellence, which broke ground at the University of Technology Bahrain. The center will empower high-performance athletes initiative gathers influential figures from the world's leading with a combination of state-of-the-art facilities, world-class coaching and cutting-edge sports science. Furthermore, GFH sponsored the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) 3x3 Manama Masters, showcasing its commitment to enhancing Bahrain's sports infrastructure and promoting Bahrain as a premier destination for sports tourism.

#### **Encouraging Entrepreneurial Growth**

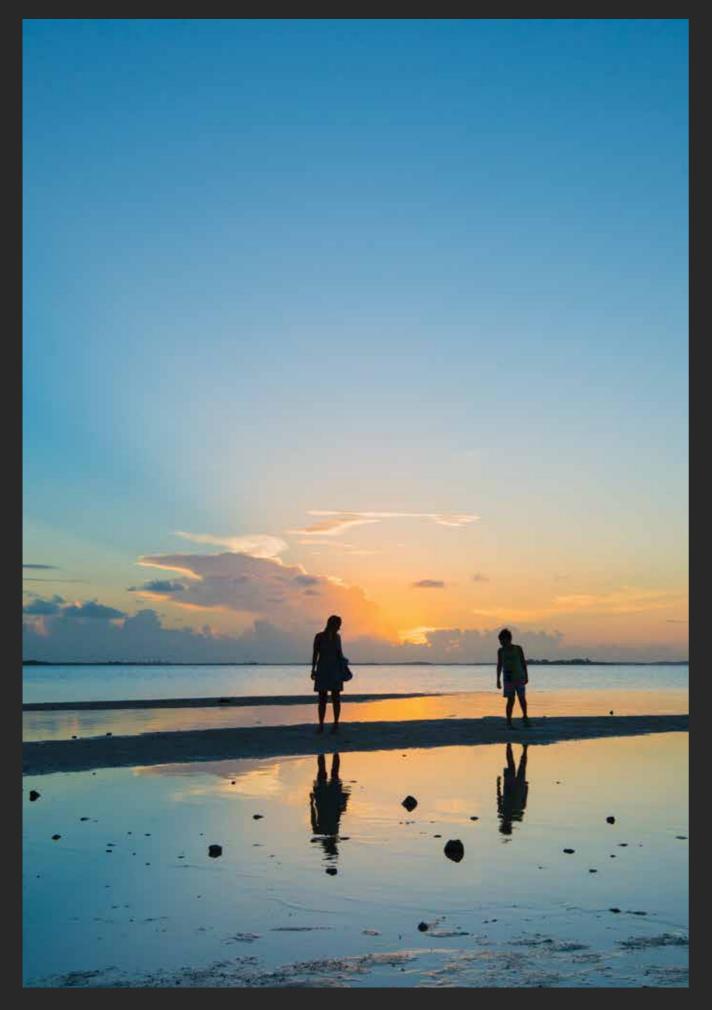
by partnering with Hope Ventures, the investment arm of the Hope Fund, for the production of the entrepreneurshipthemed reality show "Beban". This partnership not only supports the expansion of the show's third season into Saudi Arabia but also aligns with GFH's dedication to fostering entrepreneurship and to empowering aspiring and innovative founders and business models in harmony with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 for economic diversification and development.

#### **Internship Program for Empowering Youth**

GFH's comprehensive internship program provides students from international K-12 schools with practical experience in the financial sector, offering on-the-job training across multiple departments in the Group. The program is designed GFH has been instrumental in advancing healthcare in Bahrain, to prepare the youth for higher education and future employment, fostering skills that contribute to regional economic development.

## \_GFH's Impact on ESG

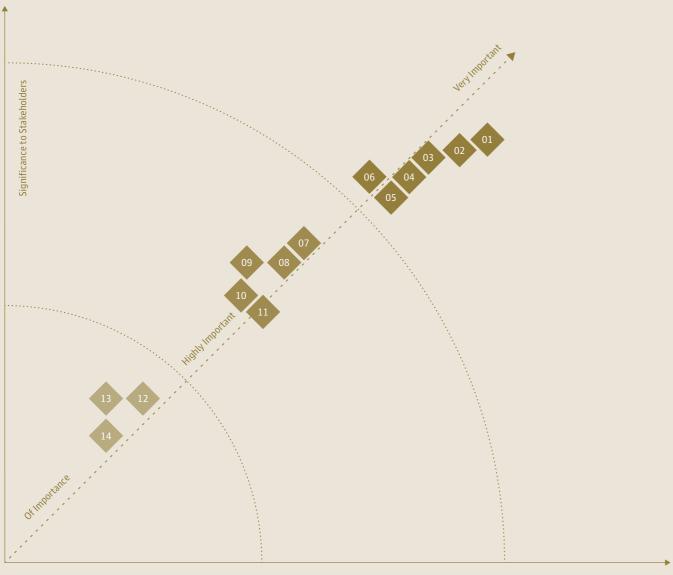
GFH Financial Group has demonstrated its commitment to Environmental, Social, and Governance initiatives in alignment with the Kingdom of Bahrain's Vision 2030 goals, with a clear aim to affect positive change for the communities it serves, locally, regionally and globally.



Our work in minimising our environmental impact. At GFH, we operate responsibly, and are aware that building a strong and dependable business is linked to ensuring the protection of the environment. In line with our vision, we utilize innovative tools to minimize the environmental impact of our business activities. Contributing to the economic future of Bahrain, we also recognize our role to positively impact wider society and the environment. GFH's investment decision-making is in accordance with our ambition to transform the daily lives of the communities we belong to, and we aspire to act in a manner that minimizes the detrimental environmental impacts of our operations.

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Significance to GFH Financial Group

#### **ESG Material Topics**

A materiality assessment took place to provide us an understanding of our ESG Material Topics, those topics has been defined in accordance with Bahrain's Vision 2030 and UN SDGs, and in alignment with each of the ESG segment.

The Materiality Assessment Exercise identified the following material topics:

- 1 Governance, Business Ethics & Compliance
- Sustainable Performance
- Social Responsibility
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Customer Experience and Relations
- 6 Environmental Management
- 7 Talent Attraction and Management

- 8 Health, Safety and Wellbeing
- 9 Community Engagement
- 10 Responsible Finance
- 11 Risk Management
- 12 Data Privacy
- 13 Digitalization and Innovation
- 14 Sustainable Procurement

\_ESG is not an fleeting consideration, it is part of a global, socio-political transformation. GFH understands its role in nurturing the wellbeing of the human family. In this year's report we highlight Group activities we have been undertaking to ensure our ESG journey affects lasting, sustainable change. Our business operations, from the wellbeing of staff to the impact investments have on our environment are regularly reviewed through the ESG framework.

In particular, we are committed to the following practices:

#### **Responsible Finance**

We are committed to creating sustainable wealth for our investors by diversifying our portfolio of investments, contributing to the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030. GFH commits to incorporating ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes.

GFH's Business Units are responsible for taking ESG forward and ensuring its implementation across the investment portfolio where possible and practical. The Business Units shall report GFH has partnered with a recycling company to arrange for regular progress updates regarding the implementation of this Policy to the ESG Committee. Business Units shall analyse and disposal of paper, plastic and general waste. set a dialogue on ESG objectives and risks before making a decision, whilst taking into account return on investments.

#### **Sustainable Performance**

We pursue a diversified asset allocation strategy to adapt environment whilst working closely with our stakeholders to realistically meet expectations.

We developed a strong and consistent ability to identify, successfully bring to market and capitalize on a wide range of solid investment opportunities in some of the world's most dynamic markets and sectors. This approach signifies the Group's investment insights and commitment to increase the value of its assets, and continue to achieve a solid financial performance that reflects to its investors and shareholders.

#### **Environmental Management**

We believe that tackling environmental issues, such as climate change, environmental degradation and pollution should be part of every responsible business' agenda. GFH aspires to act in a manner that minimises the detrimental environmental impacts of its operations.

We also take into account the environmental impact of our investments and financing activities, including greenhouse gas

emissions, waste management, and resource use, as well as to prioritize investment opportunities in renewable energy, lowcarbon transportation, and other sustainable infrastructure projects that contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. We will engage with our clients to encourage sustainable business practices and promote the transition to a low-carbon economy.

#### **In-Office Recycling Program**

recycling stations across all office floors to support responsible

#### **Elimination of Single-Use Water Bottles**

As part of our commitment to protecting the environment and focusing more on eco-friendly workplace, an internal campaign was launched where all staff has been provided with highto the multitude of challenges in an ever-changing macro quality stainless steel recycled water bottles in efforts to eliminate single-use plastic bottle consumption in the office.

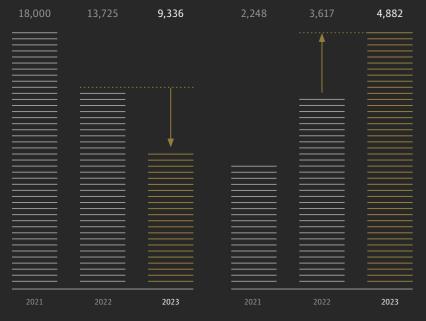
> As part of our investment approach and its indirect impacts, we consider helping minimise the footprint of our investee companies as part of our overall responsibility. Thus, we encourage our investees to manage their environmental impacts in a systematic manner and pursue measures that continuously improve their respective environmental performances. Examples of some of the best practices adopted by GFH investee companies.

#### **Afforestation Campaign**

In line with the Group's commitment to a greener environment, GFH has been committed to raising awareness for environmental preservation and contributing to the agricultural development of the Kingdom. The Seef district;s 58th Avenue project was one of the major afforestation initiatives that GFH sponsored on World Environment Day.

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#### Energy Consumption



35% Increase

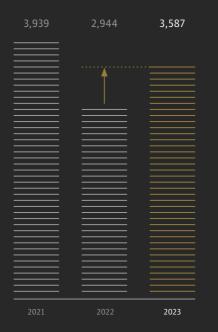
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Attributable to new ventures including new offices and maintaining current offices.

#### 32% Reduction

Petrol Consumption (Vehicles, Units in Litres)

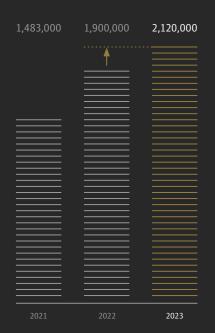
#### **Water Consumption**



#### 22% Increase

Total Water Consumption (Units in m3) Attributable to new ventures including new landscaping and increase in staff.

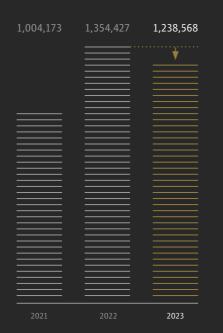
#### **Community Investment**



#### 12% Growth

Community Investment units in USD

#### Procurement



#### 9% Reduction

Procurement spending on local suppliers units in BHD

\_We strive to <u>reduce our environmental footprint</u> due to energy consumption by combating energy waste, raising awareness, investing in energy efficiency measures and continuously tracking our performance.

In 2023, the spending on local suppliers decreased by 9% due to consolidation of suppliers and increase in efficiency of procurement compared to 2022.



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#### **Sustainable Procurement**

Through the approved supplier procurement methodology, measures are being taken to reduce the amount of packaging consumed by the company. This includes but is not limited to, the reduction in consumption of plastic bottles, the distribution of company issued refillable water bottles as well as the use of non-plastic eating utensils.

We stand up for basic human rights and refrain from engaging in business ventures that violate such rights. When possible, we choose to cooperate with local suppliers to help community development and lessen negative environmental effects.

#### **Energy Management**

To reduce climate impacts and increase operational efficiency, we regard energy management as crucial. We strive to reduce our environmental footprint due to energy consumption by combating energy waste by raising awareness, investing in energy efficiency measures, and continuously tracking our performance this year's increase was attributable to new ventures including new offices and maintaining current offices.

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GFH is committed to enhancing social well-being through strategic investments in community health, education, and inclusive growth, ensuring that our ESG practices positively impact the communities we serve.

\_GFH is engaged with the community it serves. We want to change how the communities we work with live their daily lives. In order to give back to the community and enhance the services offered to it, we continue to support a wide range of charitable organizations, causes, and other social infrastructure and service providers as part of our responsibilities, from educational sponsorships to medical equipment for hospitals and financial support to the disadvantaged.

# \_Social

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#### 1. Commitment to Excellence

GFH rewards excellence and gives its employees adequate and consistent opportunities for enhancing their skills between professional excellence and continuous learning.

#### 2. Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Innovation and entrepreneurship are important facts of GFH's business culture, and as part of this culture GFH expects its employees to constantly seek new knowledge and always challenge themselves to do better in what they are already doing well, as well as providing suggestions resulting in significant improvement of business processes.

#### 3. Empowerment

GFH trusts its employees, respects them, and believes in their integrity, and will give them the tools and skills needed to get the job done and sense of confidence needed to take initiatives, manage risks, and adapt to change. GFH requires its managers and supervisors to efficiently delegate responsibilities as required and ensure efficiency in the decision-making process.

#### 4. Teamwork

The best solutions come from working together, therefore employees, including managers, must work cooperatively to realize GFH's objectives.

#### 5. Knowledge & Information Sharing

At GFH, collaborative knowledge sharing among units is highly encouraged to make the most efficient and collective decisions possible within the team.

#### 6. Family & Work Responsibilities

GFH believes that helping its employees meet their family responsibilities is compatible with the teachings of its Glorious Sharia and contributes to increased productivity. Moreover, GFH is committed to having the most progressive benefit schemes for its employees and their families.

GFH treats its colleagues, clients and others with whom GFH does business with respect, dignity, fairness and courtesy. Also, GFH is committed to maintaining a work environment that is free from discrimination.

#### 8. Corporate Social Responsibility

GFH encourages the support of charitable, educational and community service activities with the efforts of the Staff Social Committee continuous initiatives.

# \_Our Talent Management Principles

#### We Nurture our Workforce

stakeholders, primarily our employees. At GFH, we believe that our employees are the key to our success. We offer advanced training and development opportunities for our employees so that they feel appreciated and valued. In addition to attracting the best talent, we strive to promote Bahrainization as well. Moreover, we are dedicated to maintaining a diverse workforce and creating a safe and positive work environment.

In particular, we are committed to the following practices:

#### **Talent Attraction and Management**

We seek the best talent to participate in a special learning journey that is intended to give chosen participants the skills and exposure they need to start a successful career—safe equipment and ensuring the safe handling of all equipment.

while building a talent pool of high-performance future We are committed to creating sustainable wealth for our employees. We invest in our employees' career development providing funds, time and resources for external training and development. Engaging with all employees, and regularly monitoring and assessing employee satisfaction enables the continuous identification and implementation of continuous enhancement to employees' experience.

#### Health, Safety and Wellbeing

We regard presenting a healthy and safe work environment as an indispensable component of a successful business. We take reasonable precautions to promote health and safety in the workplace and create safe working conditions for all employees. This includes providing adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from work activities, maintaining

varied and impactful initiatives across the social spectrum, in Bahrain, the first center of excellence for aquatic sports demonstrating a strong dedication to fostering community in partnership with World Aquatics, and the International well-being, promoting health, supporting sports and lifestyles, Basketball Federation (FIBA) 3x3 Manama Masters reinforces enhancing education, and empowering entrepreneurship.

#### **Strategic Partnerships for Global Impact**

In 2023, GFH solidified its role as a catalyst for positive change by entering into strategic partnerships with the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Future Investment Initiative Fostering Entrepreneurship (FII) Institute. These alliances are central to GFH's mission of leveraging impact investing to tackle global challenges, signifying a forward leap in facilitating significant and meaningful collaborations.

#### **Advancing Healthcare**

GFH has made significant contributions to healthcare in Bahrain. A notable achievement includes the establishment of a specialized center for prostate cancer treatment, featuring the region's first utilization of robotic-assisted surgery systems. highlighting GFH's commitment to leading-edge diagnostic and therapeutic innovations. Furthermore, in a heartfelt endeavor to support children battling cancer, GFH partnered with the Smile Foundation to organize a walkathon in September 2023, raising awareness and crucial funds for the treatment of these brave young fighters.

#### **Promoting Sports and Active Lifestyles**

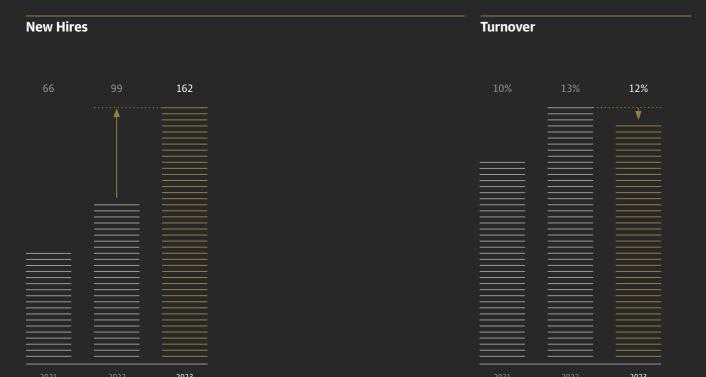
GFH has actively sponsored and supported major sports events, underscoring its advocacy for sports and healthy

GFH's commitment to ESG principles is evident through its lifestyles. The Group's sponsorship of the Ironman triathlon its commitment to nurturing a vibrant sports culture and advancing Bahrain's sports economy. These initiatives are instrumental in promoting Bahrain as a premier destination for sports tourism.

Expanding its horizon into Saudi Arabia, GFH Capital S.A. collaborated with Hope Ventures for the production of "Beban," a reality TV show centered on entrepreneurship. This partnership not only supports the expansion of the show's third season into Saudi Arabia but also aligns with GFH's dedication to fostering entrepreneurship in harmony with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 for economic diversification and development.

#### **Empowering Future Generations through Internships**

GFH's robust internship program offers students from international K-12 schools a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the financial industry. Providing comprehensive on-the-job training across various departments, the program is designed to equip young individuals with essential skills and experiences, preparing them for successful careers and enabling them to contribute meaningfully to national and regional progress.





\_Our goal at GFH is to create a supportive and inclusive work environment where our employees can thrive.

GFH increased its human capital

leadership in 2023.



#### **Social Responsibility**

GFH is committed to promoting human rights and responsible labor practices. We will not invest in companies that violate programs, and relevant industry conferences and events. All internationally recognized human rights standards. We will employees are encouraged to pursue career development prioritize investment opportunities in affordable housing, opportunities. In this respect, it is among line managers' healthcare, and education that contribute to social and responsibilities to help employees and to ensure all employees economic development. GFH will consider the social impact receive fair opportunities for career development opportunities. of our investments, including job creation and the treatment of workers, when making investment decisions.

#### Nationalisation

and many other objective criteria, yet for candidates of similar making hiring decisions.

Finance, we select top Bahraini prospects to undergo a unique our ambition to transform the daily lives of the communities learning journey designed to provide selected participants with the necessary tools and learning exposure to launch a successful career, while creating a pool of high-performance future talent. investors, and the communities we serve every day. We

#### **Training and Development**

We are aware that training and upskilling is an essential and part of this commitment. continuous process for employees at every level to utilise their GFH's sustained success. Hence, we invest in our employees' funds, time and resources for external training and other the ESG fundamental assessment.

opportunities. GFH also provides employees with paid time off for attending training courses, exams, professional certification

We provide training, instructions, and supervision for all employees in line with our Health and Safety Policy that is applicable to all our employees. We also take care of our In line with national agendas, GFH takes affirmative actions employees' wellbeing, offering activities including sport activities in hiring decisions. Employment decisions are made on merit and tournaments, as well as arrangements that promote work-life balance and that enhance physical and mental health in their free calibre, this gives Bahraini citizens priority over others when time and during working hours. Our goal is to create a supportive and inclusive work environment where our employees can thrive.

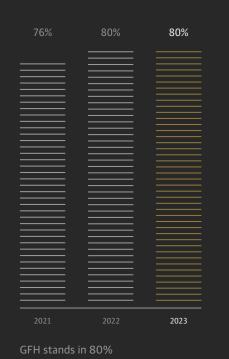
In coordination with the Bahrain Institute of Banking and At GFH, our investment decision-making is in accordance with we're a part of. We are committed to creating sustainable wealth for our stakeholders, primarily our employees, regard building a workplace environment that fosters equality, employee wellbeing, development, and satisfaction as a crucial

potential towards their personal development objectives and ESG Training in its efforts to extend robust knowledge on the importance of ESG, all employees are provided accessibility to career development, which covers providing training, providing ESG training materials, with more than 80 employees passing



#### **Nationalization**

#### **GFH's Total Global Workforce**





17% increase in total global workforce

17

**Training and Development** 

#### **Number of Trainings Conducted**





# \_GFH acts with integrity

Being transparent and straightforward in how we conduct our business is integral to our culture. To operate without compromise and to continuously improve, we implement and regularly update strategies and policies that are aimed at complying with the Group's regulatory and supervisory responsibilities.

80 employees completed ESG specialized training.

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60% increase in trainings conducted.

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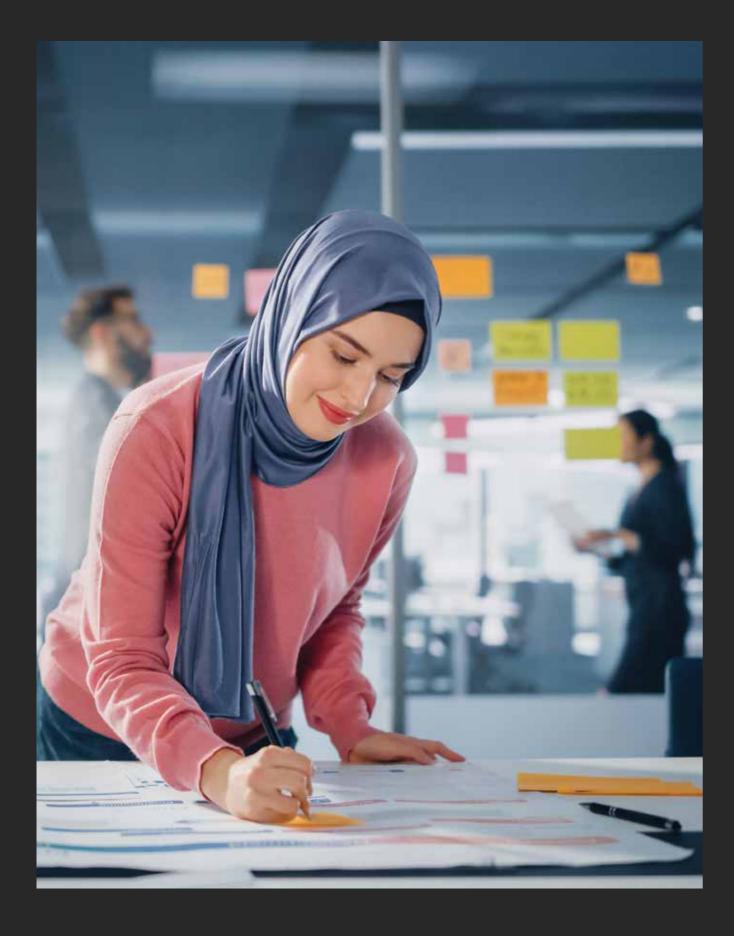


#### **Diversity and Inclusion**

GFH is committed to maintaining an equal opportunity workplace and ensuring diversity and representation across roles and responsibilities. We strive to bridge the gender gap andcommend Bahrain's leadership for emphasising the role of women in advancing Bahraini society. As we aim to balance our workforce gender ratio, we are creating more opportunities for female employees each day. We also participate in a number of initiatives and events to raise awareness around gender equality and women empowerment.

#### **Anti-discrimination**

Our Anti-discrimination Policy assures respect for the personal dignity, privacy, and personal rights of every employee. At GFH, we are committed to maintaining a workplace free from discrimination and harassment. In accordance with this, discrimination on the basis of origin, nationality, religion, race, gender, age, or engagement in any kind of verbal or physical harassment based on any of the above or any other reason is not tolerated. Employees who feel that their workplace does not comply with the above principles are encouraged to raise their concerns with the HR Department. These concerns or occurrences are dealt with in line with our Grievance Policy.



The governance of our group is a fundemental aspect of our continually improving performance.

\_Our ambition to achieve the highest levels of transparency,

accountability and management is bolstered by our robust corporate governance framework, which is designed to support us in meeting our strategic objectives, as well as the interests of our key stakeholders.

Our Corporate Governance framework is aligned with the applicable regulatory requirements and is focussed on assisting us to successfully meet our strategic objectives, maintain steady growth and ensure we effectively serve our clients' and shareholders' interests.

Our Board of Directors has 8 members, out of which six are independent and one is non-executive Board Secretary confirmation/revision. Our Group's control functions all have direct reporting lines to the Board's Audit and Risk Committee to ensure that they carry out their responsibilities with full independence. For more information on our governance systems and relevant boards and committees, please refer to the GFH 2023 Corporate Governance Report which is included on page 6.

# \_Governance

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#### **Review & Assessment:**

Review and assess the implementation and effectiveness of GFH Financial Groups ESG Strategies.





#### **Continual Exploration:**

Explore, advise and wherever possible, approve new ESG opportunities and initiatives.





#### **Performance Efficacy:**

Review the Group's overall performance efficacy against its stated ESG objectives and targets



#### Recommend & Advise:

including new policies implementations, and the proposal of strategic initiatives.



#### **Coherent Alignment:**

Ensure both business and ESG priorities are coherently aligned





#### **Maintain Relevance:**

Be updated on regulatory requirements and laws pertaining to ESG and sustainability disclosures.

### GFH's Six ESG Committee Objectives

We have achieved 88% of our 2023 Internal Audit Plan.



#### **ESG Committee**

In 2022 we have formed the ESG Committee -a management level committee - to oversee the group's overall strategy pertaining to Environmental, Social and Governance aspects, in alignment with local and global regulations and standards.

The charter document of the ESG committee outlines the structure, responsibilities and authorities to ensure highest levels of governance. The members are representations from different internal departments in favor to provide a consolidated and valuable contributions to oversee and continuously develop our ESG best practices and governance.

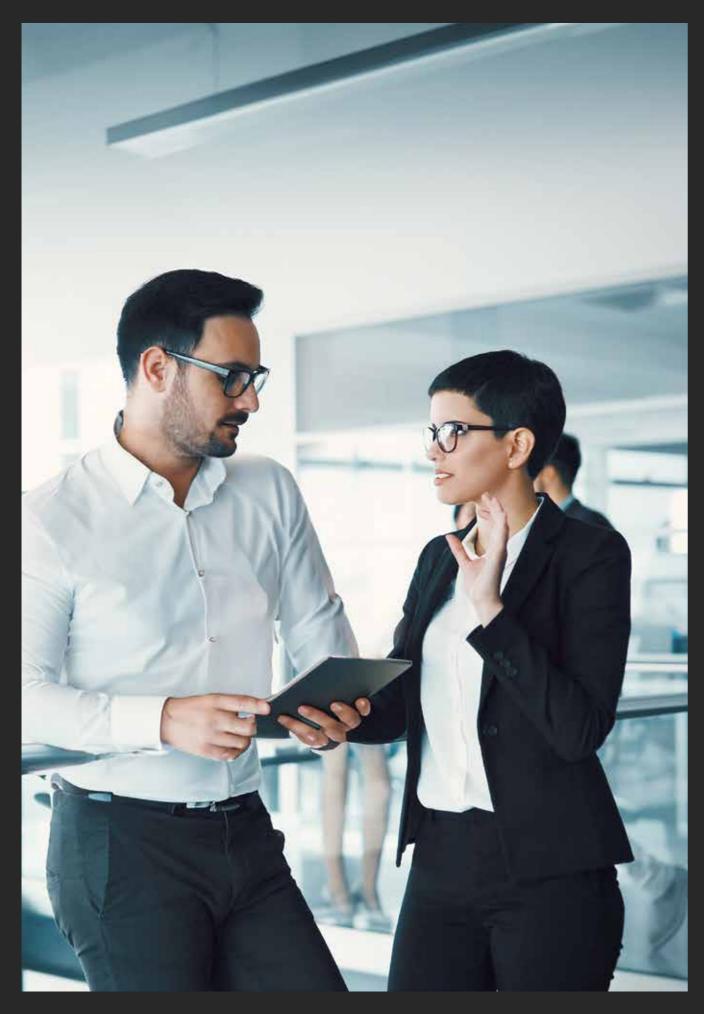
Members of the Committee				
Chief Operating Officer	Chairman of the Committee			
Head of Compliance	Compliance Representative(s)			
Head of Administration	Property / Administration w(s)			
Head of Marketing	Corporate Communications Representative(s)			
Head of Human Resources	Human Resources Representative(s)			
Head of Sharia and Corporate Secretary	Sharia and Governance Representative(s)			
Director - HR & ESG	Secretary of the Committee			

#### **Data Privacy**

GFH Financial Group aims to use digital technologies to its GFH has appointed a Data Protection Officer, who is appointed fullest extent to capitalise on the endless opportunities they by the management (subject to Board or Board Committee offer. However, we are aware of the security and confidentiality approval) to oversee our compliance with applicable data risks these new technologies present.

towards our clients and society as a whole for maintaining the trust in our Group, thus for the sustainability of our activities. To manage these risks effectively, we follow a comprehensive privacy framework, the GFH Data Privacy Manual, prepared and updated in accordance with international regulations and standards. This manual outlines the guidance for obtaining the funding, violations, and breaches if any, and results of audits informed consent and for providing the notice for collecting on the methods and means of processing. and processing the personal/sensitive personal data.

protection laws, other pertinent laws, and issuances by the Data Protection Authority on data privacy, and our Manual. For We regard data privacy and security as one of our crucial duties promoting a privacy culture and continuously improving our privacy performance, we provide new and existing employees trainings, set data security related KPIs to monitor compliance with the data privacy requirements for relevant personnel and submit periodic reports to the Management on latest developments in legislation, training, privacy resourcing and



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#### Risk Management

We are committed to taking a responsible approach to risk management to ensure the continuation of positive long-term growth for all stakeholders. GFH's risk and management framework adopts international best practices to deliver the highest possible level of corporate practice, governance and transparency across all levels and departments in the business.

#### **Customer Experience and Relations**

We attach significant importance to customer satisfaction, and we always strive to improve our practices in line with their feedback from our online portal and automated satisfaction survey directed at the investors. We aim to measure our customer satisfaction on a regular basis to track and monitor methods of enhancing and improving our customers' experiences.

#### **GFH Policies**

- \_ Director's Code of Conduct
- \_ Conflict of Interest Policy
- \_ AML, CFT & KYC Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
  Business Continuity Plan
- \_ Anti Bribery Corruption Policy
- \_ Gift Policy
- Key person Dealing Policy
- Insider Trading Policy
- \_ GFH Corporate Governance Policy

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