

# AUB Group Limited Environmental, Social and Governance Policy

Effective 10 December 2020



## 1. Purpose

AUB Group Limited (**AUB Group**) is committed to being a responsible and sustainable business. AUB Group believes it is good business sense to have corporate social responsibility programs where doing the right thing by our people, our partners and the environment we operate in is part of the AUB Group ethos. The purpose of this Environmental and Social Governance Policy is to set out how AUB Group seeks to achieve that.

AUB Group is committed to connecting, communicating and partnering with the community when and where appropriate.

AUB Group and its controlled entities will also develop and participate in corporate social responsibility initiatives within their business, employee and client “communities”.

AUB Group monitors whether it has any Material Exposure to Environmental Risks and Social Risks through its Risk Management Policy.

Details of AUB Group’s environmental, social and governance assessment to any material exposure, its programs and annual results are outlined in AUB Group’s Annual Report.

## 2. Scope

This Environmental and Social Governance Policy applies to AUB Group and its controlled entities and should be read in the context of AUB Group’s other policies and procedures as varied from time to time (as made available on the AUB website).

## 3. Definitions

**Environmental Risks** means the potential negative consequences (including systemic risks and the risk of consequential regulatory responses) to AUB Group if its activities adversely affect the natural environment or if its activities are adversely affected by changes in the natural environment. This includes the risks associated with AUB Group polluting or degrading the environment, adding to the carbon levels in the atmosphere, or threatening a region’s biodiversity or cultural heritage. It also includes the risks for AUB Group associated with climate change, reduced air quality and water scarcity.

**Material Exposure** means a real possibility that the risk in question could materially impact AUB Group’s ability to create or preserve value for security holders over the short, medium or longer term.

**Social Risks** means the potential negative consequences (including systemic risks and the risk of consequential regulatory responses) to AUB Group if its activities adversely affect human society or if its



activities are adversely affected by changes in human society. This includes the risks associated with AUB Group or its suppliers engaging in modern slavery, aiding human conflict, facilitating crime or corruption, mistreating employees, customers or suppliers, or harming the local community. It also includes the risks for AUB Group associated with large scale mass migration, pandemics or shortages of food, water or shelter.

## 4. Responsibility Areas

AUB Group encourages high standards of business ethics and integrity in all of our activities and commercial arrangements. We will demonstrate these through the following key responsibility areas:

### **Social**

AUB Group is committed to meeting its social compliance responsibilities and has an ongoing program to support ethical practices. AUB Group will seek to identify and practice approaches that help individuals and their families to be effective social contributors.

AUB Group makes a commitment to provide and maintain a safe workplace and balances innovation and advanced thinking for retention of people across all career stages.

### **Environmental**

AUB Group is committed to reducing its environmental footprint.

AUB Group will develop and follow a robust environmental management approach which is designed to:

- minimise waste, and encourage the reuse and recycling of waste items;
- reduce water and energy consumption;
- promote sustainable transport to employees, clients and suppliers; and
- support sustainable procurement and other sustainable work practices.

### **Community**

AUB Group seeks to build and value connections and relationships with the communities in which AUB Group's employees and clients live and work.

AUB Group's external activities aim to enhance the social and economic wellbeing of these communities.

AUB Group subsidiary businesses will also participate in initiatives within their local communities to build and maintain connections with the people in those communities.

### **Stakeholder**



AUB Group views all its stakeholders as integral to the value chain. We seek to establish high quality partnerships with suppliers and service providers and strictly comply with relevant legislation and regulations and corporate governance guidelines. We seek these same expectations from all stakeholders.

AUB Group will aim to ensure all dealings with clients are of the highest quality and satisfaction levels and will ensure corporate behaviour follows the Code of Conduct in all areas of the business.

### **Employee Management**

AUB Group commits to providing a responsible working environment for all its employees. To achieve this, AUB Group creates a corporate culture and environment which attracts and retains reliable, respectful and ethical employees.

AUB Group encourages teamwork, provides fair remuneration, professional development and is an equal opportunity employer respecting human rights and supporting mutual respect between employees and management.

The health and safety of employees is a top priority for AUB Group. Key initiatives include:

- open and consultative safety, health and environment program; and
- access to an Employee Assistance Program.

### **Responsibilities**

Employees and contractors are responsible for:

- adhering to the guidelines of this policy;
- strictly following compliance requirements established by AUB Group; and
- alerting their manager of issues that contravene the tenor of this policy.

Partners and managers are responsible for:

- aiming to ensure employees and stakeholders strive to comply with this policy in all their personal and business dealings associated with their engagement at AUB Group; and
- supporting the operation of this policy by dealing with issues raised by employees and other parties which may be in contravention with this policy and its intentions.

## **5. Role**

The Board, in consultation with the Board Audit & Risk Committee will:

- (a) carefully consider the basis for any determination that AUB Group does not have any material exposure to environmental risks or social risks;



- (b) disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental risks or social risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks; and
- (c) where disclosure is required, determine whether to publish an integrated report or sustainability report including any cross-references to relevant international frameworks or standards, if necessary.

The Board has delegated the stewardship of this Policy to the Chief Financial Officer.

The Board has formally adopted this policy, reflecting a commitment by the Board for accountability across AUB Group to monitor environmental and social risks.

The Board has responsibility for this policy including its regular review and the monitoring of its effectiveness.

## 6. Review

The Committee will regularly review this Policy to ensure it remains appropriate to AUB Group and its ongoing effectiveness and consistency with AUB Group's objectives and responsibilities.

Any amendments to the Policy or membership are to be approved by the Board.

The Group Company Secretary is responsible for the up-keep, distribution and publication of this document.

## 7. Material Revisions

Version	Approval Date	Effective Date	Details
1.0	30 June 2020	1 July 2020	Policy approved by AUB Group Limited Board.
2.0	10 December 2020	10 December 2020	Policy approved by AUB Group Limited Board.