

GUJARAT HOTELS LIMITED

THE GHL CODE OF CONDUCT

Applicable to all directors, senior management and employees of the Company

Preamble

This Code is derived from three interlinked fundamental principles, viz. good corporate governance, good corporate citizenship and exemplary personal conduct.

Philosophy

Gujarat Hotels Limited (GHL) is a professionally managed organisation and the core value underlying our corporate philosophy is “trusteeship”. We believe this organisation has been handed to us by the various stakeholders in “trust” and we as professional managers are the “trustees” of these stakeholders. It is therefore our responsibility to ensure that the organisation is managed in a manner that protects and furthers the interests of our stakeholders. We recognise society as an important stakeholder in this enterprise and therefore it is part of our responsibility to practise good corporate citizenship.

It is also our belief that in order to serve the interests of our stakeholders in perpetuity, we must build **GHL** into an institution whose dynamism and vitality are anchored in its core values.

Corporate Governance Policy

The Corporate Governance Policy is the apex level instrument guiding conduct of the affairs of the Company and clearly delineates the roles, responsibilities and authorities of the key entities in the governance structure of the Company. This Code forms an integral part of the Company's Governance Policy. The directors, senior management and employees must adhere to the Corporate Governance Policy of the Company.

Good Corporate Citizenship

In the conduct of the Company's business, the practice of good corporate citizenship is a prerequisite and embraces the following:

Dealing with People in the Organisation

In dealing with each other, directors, senior management and employees shall uphold the values which are at the core of our HR Philosophy - trust, teamwork, mutuality and

collaboration, meritocracy, objectivity, self respect and human dignity. Indeed, these values form the basis of our HR management systems and processes. In selection and recruitment, while meritocracy will be a *prime* criterion, managers will scrupulously consider all factors that go towards securing the interests of the Company. GHL will focus on meritocracy, equity and upholding of Company values in all people processes including performance management systems appraisals, remuneration and rewards.

A Gender Friendly Workplace

As a good corporate citizen, GHL is committed to a gender friendly workplace. It seeks to enhance equal opportunities for men and women, prevent/stop/redress sexual harassment at the workplace and institute good employment practices.

Sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexually determined behaviour such as: unwelcome physical contact; a demand or request for sexual favours; sexually coloured remarks; showing pornography and any other unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of a sexual nature.

GHL maintains an open door for reportees; encourages employees to report any harassment concerns and is responsive to employee complaints about harassment or other unwelcome and offensive conduct. A committee has been constituted to enquire into complaints and to recommend appropriate action, wherever required.

GHL demands, demonstrates and promotes professional behaviour and respectful treatment of all employees.

Relationships with Suppliers and Customers

All directors, senior management and employees shall ensure that in their dealings with suppliers and customers, the Company's interests are never compromised. Accepting gifts and presents of more than a nominal value, gratuity payments and other payments from suppliers or customers will be viewed as a serious breach of discipline as this could lead to compromising the Company's interests.

Legal Compliance

It is the Company's policy to comply fully with all applicable laws and regulations. Ensuring legal and regulatory compliance is the responsibility of the Chief Executives of the Businesses and the Divisional Management Committees. The Company cannot accept practices which are unlawful or may be damaging to its reputation. Divisional Management Committees must satisfy themselves that sound and adequate

arrangements exist to ensure that they comply with the legal and regulatory requirements impacting each business and identify and respond to developments in the regulatory environment in which they operate. In the event the implication of any law is not clear, the Company's Legal Department shall be consulted for advice.

Health and Safety

The Company attaches great importance to a healthy and safe work environment. GHL is committed to provide good physical working conditions and encourages, high standards of hygiene and housekeeping. Particular attention should be paid to training of employees to increase safety awareness and adoption of safe working methods, particularly designed to prevent serious or fatal accidents.

Environment Policies

The Company believes that commitment to sustainable development is a key component of responsible corporate citizenship and therefore deserves to be accorded the highest priority. Accordingly, the Company is committed to Best Practices in environmental matters arising out of its business activities and expects each business to fully demonstrate this commitment.

In addition to complying with applicable laws and regulations, Businesses must establish procedures for assessing the environmental effects of their present and future activities. They should adopt Best Practices in their environmental policies and procedures.

Personal Conduct

All directors, senior management and employees have the obligation to conduct themselves in an honest and ethical manner and act in the best interest of the Company at all times. They are expected to demonstrate exemplary personal conduct through adherence to the following:

Avoidance of Conflict of Interest

All directors, senior management and employees must avoid situations in which their personal interest could conflict with the interest of the Company. This is an area in which it is impossible to provide comprehensive guidance but the guiding principle is that any conflict or potential conflict must be disclosed to higher management for guidance and appropriate action.

Transparency and Auditability

All directors, senior management and employees shall ensure that their actions in the conduct of business are totally transparent except where the needs of business security dictate otherwise. Such transparency shall be brought about through appropriate policies, systems and processes, including as appropriate, segregation of duties, tiered approval mechanism and involvement of more than one manager in key decisions and maintaining supporting records. All managers shall voluntarily ensure that their areas of operation are open to audit and the conduct of their activities is totally auditable.

Protection of Confidential Information

No director, senior management and employee shall disclose or use any confidential information gained in the course of employment / association with the Company for personal profit or for the advantage of any other person. No employee shall provide any information either formally or informally to the press or to any other publicity media unless specifically authorised to do so.

Company Facilities

No director, senior management and employee shall misuse Company facilities. In the use of Company facilities, employee shall exercise care to ensure that costs are reasonable and there is no wastage.

Leading by Example

The organisation's directors and senior management set the professional tone for the Company. Through both their words and their actions, the organisation's leadership conveys what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. GHIL's directors, senior management and employees must constantly reinforce through their actions and behavior that GHIL's stated beliefs of responsible corporate citizenship are rooted in individual conviction and personal integrity.

Waivers

Any waiver of any provision of this Code of Conduct for a director, senior management or employee must be placed for approval before the Company's Board of Directors / Corporate Management Committee, as appropriate.

Non Adherence

Any instance of non-adherence to the Code of Conduct / any other observed unethical behavior on the part of those covered under this Code should be brought to the

attention of the immediate reporting authority, who shall in turn report the same to the Head of Corporate Human Resources.

Duties of Independent Director

The duties of Independent Directors of the Company, as laid down under Schedule IV to the Companies Act, 2013, are incorporated herein pursuant to clause 49 of Listing Agreement with Stock Exchange. It shall be the duty of Independent Directors to:

- undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the Company;
- seek appropriate clarification or amplification of information and, where necessary, take and follow appropriate professional advice and opinion of outside experts at the expense of the Company;
- strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board Committees of which they are a member;
- participate constructively and actively in the Board Committees in which they are chairpersons or members;
- strive to attend the general meetings of the Company;
- ensure, where they have concerns about the running of the Company or a proposed action, that these are addressed by the Board of Directors;
- keep themselves well informed about the Company and the external environment in which it operates;
- not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or Board Committee;
- pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure themselves that the same are in the interest of the Company;
- ascertain and ensure that the Company has an adequate and functional vigil mechanism and ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism are not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
- report concerns about unethical behavior, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Code of Conduct;
- act within their authority and assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the Company, shareholders and its employees;
- not to disclose confidential information, including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans and unpublished price sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board of Directors or required by law.