

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT FINANCE HOUSE PJSC 2024



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#### 1. Introduction

Finance House PJSC is an Abu Dhabi - headquartered company that was established on 13 March 2004 and commenced its operations on 18 July 2004 as a Finance Company. The principal activities of the Company were commercial and retail financing, financial services and investments until 30 June 2023. As of 1 July 2023, Finance House PJSC ceased to operate as a Finance Company and has become a Holding Company whose main purposes are purchasing and owning shares in other companies as well as providing Share Registrar Services. The major shareholders of Finance House include a number of prominent UAE businessmen, high net worth individuals and dignitaries.

Finance House is listed on the Abu Dhabi Exchange under the ticker symbol FH and is categorized as a "Grade One" company by the Emirates Securities & Commodities Authority (SCA)

## 2. Corporate Governance Philosophy

Finance House PJSC recognizes that a well-considered and established Corporate Governance Framework facilitates effective decision making and builds a strong relationship with stakeholders through a transparent structure that supports high quality disclosures. Finance House PJSC is committed to achieving best practices in corporate governance, business integrity and professionalism. Its Board-approved Corporate Governance Framework is aligned with the company's strategic objectives and reflects applicable regulatory guidelines, including those of the Securities & Commodities Authority ("SCA").

FINANCE HOUSE PJSC has accordingly developed a Corporate Governance Framework and a supporting Corporate Governance Policy that is designed to meet this requirement. A strong governance framework is only as good as the people who operate it. The culture in which we operate supports our commitment to adopting the spirit of the laws and regulations that govern FINANCE HOUSE PJSC. Our corporate values define the way we conduct our business. We strive to lead by example in demonstrating good corporate governance and recognize the importance of effective governance to our owners, our customers, employees and to our communities.

FINANCE HOUSE PJSC's Corporate Governance protocols are overseen by the Board, which directs the Company's affairs and works closely with executive management to set the strategic objectives. The Corporate Governance Policy put in place provides a clear mandate



And expectations around how FINANCE HOUSE PJSC will govern its business. It also has a closely monitored delegation of authority matrix that supports the need for independence in decision-making and escalation of reporting, clearly articulated individual and collective accountabilities; and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

## Statement of ownership and transactions of the members of the Board of Directors and their spouses and children in the Company's securities during 2024

S/N	Name	Position/Kinship	Owned shares as on 31/12/2024	Total Sale Transactions	Total Purchase Transactions
1	Mohamed Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi	Self	36,135,076	0	0
2	Abdulmajeed Ismail Ali Al Fahim	Self	5,000	0	0
3	Mohamed Abdulmajeed Ismail Al Fahim	Son of Mr. Abdulmajeed Al Fahim	1,227,185	0	0

#### 3. Board of Directors

#### Introduction

Pursuant to FINANCE HOUSE PJSC's Articles of Association and in accordance with the applicable UAE Laws & Regulations, the FINANCE HOUSE PJSC Board of Directors consists of Seven (7) members. The composition of the Board satisfies the generally acceptable Corporate Governance practice relating to the separation of Chair and Group Chief Executive and the membership of Non-Executive Directors.

In addition to this, the Nomination Committee monitors the Directors' external Board memberships to ensure that they are not in competition with FINANCE HOUSE PJSC or the Directorships are not of a nature that might affect the Director's ability to exercise independent judgment. In accordance with SCA requirements, FINANCE HOUSE PJSC introduced a declaration form for each Director to (i) confirm his/her total directorships held are within the limits permitted, that (ii) he/she has sufficient time to carry out his/her duties as a board





member, and (iii) his/her outside interests do not create a conflict of interest with his/her role at FINANCE HOUSE PJSC.

The Board is headed by a Non-Executive Chair who is elected from among its members. The Chair has authority to act and speak for the Board, including engaging with the Senior Management. The Chair has a pivotal role in ensuring that the Board is updated on decisions and actions taken between meetings of the Board. The Chair also has oversight of the agenda, ensuring that it reflects the strategic nature of the Board's work.

The Chair is a key ambassador for FINANCE HOUSE PJSC, particularly in its interaction with shareholders. Directors are appointed for a term of three (3) years. At the end of this period, the Board is reconstituted.

Members, whose term of office is completed, are eligible for re-election. The Board may appoint members to fill vacant offices on the Board, provided that the appointment is presented to the first General Assembly following appointment for approval by way of an ordinary resolution of the shareholders.

The Board reviews its current membership regularly to ensure that it has the right mix of skills, diversity and expertise who collectively possess qualifications commensurate with the size, complexity and risk profile of FINANCE HOUSE PJSC, and experience to make effective decisions and staff Board Committees appropriately.

### Responsibilities

The Board of FINANCE HOUSE PJSC has overall responsibility for directing the Company's affairs, to create and preserve value through the operations, and to consider the shareholders and other stakeholders' interests. The Board, either directly or through its committees, is responsible for oversight in different areas such as strategic planning, defining risk appetite, the identification and management of risk, capital management, fostering a culture of integrity, internal controls, succession planning and evaluation of senior management, communication, public disclosure and corporate governance.

The roles and responsibilities are documented in the Corporate Governance and associated policies. The Board is also subject to a comprehensive Code of Conduct, which reflects the Board's role in setting the tone for the conduct of the whole organization.





## The key activities of the Board are as follows:

- ➤ Approve and monitor FINANCE HOUSE PJSC strategy and long term objectives, ensuring alignment with the FINANCE HOUSE PJSC's risk appetite and the risk management framework
- ➤ Review financial performance in light of the strategy, long term objectives and budget, ensuring that where necessary corrective action was taken; including:
  - Approval for unbudgeted capital or operating expenses
  - Approval for material changes to internal organizational structure
  - Approval for major projects that are essential for the overall operation

## Statement of women's representation in the Board of Directors in 2024.

The company abides by women representation in the Board of Directors with a ratio of 1 member from a total of 7 board members.

## Statement of the bonuses, allowances, and fees received by members of the Board of Directors:

Details of the allowances for attending the sessions of committees derived from the Board which were paid to the Board members for the fiscal year 2024:

No allowances have been paid to the members of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year 2024 for attending the sessions of committees derived from the BOD

Details of the additional allowances, salaries, or fees received by a Board member other than the allowances for attending to the committees:

No additional allowances, salaries, or fees have been paid to the Board members.

#### **Board Members' remunerations:**

Total remuneration paid in 2024 to the members of the board of directors for the year 2023 was AED 3,598,000. The remuneration of the Board of Directors for the year 2024 is AED 1,412,000.

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## Transactions conducted with related parties:

The year end balances in respect of related parties are as follows:

Transactions with related parties	Value of transaction in AED (000)		
Loans and advances	117,058 407		
Customers' deposits			
Interest and Commission Income	8,320		
Interest Expense			
Key Management Remuneration	11,408		

## **Board of Directors Meetings**

The Board of Directors held the following meetings during 2024:

Meeting number and date	Meeting 1 14/02/24	Meeting 2 14/05/24	Meeting 3 13/08/2024	Meeting 4 14/11/2024	Meeting 5 24/12/2024
Board Members					
Mr. Khaled Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi	√ (Via Proxy)	<b>✓</b>	✓ (Via Proxy)	√ (Via Proxy)	✓ (Via Proxy)
Mr. Mohamed Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi	1	1	1	1	1
Mr. Ahmad Obaid Humaid Almazrooei	~	~	~	~	✓ (Via Proxy)
Mr. Abdulmajeed Ismail Ali Abdulrahim Al Fahim	1	✓	1	√ (Via Proxy)	1
H.E. Alia Abdulla Mohamed Almazrouei	√ (Via Proxy)	√ (Via Proxy)	✓ (Via Proxy)	√ (Via Proxy)	1
Mr. Murtadha Mohamed Sharif Alhashmi	1	1	1	1	1
Mr. Salah Salem Ebrahim Alsaman Alnuaimi	1	1	1	1	1

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## Number of Board resolutions by circulation issued by passing during the 2024 fiscal year, along with its meeting convention dates

N/A.

## 4. Board of Directors and Executive Management

### Mr. Khaled Abdulla Jumaa Algubaisi

- Chairman of the Board of Directors Non Independent/Non-Executive
- Member since 24 Dec 2009 (Closing 15 years in 2024)
- ➤ Member of Board Investment Committee (IC)

#### Overview

Mr. Khaled Alqubaisi has over 20 years in various sectors, including investments, aviation industry, defense industries, information and communications technology, and clean energy. He holds a Master degree in Project Management from George Washington University and a Bachelor in Finance and Operations Management from Boston University, USA.

## Joint Stock Company Memberships:

Insurance House PJSC – Board Member

#### Other Appointments:

- Abu Dhabi Global Market Board Member
- ➤ Finance House LLC Board Member

#### Mr. Mohamed Abdulla Jumaa Algubaisi

- ➤ Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors Non Independent/Non-Executive
- ➤ Member Since Inception (Closing 20 years in 2024)
- Member of Board Nomination and Remuneration Committee
- Chairman of Board Investment Committee (IC)





#### Overview

Mr. Mohamed Alqubaisi is the Founder of Finance House group of companies. He has a distinguished career as an entrepreneur as well as being a seasoned senior executive in banking and finance within the UAE, spanning over 35 years. He previously served as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, the UAE's largest Islamic Bank at the time. Prior to that, Mr. Alqubaisi served for 10 years at National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD), UAE's largest conventional bank at the time. At NBAD, and at different periods, Mr. Alqubaisi headed the bank's Domestic, International and Capital Markets businesses. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Austin / Texas, USA.

### Joint Stock Company Memberships:

- Insurance House PJSC Chairman
- The National Investor Pr. JSC Board Member
- > FH Capital P.J.S Board Member

### Other Appointments:

- Finance House LLC Chairman
- > Finance House Securities LLC Chairman
- Architectural Consulting Group LLC Chairman
- ➤ The National Entertainment Co. LLC Vice Chairman
- Emirates National Holdings I Person LLC Owner
- Qtes LLC Owner

#### Mr. Ahmad Obaid Humaid Almazrooei

- ➤ Member of the Board of Directors Non Independent/Non-Executive
- ➤ Member Since Inception (Closing 20 years in 2024)
- ➤ Member of Board Investment Committee (IC)

#### Overview

Mr. Ahmed Almazrooei has over 40 years' experience in investments with the last position held as Deputy Director, Alternative Investment Department- Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).





## Joint Stock Company Memberships:

> N/A

### Other Appointments:

- Finance House LLC Board Member
- Ex-Board Member of Tunis& Emirates bank in Tunis
- Ex-Board Member of the Arab International Bank in Cairo
- > Ex-Board Member in the Abu Dhabi Investment Company
- Ex-Board Member of Emirates Global Company's Corporation (EGCC)

## Mr. Abdulmajeed Ismail Ali Abdulrahim Al Fahim

- Member of the Board of Directors –Independent/Non-Executive
- ➤ Member Since 9 Mar 2017 (Closing 7 years in 2024)
- Chairman of Board Audit Committee
- Chairman of Board Nomination and Remuneration Committee
- ➤ Member of Board Investment Committee (IC)

#### Overview

Mr. Abdulmajeed Al Fahim has over 30 years' experience in senior management of large-scale and world-class investment and development projects. He holds a Master Degree of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Toledo in Ohio, USA.

## **Joint Stock Company Memberships:**

- > Insurance House PJSC Board Member
- > FH Capital PJS Chairman

#### Other Appointments:

- Finance House LLC Board Member
- ➤ Emirates National Petroleum Company Pr. JSC Vice Chairman





- > Al Marjan Investments and Development LLC Chairman
- > SANBAN Business Commercial Investments LLC Chairman
- UNII ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY LLC Chairman

### H.E. Alia Bint Abdulla Almazrouei

- Member of the Board of Directors –Independent/Non-Executive
- Member Since 22 Mar 2018 (Closing 6 years in 2024)
- ➤ Member of Board Investment Committee (IC)
- Member of the Audit Committee

#### Overview

➤ HE. Alia Bint Abdulla Almazrouei was appointed as the Minister of State for Entrepreneurship in July 2024, a testament to her dedication to fostering innovation and economic growth within the nation. With a distinguished career that bridges entrepreneurship and public service, H.E. Almazrouei has made significant contributions to both the private and government sectors. She has held several prominent positions within leading government institutions, demonstrating her commitment to the development of the entrepreneurial landscape in the UAE.

## **Joint Stock Company Memberships:**

Insurance House PJSC – Vice Chairman

## Other Appointments:

Minister of State for Entrepreneurship

#### Mr. Murtadha Mohamed Sharif Alhashmi

- Member of the Board of Directors –Independent/Non-Executive
- ➤ Member Since 22 Apr 2020 (Closing 4 Years in 2024)
- Member of Board Nomination and Remuneration Committee
- ➤ Member of Board Investment Committee (IC)





#### Overview

Mr. Murtadha Al Hashmi served as Group CFO of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and the International Petroleum Investment Company (IPIC) and held several positions on the Board of Directors of several International Oil companies, Banks, Investment Companies, Retail and Automotive sectors. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Information Systems from the United Arab Emirates University.

## Joint Stock Company Memberships:

> Insurance House PJSC - Board Member

### Other Appointments:

Finance House LLC - Board Member

#### Mr. Salah Salem Ebrahim Alsaman Alnuaimi

- > Member of the Board of Directors -Independent/Non-Executive
- ➤ Member Since 24 March 2023 (Closing 1 year 09 months in 2024)
- ➤ Member of Board Investment Committee (IC)
- Member of Board Audit Committee

#### Overview

Mr. Salah Alnuaimi has a wealth of experience in portfolio management gained at Abu Dhabi Investment Authority. He is an alma mater of Hull University with a Master's degree in business administration.

#### Joint Stock Company Memberships:

> N/A

#### Other Appointments:

Finance House LLC - Board Member





#### Mr. TK Raman

Chief Executive Officer

#### Overview

Mr. Raman joined Finance House in 2006 as its Chief Operating Officer. He has over 40 years of professional experience across banking, financial services, accounting and auditing, including 37 years in the UAE. Prior to joining Finance House, he held several senior executive positions with MasterCard International, UNB, National Bank of Abu Dhabi, Baker Production Services, Ernst & Young and Price Water House Coopers.

### Other Appointments

- Insurance House PJSC Board Member
- FH Capital PJS Vice Chairman and Managing Director

#### 5. Assessment of the Board of Directors

The annual Board assessment has been conducted by the Chairman with the assistance of the Secretary to the Board of Directors.

During the assessment, several points were indicated to be pivotal in strengthening the Board's seamless operations.

One of the observations is to have an appropriate methodology of collecting digital signatures. We understand that applicable laws allow the implementation of digital signatures and regard them to be valid and have the same force as digital signatures. To that effect, it is encouraged that the Board finds an appropriate alternative to its current double signature method (one being an electronic signature sent through email) and the other being the physical signature. For the year 2025, the Board is to continue with its double signature method until a seamless digital signature pathway is decided, ideally through UAE Pass, after addressing all the risk and privacy implications.

Other observations were raised, including observations with respect to strengthening the knowledge of the Board Members by providing in-house training on various industry-related





topics. Such niche trainings are to be conducted by the heads of the departments where necessary, and over and above any regulatory mandated training.

The external evaluators, During the assessment, provided some insights on how to better operations and effectiveness.

The External Evaluator, M/s Allied Accounting & Auditing, Chartered Accountant Rashid Alsheikh, & Associates provided their feedback on the performance of the Board, and its effectiveness, as per the requirements of Article 12.2 of the SCA Resolution on Corporate Governance as amended.

The External Evaluator pointed out our observations with respect to non-regulatory trainings of the Board Members, which shall be considered in terms of utilizing the Company's in-house experts or external trainers.

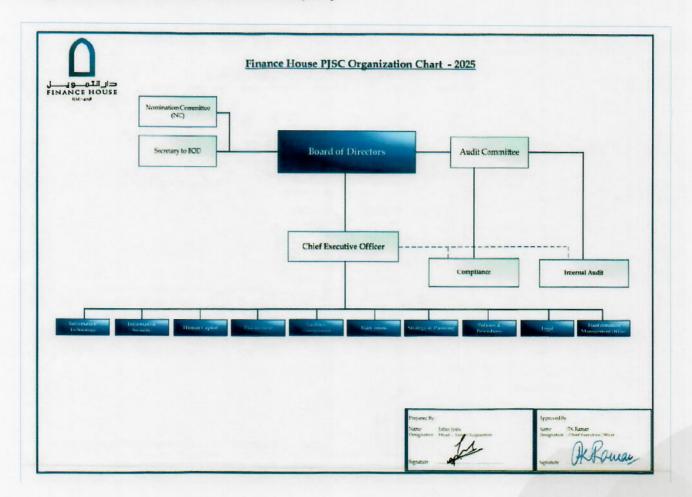
The External Evaluator further provided its report by classifying the practices implemented by the Board as mature in most aspects, which is a positive indication. A room for growth exists, and this is what the Board is looking forward to achieving. Further the evaluators emphasized the incorporation of optimized meeting practices such as including the end time of a meeting over and above the regulatory disclosures.

This evaluation shall assist the Board in having the objective views of an independent evaluator who is acting a fresh eye in guiding the Board to better its effectiveness practices.





## 6. Organizational Structure of the Company



 Senior Management remuneration of Finance House PJSC (Salaries, Bonuses, and Allowances)

Key Management total remuneration amounted to AED 4,720,000 in 2024.

#### 7. Board Committees

#### Introduction

Board committees play a crucial part in the decision making process and they help support the Board in the execution of its responsibilities. These specialized committees help share





the Board's workload and the detailed involvement of Board members allows them to get closer to the business, its activities and the existing control framework. Relevant matters are referred by these committees to the Board. FINANCE HOUSE PJSC board committees are:

## Board Audit Committee (BAC)

The Chairperson acknowledges his responsibility for the committee system in the Company, review of its work mechanism and ensuring its effectiveness.

The Board Audit Committee (BAC) ensures the quality and integrity of financial statements, and financial reporting, oversight of the Group Internal Audit function, External Auditors and other assurance providers, and assesses the effectiveness of internal control, risk management and governance systems.

The BAC consists of three (3) non-executive independent members of the Board. The BAC collectively possesses sufficient knowledge and relevant industry experience on audit, risk management, regulatory compliance, governance, controls, information security and technology.

The BAC is responsible for overseeing the Group's processes and controls on financial reporting and disclosures, internal control system, governance and risk management framework, Group Internal Audit function, appointment and performance of statutory External Auditor.

In 2024, the BAC met twice instead of Quarterly basis due to the resignation of the Group Head of Internal Audit and appointment of the new head, noting that no financial rewards or allowances were paid for attending the BAC meetings.

The BAC was briefed on the achievements and contributions of the Group Internal Audit function including important approvals and other discussions.

The Audit Committee, being composed of members from the Board of Directors, diligently reviews all interim financial reports and the annual financial statements on an ongoing basis. This continuous oversight ensures that key matters related to the financial statements are thoroughly considered and appropriately addressed.



The independence and effectiveness of the external audit process are evaluated annually by the Audit Committee. This evaluation includes a review of the audit firm's performance, quality of service, and adherence to relevant regulatory standards. The Audit Committee follows a structured procedure for appointing or reappointing the external auditor, which includes assessing their qualifications, experience, and independence. Based on the comprehensive evaluation, the Audit Committee makes a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the appointment, reappointment, or dismissal of the external auditor. In the event that the Board of Directors does not accept the Audit Committee's recommendation, the Committee ensures that the rationale for the Board's decision is thoroughly documented and discussed. To maintain the external auditor's independence, the Audit Committee carefully reviews and approves any non-audit services provided by the external auditor, in line with applicable regulations and best practices. The Committee ensures that the scope of such services does not impair the objectivity or independence of the external audit process.

The Head of the Internal Audit Department provides a detailed summary of all outstanding and overdue issues, categorized by risk levels (Critical, High, and Medium), along with an analysis of the three primary root causes contributing to these issues. This summary is presented as a separate agenda item at each Audit Committee meeting for review, discussion, and formal acknowledgment. Additionally, corrective action plans addressing all reported audit issues are outlined and included in the Individual Internal Audit report, which is circulated to the Audit Committee for their review.

# Remuneration and Nomination Committee (NC)

The Chairperson acknowledges his responsibility for the committee system in the Company, review of its work mechanism and ensuring its effectiveness.

The RNC oversees the composition of the Board of Directors and succession planning for Finance House PJSC Executive Management and review the Board of Directors structure and submitting recommendations regarding the changes that may be made.



The RNC comprises of three (3) non-executive board members.
The RNC met one time during 2024 with full quorum, and no financial rewards or allowances are paid for attending the meeting.
The Chairperson acknowledges his responsibility for the committee system in the Company, review of its work mechanism and ensuring its effectiveness.
The IC established in May 2024 as an optional permanent committee to discuss potential investments of Finance House PJSC in detail. The IC comprises of seven (7) Non-Executive Board members.
The Committee has met once, and no financial rewards or allowances are paid for attending the meetings.
It is to be noted that the Investment and Credit Committee (ICC) has been dissolved for lack of purpose post the variation of the company's activity which does not include "credit". On the same subject matter, the BRMC has ceased operating since the change of the activities of the company, noting that the company's compliance, risk, and audit functions have in place a robust risk management systems and streamlined processes across the organization to mitigate any risk.
The function of supervising the insiders' is being monitored by several functions in the organization such as the Investor Relations, Legal, Human Capital, and Compliance under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer, who shall report any significant incident to the Board.
It is ensured that the list of the Insiders is kept up to date and the regulatory authority is updated of any change.  On that note, the Board is satisfied that this mission is being carried out efficiently and hence, the need to have a separate committee is found to be not substantiated.

#### Charters

The charters are included in FINANCE HOUSE PJSC Corporate Governance Framework. The charters provide details of the roles and responsibilities of each of the committees along with the frequency of meetings, quorum requirements for each committee, membership details and the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Committee.





## **Board Committee Membership**

Membership details of the Board Committees are set out below:

Name	IC	Audit	RNC
Mr. Khaled Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi	Member	-	
Mr. Mohamed Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi	Chairman	-	Member
Mr. Ahmad Obaid Humaid Almazrooei	Member	-	
Mr. Abdulmajeed Ismail Ali Abdulrahim Alfahim	Member	Chairman	Chairman
H.E. Alia Abdulla Mohamed Almazrouei	Member	Member	-
Mr. Murtadha Mohamed Sharif Alhashmi	Member		Member
Mr. Salah Salem Ebrahim Alsaman Alnuaimi	Member	Member	-

Statement of the tasks and powers of the Board of Directors carried out by a member of the Board or the Executive Management during 2024 based on a delegation from the Board, specifying the duration and validity of the delegation according to the following table:

No.	Name of the delegated person	Delegation Validity Delegation diffation		
1	Mr. Khaled Abdulla Jumaa Karam Alqubaisi	December 2025	3 Years Power of Attorney	
2	Mr. Mohamed Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi	December 2025	3 Years Power of Attorney	
3	Mr. Mohamed Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi	For the period of 2024	Delegation on the Board Assessment matter	
4	Mr. Mohamed Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi	2024	Special Resolution to amend the AOA for which the Vice Chairman was delegated to finalize the formalities.	
5	Mr. Mohamed Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi	2024-2025	Project Aton – Establishing a company and sign on establishing papers.	



## Statement of details of transactions carried out with relevant parties (stakeholders) during 2024, including the following:

No.	Statement of the relevant party	Explanation of the nature of the relationship	Transaction type	Transaction Amount (AED)
1	F H CAPITAL PJS	Advisory and management expense	Commercial	(1,250,000.00)
2	FINANCE HOUSE LLC	Interest expense	Commercial	(33,015,257.58)
3	FINANCE HOUSE LLC	SUKUK Expense	Commercial	(348,000.00)
4	INSURANCE HOUSE PJSC	SUKUK Expense	Commercial	(428,000.00)
5	F H CAPITAL PJS	SUKUK Expense	Commercial	(456,000.00)
6	Talent Management Services LLC	Manpower Services Expense	Commercial	(3,261,280.71)
7	INSURANCE HOUSE PJSC	Insurance Premium Paid	Commercial	(1,316,818.64)
8	FINANCE HOUSE LLC	SLA income	Commercial	10,000,000.00
9	INSURANCE HOUSE PJSC	SLA income	Commercial	6,000,000.00
10	F H CAPITAL PJS	SLA income	Commercial	300,000.00
11	Finance House Securities Co. LLC	SLA income	Commercial	499,999.92
12	Finance House Securities Co. LLC	Rental income	Commercial	262,500.00

#### 8. External Auditor

## **External Auditor Appointment and Fees:**

Grant Thornton Audit and Accounting Limited (Grant Thornton UAE), one of the top 10 audit firms worldwide, was approved to be the external auditor for auditing and reviewing the financial statements of the Company at the Annual General Assembly meeting held on





23/04/2024 for a total fees of AED 220,000 per annum until the end of the financial year 31/12/2024.

Name of the partner auditor	Samer Hijazi
Number of years served as an external auditor for the Company	1 Year
The number of years that the partner auditor spent auditing the company's accounts	1 Year
Total fees for auditing the financial statements of 2024(AED)	AED 220,000
Fees and costs of the special services other than auditing the financial statements for 2024 (AED), if any, and in case of absence of any other fees, this shall be expressly stated.	Nil
Details and nature of other services provided (if any). If there are no other services, this matter shall be stated expressly.	Nil
This matter is explicitly stated. Statement of the other services performed by an external auditor other than the Company's auditor in 2024 (if any). In the absence of another external auditor	No services were provided by any other external auditor during 2024 other than Grant Thornton UAE.

## 9. Business Ethics & Transparency

#### **Business Ethics**

In addition to the Board Code of Conduct, Finance House P.J.S.C. has a comprehensive employee Code of Conduct that applies to directors, employees and subsidiaries of Finance House P.J.S.C. The Code of Conduct defines inappropriate behaviour and the process and outcomes for the identification and reporting of such behaviour. To ensure effective understanding and implementation of our codes of conduct and other compliance requirements, we have dedicated help desks and compliance team that employees can engage with to answer questions. Any person who fails to comply with the Code and all applicable laws is subject to disciplinary measures that commensurate with the level of breach.

Finance House P.J.S.C. has a number of functions committed to engagement and communication with external stakeholders. These include Investor Relations, Corporate Communications, Regulatory Compliance and Corporate Governance. In addition, internal transparency and disclosure is considered from operational, ethical and regulatory





perspectives, ensuring that staff are aware of Finance House P.J.S.C. developments, strategies, risks and their personal responsibilities and duties, whilst protecting customer and personal data confidentiality, sensitive information and confidential commercial information. These are embedded in the Employee Code of Conduct and Finance House P.J.S.C. systems.

Stakeholders, both internal and external to Finance House P.J.S.C. also have access to a Whistleblowing helpline that provides an independent and secure means for stakeholders to raise concerns or complaints regarding irregularities, suspected fraud and other alleged wrongful conduct in a confidential manner without fear of retaliation. This strengthens our culture of transparency and trust within Finance House P.J.S.C. Our supporting policy provides guidance on when to blow the whistle and explains the mechanisms for reporting a concern, and how that concern will be investigated. The helpline is confidential and independent to ensure the protection of whistleblowers.

### **Transparency**

As matter of transparency, FINANCE HOUSE PJSC would like to disclose the following fundamental financial information & remunerations:

Transactions equal to 5% or more of the share capital:

No.	Statement of the related parties	Clarifying the nature of the relationship	Type of transaction	Value of transaction in AED (000)
1	FINANCE HOUSE Securities	Subsidiary	Loan & Advances	0
2	FH Capital	Subsidiary	Deposit	0
3	INSURANCE HOUSE	Subsidiary	Deposit	0
4	FINANCE HOUSE LLC	Subsidiary	Deposit	0
5	FINANCE HOUSE LLC	Subsidiary	Transfer of assets and liabilities of Finance House PJSC to Finance House LLC, as mandated, required and approved by the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE), submitted for the approval of the general assembly, and the General Assembly noted that both entities' financials are and shall remain under the consolidated financial statements of the Group.	N/A



## 10. Internal Control System

The Board of Directors oversees the Internal Control System at Finance House PJSC and has implemented various processes and procedures to ensure its effectiveness. The audit and compliance functions are integral part of the internal control system; yet they operate independently to maintain impartiality and strengthen governance.

The internal control system continuously evaluates the effectiveness of controls, ensuring they function as intended. It also monitors whether Management has taken action to address any identified deficiencies and weaknesses. In 2024, Internal Control did not encounter any significant issues within the Company.

#### **Internal Audit**

Finance House's internal audit function is managed by Mr. Mohammad Inam Ikram- Head of Internal Audit since October 2024. He holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Oxford Brooks University, UK and is Certified Internal Auditor (CIA-USA). His other professional qualification includes Association of Chartered Certified Accountant (ACCA, UK) and Certified Practicing Accountant (Australia).

Mr. Mohammad Inam is responsible for reporting the internal audit function's findings to the Senior Management and to the Audit Committee on a regular basis and during 2024, the internal Audit Department issued six reports.

#### Compliance

Finance House's Compliance is responsible for ensuring that all relevant and regulations are adhered to.

The Compliance function consist of following personnel:

Mr. Ghassan Mouzawak, who holds an MBA and the CAMS certification coupled with over 27 years of experience in the Banking sector between Compliance and Internal Audit was assigned by the Board of Directors on 11 July 2023 as the Head of Compliance for Finance House PJSC and was granted sufficient independence to perform his duties as requested.

#### 11. Violations committed during financial year 2024.

Finance House PJSC did not commit any material violations during the year 2024.





## 12. Company's contributions during 2024 toward the local community development and environmental conservation

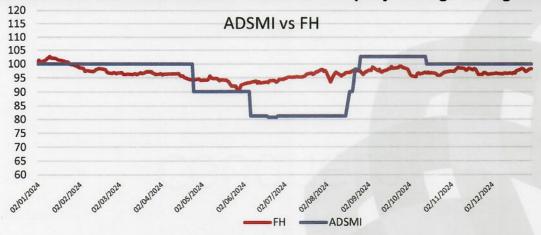
The company has not made any cash and in-kind contributions during 2024.

#### 13. General Information

Statement of the company share price in the market (closing price, highest price, and lowest price) at the end of each month during the fiscal year 2024.

Date	Open (AED)	High (AED)	Low (AED)	Close (AED)
31/12/2024	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14
30/11/2024	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14
31/10/2024	2.20	2.20	2.14	2.14
30/09/2024	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20
31/08/2024	1.74	2.20	1.73	2.20
31/07/2024	1.74	1.74	1.57	1.74
30/06/2024	1.93	1.93	1.73	1.74
31/05/2024	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93
30/04/2024	2.14	2.14	1.93	1.93
31/03/2024	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14
29/02/2024	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14
31/01/2024	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14

Statement of the comparative performance of the company share with the general market index and the sector index to which the company belongs during 2024.





Statement of the distribution of shareholder ownership as of 31/12/2024 (individuals, companies, governments) classified as follows: local, Gulf, Arab, and foreign.

No.	Shareholder classification	Percentage of owned shares
		Total
1	UAE Nationals	77.32%
2	GCC Ownership	0.10%
3	Foreign Ownership	22.37%
4	Arab Countries	0.22%
5	Total	100%

Statement of shareholders who own 5% or more of the company's capital as of 31/12/2024 according to the following table:

No.	Name	Number of owned shares	Percentage of shares owned in the company's capital
1	Gulf National Development Center LLC	44,091,088	14.5593%
2	Mohamed Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi	36,135,076	11.9322%
3	Bloom Universal FZCO LLC	31,316,814	10.3411%
4	Finance House PJSC	30,284,579	10.0003%
5	GNCD International Inc.	26,435,994	8.7294%
6	Visualize Media LLC	22,780,000	7.5222%
7	Mohammed bin Ahmed bin Saeed Al Qasimi	19,241,547	6.3537%

Statement of shareholders distribution according to the volume of ownership as of 31/12/2024 according to the following table:

No.	Ownership of the shares (share)	Number of shareholders	Number of owned shares	Percentage of shares owned from the capital
1	Less than 50,000	1585	2,938,073	0.97%
2	From 50,000 to less than 500,000	114	20,997,266	6.93%
3	From 500,000 to less than 5,000,000	31	41,944,805	13.85%
4	More than 5,000,000	9	236,957,600	78.25%





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Statement of special resolutions presented at the General Assembly held during 2024 and the actions taken in this regard.

<u>Special Resolution: Ratify the Board's recommendation on the adjustment of negative fair values against the positive Statutory Reserve of the Company subject to SCA & Shareholders' Approvals.</u>

The Shareholders were notified that the Statutory Reserve of Finance House stands at AED 73,179 million. This reserve is in full compliance with the statutory requirements set forth by the Federal Law No. 32 for year 2021 on Commercial Companies. However, the recent financial assessments have highlighted a critical need for an intra- Shareholders' Equity adjustment on the Company's balance sheet, in order to facilitate a simplified view of the financial position of the Company to all readers of the Company's audited financial statements.

The Company's Shareholders' Equity, as it currently stands, includes a negative accumulated losses of AED 55,677million. It is proposed to net- off this negative accumulated losses against the positive Statutory Reserve, that currently stands at 24.16% of the Paid Up Equity Capital of the Company.

This strategic clean-up process is aimed to enhance the clarity of the Company's financial position to all readers, irrespective of their financial literacy level.

#### Special Resolution: Amendment of the Articles of Association

The Shareholders approved the amendment of the Articles of Association and to re-instate it with respect to the Company's purpose, as well as other articles, and to remove the





references to the Central Bank of the UAE' rules and regulations, as the Company is no longer regulated by the Central Bank of the UAE.

Amongst the articles to be amended are: the Preamble, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32, 40, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 60, 61.

The Shareholders hereby authorized the Vice Chairman, Mr. Mohamed Abdulla Jumaa Alqubaisi, EID No. 784-1964-1309527-2 with all the necessary powers to effect the stipulated amendments and any other amendments proposed by the competent authorities to amend the articles of association of the Company, obtain all the approvals of the competent authorities and the regulatory authorities to implement this resolution and authorize him to sign and authenticate all documents before all competent authorities, local or federal, and the Notary Public in implementation of the above mentioned resolution.

<u>Special Resolution:</u> ratification of the transfer of assets/liabilities to a related party:

- Based on prior regulatory approvals obtained, ratification of the transfer of assets/liabilities from Finance House PJSC to Finance House LLC, whilst remaining under the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

## Name of the rapporteur of the Board of Directors' meetings and date of appointment:

Fatima Ayad Rauf Jamaluddin. Appointed on 14 February 2022 at the Meeting Number 01/2022.

A detailed statement of the material events and important disclosures that the company encountered during 2024.

No Material events occurred except for the disclosure highlighting the end of the share buyback program on 19 August 2024. Other disclosures were related party disclosures enumerated in the respective section.

A statement of the deals made by the company with related parties during 2024 that equate to 5% or more of the company's capital:

Transfer of assets and liabilities of Finance House PJSC to Finance House LLC, as mandated, required and approved by the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE), submitted for the approval of the general assembly. It is to be noted by the General Assembly that both entities' financials are and shall remain under the consolidated financial statements of the Group. No other deals equate to 5% or more of the company's capital were concluded.





Statement of the percentage of nationalization in the company by the end of 2022, 2023, and 2024 (excluding workers for companies operating in the contracting field)

Year	2024	2023	2022
% of Emiratis in the company	3%	2%	5%

## Statement of the innovative projects and initiatives that the company has undertaken or is currently developing during 2024

No	Event or Campaign	Event or Campaign overview	Campaign Start Date	Campaign end date	Communication Channels	Campaign Cost
1	Finance House Launched eco- friendly thermoses	The organization has transitioned from single-use plastic bottled water to eco-friendly thermoses across the entity.	01/01/2024	24/12/2024	Distribution of Thermoses to our staff and customers/clients/exte rnal parties	AED27,000
2	Blood Donation	Conducted blood donation day in support to Abu Dhabi Health Services (SEHA) drive to save lives	24/01/2024	24/01/2024	Staff Announcement and Social Media Post	AED2,800
3	Employee Winter Gathering	Our Employee Winter Gathering was a celebration of teamwork, camaraderie, and appreciation, bringing our people together to create lasting memories. By prioritizing employee well-being and engagement, we continue to strengthen our organizational spirit, aligning with our ESG principles that promote social responsibility and a thriving work environment	26/01/2024	26/01/2204	Staff Announcement	AED26,695
4	Ras Al Khaimah's Valley Clean Up Campaign	Finance House has partnered with Ras Al Khaimah's Public Services Department to support initiatives aimed at creating a greener future. This collaboration reflects our dedication to environmental sustainability and fostering meaningful partnerships for a healthier, more sustainable future.	03/02/2024	03/02/2024	Staff Announcement, Press Release and Social Media Post	AED20,000
5	Our Youth Our Responsibility, Our Zakat Our Immunity	Finance House is proud to support this year's initiative "Our Youth Our Responsibility, Our Zakat Our Immunity" in partnership with Abu Dhabi University and the Zakat Fund. This meaningful campaign aims to empower deserving university students, regardless of nationality, by providing opportunities to pursue higher education. We have	08/03/2024	08/04/2024	Staff Announcement and Social Media Post	AED0.00

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		encourage our staff and customers to be part of this initiative.				
6	International Women's Day 2024 and Mother's Day	At Finance House, we remain committed to empowering women and fostering gender equality, recognizing the vital role they play in shaping a more inclusive and equitable society.	21/03/2024	21/03/2024	Staff Announcement and Social Media Post	AED0.00
7	Earth Hour	Participated to the world Earth Hour Day. Branches have turned off the lights for an hour during the earth hour day	23/03/2024	25/03/2023	Staff Announcement and Social Media Post	AED0.00
8	Iftar Meal Box Distribution	This initiative reflects our dedication to giving back to the community during the blessed month of Ramadan. By providing meals to those in need, we offer not just sustenance but also hope and support, embodying the values of compassion, unity, and generosity. Together, we continue to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others.	04/04/2024	04/04/2024	Staff Announcement and Social Media Post	AED20,900
9	International Mother Earth Day	Finance House celebrates International Mother Earth Day by raising awareness about the urgent need to address plastic waste. By promoting small actions such as using reusable bags and bottles, we aim to inspire change and support eco-friendly initiatives for a cleaner, healthier environment.	22/04/2024	22/04/2024	Social Media Post	AED0.00
10	Supporting Education and Professional Development	Finance House was proud to host students and mentors from Birmingham City University, London, in collaboration with Abu Dhabi University's College of Business and their Internationalization Office.	25/04/2024	25/04/2024	Social Media Post	AED0.00
11	Cultural Diversity	We take pride in our commitment to diversity and inclusion as part of our ESG framework. Our team, drawn from every corner of the globe, is united by shared values, mutual respect, and a collective vision for success. We celebrate the diversity that makes us stronger and the unique perspectives everyone brings to our organization.	21/05/2024	21/05/2024	Staff Announcement and Social Media Post	AED0.00
12	Health Check Up	We collaborated with Al Mushrif Children's Speciality Center (SEHA) to host the "IFHAS" comprehensive periodic testing for our UAE national employees and "Flu Vaccination Day" for all staff. This initiative reflects our dedication to employee	22/10/2024	22/10/2024	Staff Announcement and Social Media Post	AED0.00



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		well-being, fostering a healthier workplace, and promoting preventive healthcare.				
13	UAE National Day	Finance House P.J.S.C. marked UAE National Day with a traditional event. The occasion was enriched by a captivating traditional dance performance, showcasing the cultural vibrancy of the UAE. Employees enjoyed the atmosphere in beautifully arranged tents, where they had the chance to explore Emirati arts and crafts, along with savouring delicious delicacies like "Reqaq" and "Luqeimat," catered by a local Emirati entrepreneur in our support local small entrepreneurs.	28/11/2024	28/11/2024	Staff Announcement and Social Media Post	AED53,000
14	Internships Program	We took significant steps toward fostering the growth and development of UAE national talents aligning with our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the sustainable development of the local workforce. As part of this effort, we welcomed five young UAE nationals for internships lasting between 4 and 16 weeks, offering them practical, hands-on experience that aligns with their graduation requirements	Throughout the year	Throughout the year	Social Media Post	AED253,522
15	Staff Trainings	Our commitment to ongoing development to our employees is reflected in our monthly training sessions, which equip our team with the tools and knowledge to excel in their careers. We also held comprehensive training sessions for our staff to enhance their expertise, to ensure quality assurance, and team-building activities.	Throughout the year	Throughout the year	Social Media Post	
16	Career Fairs	We aimed to attract and engage fresh graduates with more focused on UAE nationals who are passionate about pursuing careers in the financial sector. By offering these opportunities, we seek to help bridge the talent gap in the region, support the UAE's long-term economic vision, and empower the next generation of leaders in the financial industry.	Throughout the year	Throughout the year	Staff Announcement and Social Media Post	AED0.00
17	Emiratization	By providing opportunities for development, mentorship, and career advancement, we continue to support the empowerment of local talent and contribute to the growth of the UAE's economy and workforce.	Throughout the year	Throughout the year	Staff Announcement and Social Media Post	AED0.00



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18	Strengthening Information Security	Information Security remains a cornerstone of Finance House PJSC's commitment to cybersecurity, risk management, and regulatory compliance. By safeguarding the organization's digital landscape, Finance House PJSC ensures the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of critical systems and data across it's group. Throughout the year, significant milestones were achieved in strengthening FHG's security posture and aligning with global and regional regulatory requirements. Through continuous improvements in security frameworks, risk management, and compliance, Information Security plays a pivotal role in supporting FHG's mission and long-term success in an increasingly complex cyber landscape.	Throughout the year	Throughout the year	Regulatory communications	AED30,000
19	FHS and FH injection of AED 300 million in the local market	Finance House, alongside Finance House Securities, has agreed to inject AED 300 million into the Abu Dhabi capital market. This strategic investment aims to stimulate economic growth, promote market liquidity, and create greater opportunities for investors. Through this partnership, Finance House continues to support the UAE's financial sector while contributing to sustainable growth and development in the region.	18/10/2024	31/12/2024	Staff Announcement, Press Release and Digital and Social Media Posts	AED0.00

The Corporate Governance Report will be available to shareholders, stakeholders and stock market customers through the Company's website, the Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) and Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) websites, in compliance with disclosure and transparency and in accordance with the requirements of corporate governance. The management is ready to answer any queries.

Signature of the Chairman of the Board of Directors	Signature of the Audit Committee Chairman	Signature of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Chairman	Signature of Head of Internal Audit
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Date:28/03/2025	Date:28/03/2025	Date:28/03/2025	Date:28/03/2025

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