

# MCA CONSULTING EXCELLENCE DECLARATION

**GHD ADVISORY** 



# THE MCA IS THE HOME OF CONSULTING EXCELLENCE, THE GROUND-BREAKING SCHEME FOR THE UK'S LEADING MANAGEMENT CONSULTING FIRMS.

UK consulting is renowned around the world. MCA members make vital contributions to the economy, public services and our national life. Consulting is a great profession, a real vocation. In Consulting Excellence, MCA members have created a scheme that celebrates consulting's value and commits them to the highest standards of ethical behaviour, client service, professionalism, diversity and inclusion, and sustainability. Available only to MCA members, Consulting Excellence is the badge of quality in consulting. It will help clients make better buying decisions. It will promote collaboration between clients and consultants to achieve great outcomes. And it will help MCA firms recruit and retain the best people.



As a member of the MCA, GHD Advisory is committed to upholding the Principles of Consulting Excellence.

### THE THIRTEEN PRINCIPLES

As signatories to Consulting Excellence, MCA members firms commit themselves to adopt the Principles.

### **ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR**

Consulting Excellence firms work with clients, partners, employees and other stakeholders in an ethical way. This means:

- 1. We are responsible and good citizens.
- 2. We conduct our business ethically.
- 3. We foster an ethical culture.

### **CLIENT SERVICE AND VALUE**

Consulting Excellence firms promote the highest standards of client service and value. This means:

- 4. We provide excellent consulting services which deliver the outcomes clients seek and need.
- 5. We are transparent with clients and respond to their concerns.
- 6. We always strive to improve the value we can deliver to our clients.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Consulting Excellence firms develop the capabilities of their consultants, provide career development opportunities and support the welfare of all their employees. This means:

- 7. We undertake training and professional development planning each year.
- 8. We promote strong core consulting capabilities and specialisms in our consultants and teams.
- 9. We support our employees' career progression, professional development and welfare.

## COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Consulting Excellence firms are committed to diversity and inclusion within their workplace and workforce. This means:

- 10. We respect and embrace diversity and inclusion and understand the importance and positive benefit of people from different backgrounds working for our companies and our clients.
- 11. We recruit and retain people from a diverse talent pool and strive to build cultures where difference is valued, respected and celebrated at all levels. Furthermore we are committed to developing diverse future leaders and ensuring their progression in the industry.
- 12. We support industry efforts to improve progress on diversity and inclusion, implementing best practice and monitoring the diversity of the consultancy sector workforce over time. This includes encouraging the collection of data to assess the effectiveness of D&I policies and participating in the MCA annual report.

# **COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY**

Consulting Excellence firms are committed to sustainable development within their organisations and their work with clients. This means:

13. We commit to ensuring that our firms operate in an increasingly sustainable way and strive to ensure that sustainability is considered by our clients in our work with them.

