



SMI VANTAGE LIMITED

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2023

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This Sustainability Report (SR2023) covers SMI Vantage Limited's ("SMI" or the "Group") strategies, initiatives and performance in relation to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues. It covers the sustainability performance of the Group's operations for the financial year 2023 (FY2023) from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

The Sustainability Report follows the Global Reporting Initiative ("GRI") Standards 2016, Core option. Unless otherwise stated, the report covers the ESG performance of the Group across its core operations in Singapore and Myanmar. The Group has not sought external independent assurance for the preparation of this report.

In addition, as part of our continual efforts on improving the report, we also welcome stakeholders to submit their feedback to enquiries@sin-mi.com.

OUR BUSINESS AND STRATEGIES



Dear Stakeholders,

Sustainable growth is an important consideration for SMI's business. The Board of Directors of SMI (the "Board") has considered the sustainability topics as part of our business strategy. The Board oversees the monitoring and management of the material ESG aspects.

In prior years, we have established some sustainability targets in our inaugural sustainability report. This year, we need to advise that only limited progress could be made as most of the operations in Myanmar, particularly our largest operation Travel Retail, have been gradually reopening.

We have opened our first innovative Robochef outlet in Singapore on 31st March 2023. This incorporates ground-breaking AI technology to food preparation. We have incorporated the extensive use of paper packaging for food service and we will seek to increase the usage of environmentally responsible packaging and presentation. We have also introduced plant-based seafood substitutes into the Robochef menu.

Measures have been taken to reduce plastic usage in our Food & Beverage (F&B) and Travel & Fashion Retail operations, reducing plastic bag usage as well as the usage of plastic cups in our restaurants. In the upcoming years, we will look into implementing more initiatives to further reduce plastic waste in our operations.

We have continued to provide opportunities for selected personnel in Myanmar to gain overseas training. We have also supplied dedicated transport so that those working

in the domestic market can move safely and securely between their homes and places of work. In Singapore, we have implemented flexible work arrangements.

We greatly value our people and seek to continue to grow our talent pool through our investments in training and development of our employees which we plan to renew after recovery of the local economy and opening up to international travel.

We have contributed to the development of local communities by creating jobs, paying taxes and doing business with local enterprises.

SMI is listed on the Main Board of Singapore Stock Exchange and is led by an experienced and talented management team. SMI has established itself as a partner of choice for many international brands, companies, and businesses.

OUR BUSINESS AND STRATEGIES



Travel and Fashion Retail

World class multi-category duty free brands supplied by OFS and a wide range international fashion and lifestyle brands at the International Airport and in domestic malls



Food and Beverage

Franchise or license agreements with reputable F&B brands, such as Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf and Ippudo. Beverage distribution of Wine, Monin Syrups and San Pellegrino Water to hotels and restaurants, patisseries and coffee shops.



The Company had opened its first RoboChef Outlet in Singapore in end-March 2023.

Logistics Services

International standards of logistics services including trucking, warehousing and cold storage facilities.



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Our key stakeholders include our employees, investors, business partners, the community, government departments and national agencies and we review our ESG commitments taking into account input and obligation from these stakeholders.

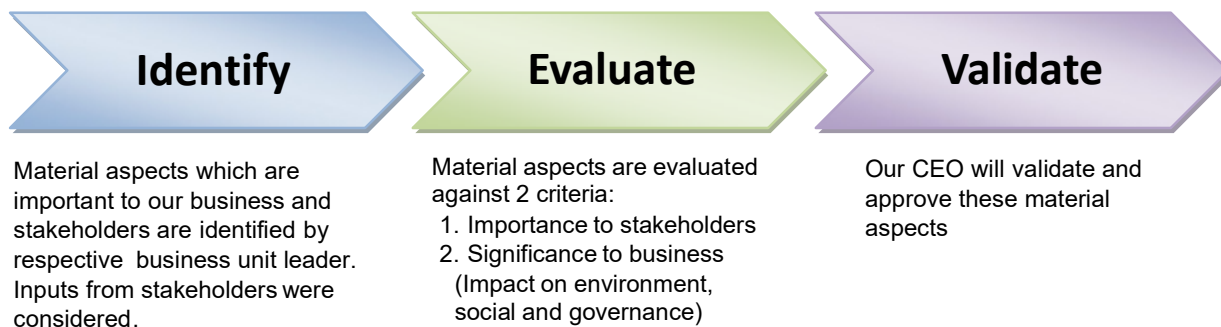
The table below summarises the various stakeholder engagement activities, which we have gathered and platforms which SMI utilises to reach out to our stakeholders.

Stakeholder	Platforms	Frequency	Key Feedback and Concerns
Employees ¹	Interviews / feedback sessions	Ad-hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee safety and welfare. These have become a major priority as the pandemic has spread and grown in intensity throughout FY2023. Staff training and development opportunities Remuneration and benefits Fair and competitive employment practices
	Regular dialogue sessions with senior management	Bi-monthly	
	Performance appraisal	Annual	
	Team bonding sessions	Ad-hoc	
	Training	Ad-hoc	
Investors	Annual and extraordinary general meetings	Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on financial performance Economic and political environment in Myanmar Compliance to international standards on anti-corruption Long-term growth prospects
	Investor relations contact	Annual	
	SGX announcement, media release and interviews	Ad-hoc	
	Company website	Perpetual	
Government Departments and National Agencies	Meetings, briefings and regular reporting	Ad-hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with laws and regulations relating to various business sectors
The Community	Sustainability report	Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the local community
	Corporate social responsibility activities	Ad-hoc	
Franchisers	Meetings, briefings and regular reporting	Ad-hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing and maintaining good relationships Compliance to contract requirements
Suppliers/ Vendors	Vendor evaluation	Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining good relationship Quality products and services Environmental compliance Certification compliance
	Regular meeting with key suppliers	Ad-hoc	
	Quality control inspections	Ad-hoc	

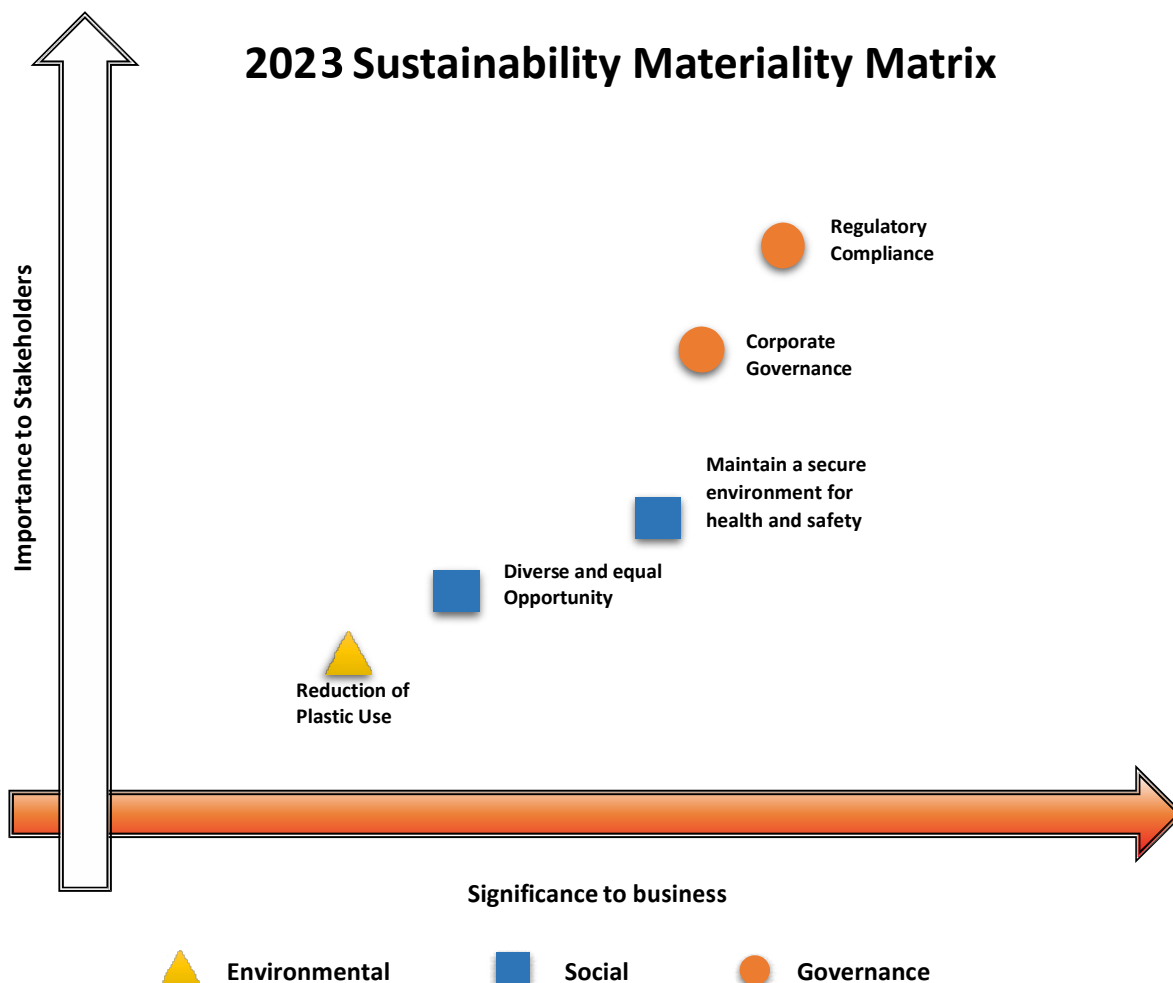
¹ “Employees”, in the context of this Sustainability Report, refers collectively to the employees of SMI and its local business partners

MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT






We have reviewed materiality analysis to identify sustainability issues that are of importance to our business and stakeholders. This assessment helps us bring focus to key areas that we seek to improve on as we make progress in achieving the long-term sustainability of our business.



Led by our CEO, the various Business Unit Heads assist in providing inputs and execution of initiatives related to the Group’s sustainability. Our review focuses on 3 key aspects (Environment, Social, and Governance) and 5 identified material topics, with the factors being plotted based on their importance to stakeholders against the significance to our business in the materiality matrix below.



MATERIAL TOPICS

Material Topics	Relevance to SMI	How are we addressing the issue
Governance Dimension		
Regulatory Compliance 	<p>SMI is committed to conduct and manage its business and assets in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, which is essential for the long-term sustainability of the business.</p>	<p>SMI has put in place internal controls and procedures to embed compliance into its day-to-day operations. In addition to proactively identifying and responding to applicable new rules and regulations.</p>
Corporate Governance 	<p>Good corporate governance is necessary to enable SMI to operate more efficiently, effectively as well as mitigating risk and safeguarding the interests of our stakeholders.</p>	<p>SMI is committed to good corporate governance and transparency in its endeavours. All employees are aware of the corporate code of conduct and are expected to abide by it.</p>
Social Dimension		
Diverse and Equal Opportunities 	<p>An inclusive workforce provides SMI with diverse perspectives, skills and talents. As such, SMI ensures that everyone is given fair opportunities regardless of ethnicity and gender.</p>	<p>SMI adopts merit-based recruitment practices and emphasizes diversity and inclusiveness, with the individual's competencies and job fit being the basis of hiring.</p>
Employee Training and Development 	<p>Our people are critical assets to the Group, the focus this year has been on providing as much support as possible for health and safety in a difficult operating environment.</p>	<p>Employees have been provided with opportunities for vaccination in the country and have received financial support both for vaccination and for anyone who required specific medical assistance. Also employees have been provided with safe and secure private transport to and from their homes to their place of work. Work from home has been implemented wherever possible.</p>
Environmental Dimension		
Reduction of Plastic use 	<p>We aim to identify opportunities to replace plastic with biodegradable materials wherever possible.</p>	<p>Paper bags have been introduced to reduce the usage of plastic bags at our retail stores. Since FY2021, biodegradable paper packaging has been used for the newly created food delivery service and products.</p>

GOVERNANCE

Regulatory Compliance



FY2023 Performance

The Group has achieved zero incidents of non-compliance with laws and regulations for which significant fines or non-monetary penalties were incurred.

We seek to comply with all relevant laws and regulations including the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, Companies Act and Employment Act.

In addition, we have attained the required Business Permits and Licenses for all our operations in Myanmar. Examples of the Business Permits and Licenses that we have attained include Business Licenses for the operation of SMI Rental Ltd, SMI Food Concept Ltd and Mar Myanmar Ltd in Myanmar, as well as the warehouse operation permit for Senko-SMI Myanmar Co Limited.

All our restaurant outlets have also been issued the required restaurant permits by Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) for operations.



FY2023 Performance

In FY2023, the Group terminated 2 employees due to breach of Code of Conduct

SMI ensures that our businesses are carried on and conducted in a proper and efficient manner adhering to the principles and guidelines of the Code of Corporate Governance 2012.

Additionally, we strive to inculcate a strong corporate culture within our Group and have zero tolerance towards corruption and fraud. Our ethical practices are spelled out in our Code of Conduct, as well as in policies about corporate governance, anti-corruption, occupational health and safety, supplier conduct, and data privacy.

Risk Assessment and Management

SMI aims to mitigate our exposures through appropriate risk management strategies and internal controls. The Board is responsible in overseeing the risk governance of the Group, ensuring that the Management maintains a sound system of risk management and internal controls to safeguard stakeholders' interests and our Group's assets.

Details of the Group's approach to risk management and internal controls are set out in the Corporate Governance Report, which can be found in the Annual Report. On top of our risk management approach, policies and procedures including the Employees' Code of Conduct, anti-corruption and whistle blowing are also in place to instill the value of integrity and transparency within the Group.

GOVERNANCE

Employees' Code of Conduct

The behavior expected from our employees is codified in our employees' Code of Conduct. The underlying principle for our Code of Conduct is that we expect our employees to act with integrity towards those with whom we have business dealings, to the larger society with whom we conduct our business, and towards each other.

An employee handbook that covers penalties for misconduct and fraud and guides all employees in their everyday conduct is made available to all employees. For new hires, they are made aware of our stance against corruption and fraudulent activities during the orientation programme.

The Employees' Code of Conduct provides the following examples of misconduct that shall lead to disciplinary actions:

- Dishonest actions or unethical conduct;
- Unauthorised dissemination of the Group's confidential documents and data;
- Acting beyond the authority granted to his/her position; and
- Receiving of gifts or money from business counterparts without prior approval from the Group

Anti-Corruption

We strive to inculcate a strong corporate culture within our Group and have zero tolerance towards corruption and fraud. An Anti-Corruption policy is in place, setting out rules governing the following areas:

- Reporting on actual or suspected corruption and bribery
- Guidance on gift giving and acceptance
- Training and awareness
- Disciplinary action

The Anti-Corruption policy is communicated to all employees during the initial staff onboarding process.

Whistle Blowing

We have whistleblowing policy and channels to allow employees to report concerns over any unlawful conduct, financial malpractice or other wrong doings that poses risks to the Group, the public or the environment. Under this policy, employees may report suspected matters of wrongdoing affecting the Group to the Whistle Blowing Officer, who is also a member of the Audit Committee, via the following email: whistleblowing@sin-mi.com. Through our independent whistleblowing channel, employees are able to report any suspected misconducts without reprisal.

For further details, please refer to our Corporate Governance Report in our Annual Report 2023.



Targets

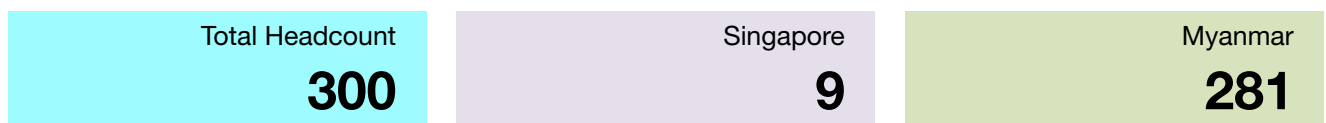
- Maintain zero incidents of non-compliance with laws and regulations for the coming year.
- Strive towards zero instances of breach in corporate governance.

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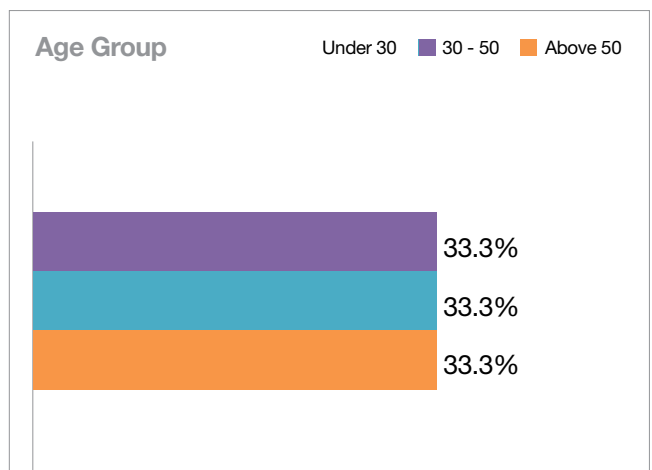
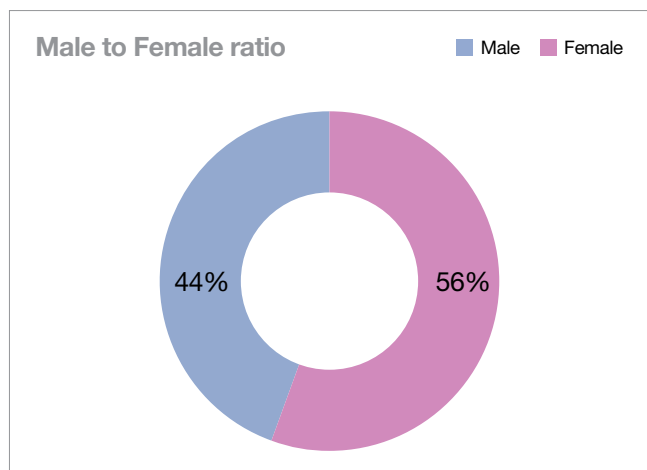
SMI recognizes that our employees' efforts contribute to the overall performance of the group. It is the Group's responsibility to empower our employees with opportunities for progression and further learning exposures and ensure we operate ethically.

Our Employees

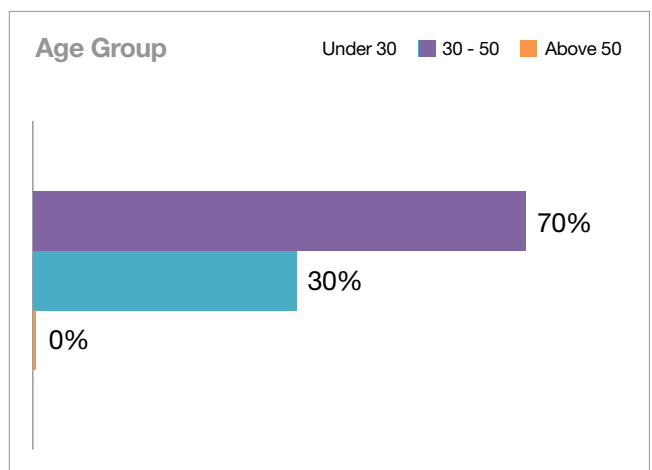
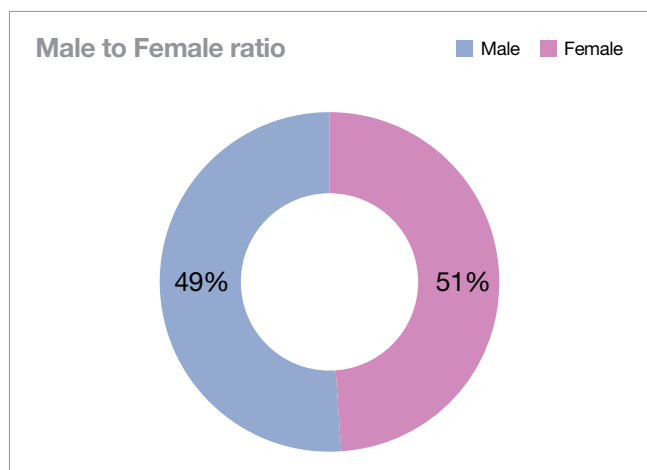
SMI's businesses (group and local business partners) employ over 333 individuals from diverse ethnicities and backgrounds. We acknowledge the importance of providing equal opportunity to employees regardless of age, gender, nationality, and ethnicity. The breakdown of our workforce in Singapore and Myanmar offices as at 31 March 2023 is as follows:



Employee Distribution – Singapore Head Office



Employee Distribution – Myanmar Head Office



SOCIAL

Employee Training and Development



FY2023 Performance

Focused employee training has resumed in Myanmar for Retail as well as F&B and we are initiating F&B training for our Robochef Team in Singapore.

We have provided training opportunities to our employees to develop their skills. This has included language trainings for employees working at the airport to enhance their ability to communicate effectively with tourists and business travelers from different nationalities.

In addition, we have provided product orientation training programs for employees working as brand representatives for our business partners to ensure they are adequately equipped with product knowledge and information for their customers.

In the F&B franchised outlets, we provide training on food handling, hygiene and safety.



Targets

We have initiated development for a team to drive our Singapore F&B, Robochef expansion and have recruited a dedicated HR Executive covering all employees in Singapore, reflecting decisions taken to expand the Company's presence in both its head office and the Singapore market.

Employee Engagement

We have instigated safety protocols for our retail, F&B and office staff throughout FY2023.

SOCIAL

Workplace Health and Safety



FY2023 Performance

Zero workplace accident in FY2023.

Our employees' safety, and their physical and mental health are of utmost importance to us. We take great effort in ensuring a safe and conducive work environment for our employees. We perform periodic safety inspections at all our premises to ensure that our employees work in a safe environment.

FY2023 Performance

Zero workplace accident in FY2023.

Community Involvement

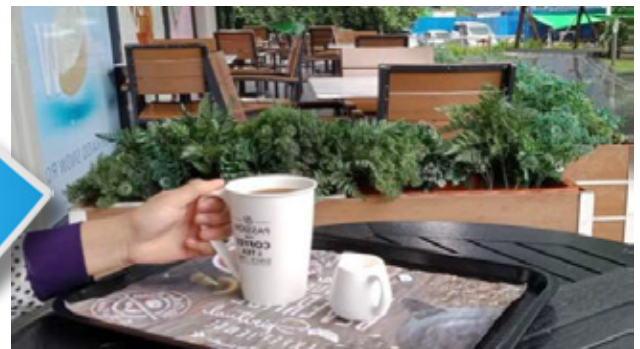
At SMI, we aim to deliver positive impact to the local communities we operate in. Therefore, over the past few years, the Group has actively engaged with the local community and partake in various social initiatives to improve the living standards and conditions of the locals. We have been pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Edna Claudine Leong Lai Yee to the main Board of the Company. She has extensive experience and current involvement with a number of charity organizations in Singapore and we look forward to developing our connections both in terms of offering support wherever maybe possible.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Plastic and other non-biodegradable waste have a harmful effect on our environment and. Hence, reducing plastic waste is one of our key areas of sustainability focus.



At our Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf outlets, we have also replaced plastic cups that were used to contain milk with porcelain jugs. Moving forward, we continue to look to implement more initiatives, such as reducing the use of straws at our outlets to reduce plastic waste.



Through these initiatives, we hope to not only reduce plastic waste produced from our operations, but also create a public awareness for environmental conservation efforts in Myanmar.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Reducing Energy Usage

Therefore, we are committed to taking measures in minimizing our overall energy consumption and improving energy efficiency to reduce the environmental impact of our operations.

In the conduct of our business activities, the main areas of electricity usage are predominantly across our offices, outlets and warehouse operations.

Since FY2021, we have retrofitted conventional mercury lamps with more energy efficient LED lightings at our warehouse. The LED lightings are approximately 80% more energy efficient than the mercury lamps.

Environmental Compliance

SMI is committed to comply with all applicable environmental regulations enforced by local authorities in all jurisdictions we operate in. We closely monitor our operations and perform periodic reviews to ensure that we comply with relevant environmental requirements and regulations.



Targets

- Implement more green initiatives to reduce waste output and energy usage.
- Full compliance with relevant environmental regulations in Myanmar and Singapore.

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