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Message from the Chairman

When my father, Abdulla Al Ghurair, started his philanthropic journey more than 30 years ago, it was based on a genuine, heartfelt concern for the livelihoods of the marginalized and underserved in our extended community. Over time, as a family, we have transformed this form of discreet giving taking a more strategic approach. Our vision is to ensure that young Emirati and Arab men and women have a chance at a better life through high-quality education. In 2015, we committed to go beyond a charitable approach to giving, in a more institutionalized and impactful way establishing the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education.

Since its establishment, the Foundation has been committed to addressing a challenge facing youth in the UAE and the wider Arab region: access to high-quality education for the better livelihoods of youth. Through our data-driven and evidence-based approach to strategic philanthropy, we continue to deliver a more sustainable form of giving, which is wider in reach and has a long-term positive impact. We focus on addressing system-level challenges that go beyond achieving results at the individual level.

Our current strategy focuses on elevating livelihoods for youth in the UAE and the Arab region through strategic partnerships and innovative educational solutions. Youth need a holistic educational experience that will equip



them with vital skills to reach their full potential and contribute back to their communities. Our strategy reflects the vision of the UAE leadership and is aligned with national and regional priorities as well as global development agendas, particularly, the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

It has been crucial to the development of our work to engage with governments, institutions, and individuals. These partnerships, rooted in a shared vision to improve the educational ecosystem in the UAE and the Arab region, have proven to be essential to our success. I hope that our work will inspire more stakeholders to support the mission and vision of helping to cultivate the next generation of leaders and empower youth to build a stronger tomorrow.

As we celebrate our first five years, we renew our commitment to work with valued partners to create a sustainable impact. I am pleased to present you with this report that reflects the first five years of our journey, and I hope that it will serve as a valuable resource and model of strategic philanthropy.

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for Education