

# Strategy Refresh: A New Dawn For Eshraq

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# STRATEGY REFRESH - PURSUING A NEW ERA OF GROWTH



Eshraq is pursuing a new phase of growth, expansion and improved financial performance, but its underlying mission, vision and values do not fundamentally change.

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### Our mission...



to create long-term and enduring value for our shareholders, clients and the communities we serve.



## ...is supported by our vision



[to be a leading GCC investment company focused on direct private equity exposure complemented by investments in yield generating assets].

## Underpinned by four core values



### Integrity

Upholding the highest ethical standards in all business dealings.



### **Innovation**

Embracing innovation to drive sustainable growth and enhance the performance of assets.



## **Community Engagement**

Actively contributing to improving the communities where we operate.



### **Sustainability**

Prioritizing environmental responsibility across development projects and investment decision-making.

# STATUS QUO VS. FUTURE ESHRAQ



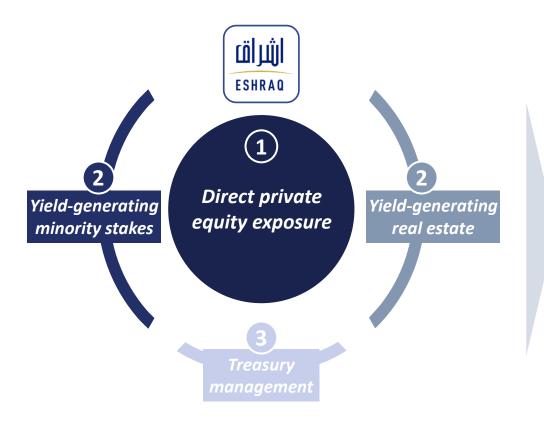
Under the refreshed strategy, Eshraq will have control of its destiny by focusing on directly-held private equity investments complemented by cash generation from minority stakes, real estate and prudent liquidity management.

Status Quo Eshraq		Future Eshraq	
Real estate, private equity and public equities		Focused regional private equity strategy	
Indirect holdings		Direct holdings	
Limited control		Significant control	
Less focus on cash generation		Cash generating assets	

# REFRESHED STRATEGY



## **Target portfolio segments**



## **Underlying strategic pillars of Eshraq's refreshed strategy**

	Segment	Asset type	Role in portfolio
1	Core business	Direct private equity	Central driver of shareholder value and long-term growth
2	Complementary yield-generating assets	<ul><li>A Real estate</li><li>B Minority equity stakes</li></ul>	Cash generation to balance portfolio
3	Tactical liquidity management	Treasury management	Supplementary income stream

# SPOTLIGHT ON STRATEGIC PILLARS



Core Business

Direct private
equity exposure

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### **Sourcing & Screening**

- Ensure quality deal flow
- Optimize screening process
- Strategic capital deployment

### **Transaction Structuring**

- Attractive valuation
- Value lever identification
- Aligned incentives

### **Value Realization**

- Lever activation
- Capable management
- Exit planning

2 Complementary yield-generating assets

3 Treasury management

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### **Minority Equity Stakes**

- Stable dividend paying stocks
- Protected minority stakes

### **Real Estate**

 Positive net operating yields after leverage 3

## **Capital Preservation**

- Low risk approach
- Effective cash management generating stable returns

Key operational enablers

### People

- Investing in skilled investment professionals
- Optimised organizational structure

### **Processes**

- Robust due diligence and investment committee processes
- Governance and oversight

### **Systems**

 Enabling platforms (IR CRM, best-in-class market intelligence, secure datarooms, etc.)

# FUTURE ESHRAQ - INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



The principal objective of the refreshed strategy is to deliver a shareholder value proposition that is characterized by six key investment highlights.

Highly experienced Board and Management, ideally suited to sourcing transactions and leading Eshraq's strategic transformation

A well-diversified investment portfolio in growing sectors across the GCC - a region with strong fundamentals and a favourable macroeconomic outlook Embarking on strategic shift to long-term growth through private equity, Eshraq is entering a new phase and transitioning to a direct investment business model Ongoing portfolio growth from core private equity investments will be complemented by income-generating assets to support attractive and reliable cash flows Strategic focus on building out private equity capabilities and exposure, while preparing and executing transition plans for legacy assets Strong balance sheet position offers significant headroom to invest in new and existing assets across the portfolio

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# STRONG FUNDAMENTALS AND FAVOURABLE INVESTMENT INDUSTRY TRENDS



Investment activity has been growing at double-digit rates across nearly all major asset classes in the UAE, all of which Eshraq is participating in and providing indirect exposure for shareholders – with a focus on Private Equity.

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Key Trends Capital Markets Alternatives

### **Equity Capital Markets**

- Large # and scale of IPOs in recent years (e.g., ADNOC Gas, Americana, Dubai Taxi etc.)
- Competitive brokerages and ecosystem reforms have lowered entry barriers and attracted fresh capital

#### **Debt Capital Markets**

- · Relatively flat over the period
- Driven by large corporates issuing traditional debt and Sukuk

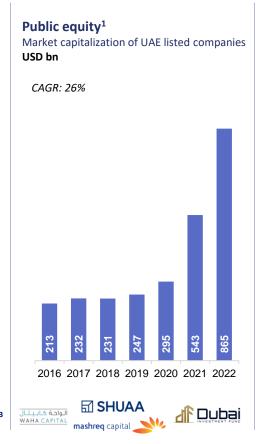
### **Private Equity & Venture Capital**

- PE activity increasing after early 2000's boom and bust
- VC absolute size small (\$~1bn) but rapidly growing

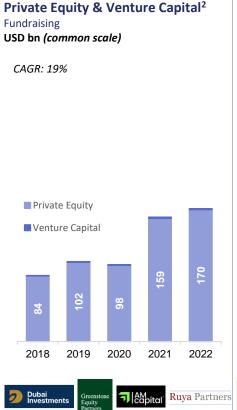
#### **Real Estate**

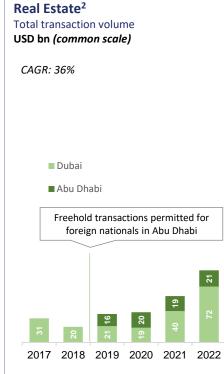
• Post-Covid boom in both major Emirates

Sample players<sup>3</sup>



# Debt<sup>2</sup> Fixed income primary market issuance USD bn (common scale) CAGR: 0% 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021





Source(s): Note: World Bank, Magnitt, Dubai Land Department, Department of Municipalities and Transport, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange, Dubai Financial Market, Teneo Research & Analysis

1. Equity market represented by total value metric (market cap) versus other asset classes that use activity metrics; chart presented on standalone scale 2. Charts presented on common scale across asset classes

3. Example players may be active in multiple asset classes

\*CAGRs calculated over years of data for each asset class

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# A WELL-DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO IN A GROWING REGION



The GCC is an attractive region with strong structural growth drivers and a favourable macroeconomic outlook.

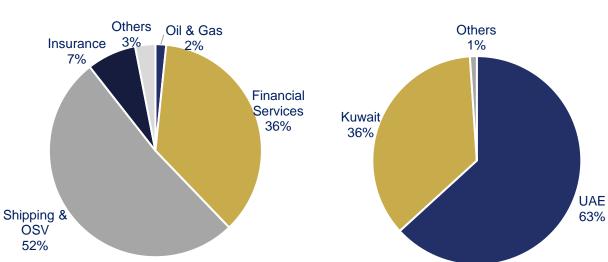


Today, Eshraq operates across a range of sectors across the GCC, through the Goldilocks Fund....



...The future focus of the portfolio will be to acquire and manage direct private equity stakes in the GCC, in sectors including...

### Cross-sector exposure<sup>1</sup>



## Predominantly in the GCC<sup>1</sup>



- Eshraq's domestic market of the UAE is experiencing strong GDP growth momentum, supported by population growth and tourism, and playing a vital role in Middle Eastern trade flows.
- GDP has surpassed pre-Covid levels, supported by the diversification of the economy into non-oil sectors including investment and infrastructure

Macroeconomic conditions in the GCC are supportive of a substantial pipeline of addressable investment opportunities, of variable sizes and complexity

**Technology** 

Note: 1. Holdings as at 31st March 2024

# STRATEGIC SHIFT TO LONG-TERM GROWTH THROUGH PRIVATE EQUITY



Eshraq targets investing into 1-2 high-growth businesses per-year, with a medium-term objective of yielding attractive cash flows as assets mature and become ready to exit





## **Targeted activity**

Intended deal size range

**USD 50-100m** 

## **Geographical focus**



**Execution target** 

1-2 deals/year

In line with transaction profile criteria



## **Targeted outcomes**

Value creation

20-30% asset growth<sup>1</sup>

Ambitious growth targets set to justify targeted investments

**Investment period** 

5-7 years

Holding period for investments, driving value in target company

**Ownership** 

50-70%

direct equity stakes (control)

## TRANSITIONING TO A DIRECT INVESTMENT BUSINESS MODEL



The direct investment model is designed to strengthen the core investment portfolio, creating a deeper grounding and focus for Eshraq as an investment player with greater control of its assets, supported by a highly experienced investment team.

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With the transition to a direct investment model, Eshrag will benefit from:

**Focused investment** approach

• A focused investment approach will be fundamental to executing the long-term strategy

**Longer potential holding** periods

 Longer holding periods will create advantages in holding investments through market cycles, selecting exit timings and maintaining cash generating assets for longer

Full optionality on all exit positions

• Benefit from the flexibility to consider different scenarios for exit options as well as different exit timings

**Control over destiny** 

- Greater flexibility in decision making without pressures from co-investors
- Ability to deploy capital or dispose of assets as needed

Key success factors for a direct investment model

**Quality deal flow** 

**Entry valuation** 

**Terms granting sufficient** control

Patience to wait for the right deals



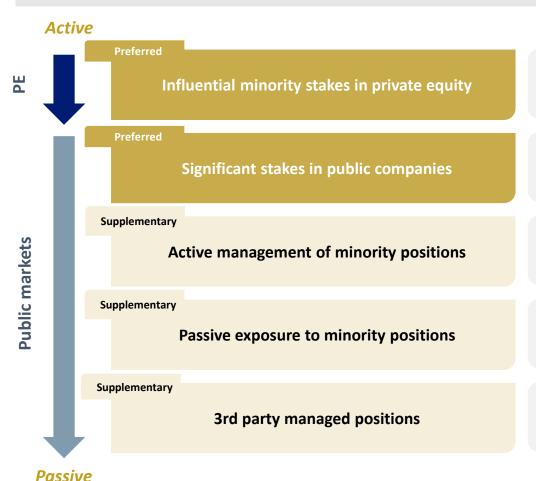
# PORTFOLIO GROWTH TO BE COMPLEMENTED BY INCOME-GENERATING ASSETS



In support of liquidity management to enable growth of the core Private Equity portfolio, Eshraq will selectively invest in assets that offer reliable cash flows that stabilise earnings and support its operations.



## Eshraq is considering investments across active and passive management styles, in both private equity and public markets



- Acquire significant minority stakes (10%+) in private equity targets, and secure Board seat(s) to enable influence on strategy
- Focus on cash-generating and dividend paying assets to deliver attractive cash flows
- Acquire 20%+ stakes in public companies in the GCC
- Exert influence through Board representation and enhance connections across target sectors to find opportunities to build Eshraq's PE portfolio
- Actively engage in individual security selection and portfolio management, including investments in equities and fixed income
- Develop and periodically rebalance basket of public securities to track underlying themes or gain exposure to broader benchmarks
- Allocate share of investable capital to one or more discretionary portfolio managers based on Eshraq's strategy and due diligence criteria
- Oversee performance and rebalance allocations systematically



# TRANSITION PLANS FOR LEGACY ASSETS: REAL ESTATE



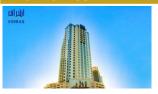
Eshraq will plan and execute a transition plan for its existing Real Estate portfolio.

Eshraq will execute a detailed multi-step plan to ensure optimal value creation and extraction from the Real Estate portfolio

Eshraq has a track record of developing and managing Real Estate assets.

Eshrag's current portfolio of residential, commercial and tourism developments:

### Marina Rise



- Developed, income-generating asset
- Prime location on Abu Dhabi's Reem Island
- Includes residential and commercial properties

### Elitz by Danube (under development)



- Development JV between Eshraq and Danube
- Twin high-rise residential towers in Jumeirah Village Circle (Dubai)

### Vista by Reportage (under development)



- Development JV between Eshraq and Reportage
- Reportage is one of the largest private developers in the UAE and MENAT

Real Estate assets may offer stable revenue and cash generation. The future of each asset will be evaluated accordingly.

Plot-specific feasibility studies are underway to inform the go-forward real estate strategy. Decisions will be made under the guiding principle of maximizing value from non-performing real estate assets

## 4 strategic options for Real Estate assets

- Develop plots for subsequent lease (long-term income generation)
- Develop plots for subsequent sale
- Develop strategic plots, sell, swap or exit other
- Sell, swap or exit plots (immediate monetization)

Reem Island & Sas Al Nakhl Plots (x5) (not developed)



# TRANSITION PLANS FOR LEGACY ASSETS: GOLDILOCKS FUND



To ensure an effective transition, Eshraq is working closely and constructively with the fund manager to secure a mutually advantageous transition plan for the Goldilocks Fund.

## Best approach for the Goldilocks portfolio is under assessment - maintaining AUM without oversight is no longer viable

- Best approach for specific assets within the Goldilocks portfolio will be considered individually
- Maintaining AUM without oversight is not a viable option Eshraq and the fund manager are evaluating future options for the fund and/or management structure
- Potential for highest quality assets in Goldilocks portfolio to form basis for future private equity portfolio

## 3 strategic options under consideration for the Goldilocks Fund

Partial exit

Maintain AUM with oversight



## MAINTAINING A STRONG BALANCE SHEET

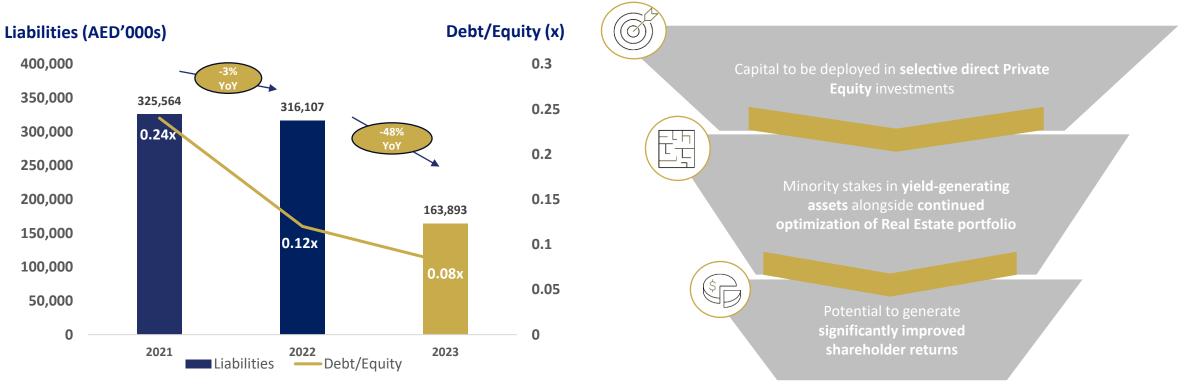


We remain focused on capitalizing on our very strong balance sheet position to invest in new and existing assets across the portfolio.

Eshraq continues to deleverage its balance sheet.

Total liabilities reduced by 50% over the last two years

Strategic execution will be supported by disciplined capital allocation





Substantial pool of capital available for investment in direct Private Equity, in line with vision to become a leading GCC investment company

## REVITALISED BOARD AND EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT TEAM



Eshrag's leadership bring decades of world-class, front-line investment and transaction experience and are ideally positioned to source and execute deals critical to the evolution of the business.



>50

# years experience

in investments and capital markets



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## **Specialties**

- Oil & Gas
- Finance
- Strategy



- **Corporate Governance**
- **Regulatory Affairs**
- **Compliance**



# **Priority hires**



- **Chief Investment Officer**
- **Head of Internal Audit**
- **General Counsel**



Fahad Al Qassim. Chairman

- · Appointed as Chairman in November 2023.
- Deep sector experience in Portfolio Management and Investment Banking.



Matar Hamdan Sultan Al Ameri, Vice Chairman

 Extensive experience in top in both public and private enterprises. Over 30 years of experience in the oil & gas, finance and investment functions.



Maha Abdulmajeed Alfahim, Board Member

Significant capital markets experience, Investment Manager and Economic analyst at Abu Dhabi **Investment Authority** (ADIA).



Wafik Ben Mansour. **Board Member** 

 Acting CEO at SHUAA Capital since May 2023, with extensive experience in Investment Banking & Capital Markets.



Jacques Fakhoury, **Board member** 

 Significant experience across corporate governance, regulatory affairs & compliance.



Mohamed Al Hashimi, CEO

Over 20 years experience in Capital Markets and Financial Strategy.

## THE PATH AHEAD



Eshraq intends to move towards its long-term vision over a five-year period by building out private equity capabilities and exposure, while transitioning legacy portfolio assets.

