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Dar Group Joins World Green Building Council's Strengthened Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment

Dar Group and its member companies commit to attaining net zero operations, maximised renewable energy, and whole life carbon in new projects by 2030

Dar Group, a global leading privately-owned architecture, engineering, and consulting group, has joined the World Green Building Council's recently strengthened Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment, announcing its intention for all operating companies to achieve net zero by 2030.

As part of the commitment, Dar Group will support its member companies in ensuring buildings and assets within direct control attain net zero operational carbon by 2030 and all new buildings and major retrofits within direct control attain net zero whole life carbon by 2030. A program of research and advocacy will help clients to achieve their net zero targets through a low embodied carbon approach to design and engineering.

The global commitment applies to approximately 52 assets globally, using the expertise within the group to develop carbon reduction strategies and solutions in a wide range of climates.

Dar Group companies have played a leadership role in the Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment since its inception. Integral Group—part of Dar Group since 2009—was one of three founding signatories in June 2018. By 2020, Integral successfully achieved net zero carbon emissions for Scopes 1 and 2.

Four additional Dar Group companies—Dar Al-Handasah, Perkins&Will, Penspen, Currie & Brown—signed on to the commitment in 2021.

As part of the commitment to research and advocacy, Dar Group has partnered with the World Green Building Council on research that advances the discussion about accelerating the built environment's pathway to net zero. *Beyond Buildings: Why an integrated approach to buildings and infrastructure is essential for climate action and sustainability* argues for systemic and integrated infrastructure solutions to improve sustainability outcomes and calls for the built environment industry and policymakers to respond to the climate crisis with both the building and infrastructure sectors acting together.

"As a group of leading built-environment brands, we realize the important role that our companies have in helping our clients meet net-zero goals," said Kathy Wardle, Director of Sustainability at Perkins & Will and Chair of Dar Group's Sustainability Council. "The urban built environment alone is responsible for 75% of annual global greenhouse gas emissions, with buildings accounting for 37%. The Group's commitment speaks to the importance of mobilizing our technical expertise across disciplines and partnering with our clients to solve our most pressing challenges in the transition to a net zero carbon world."

"Global efforts to combat climate change are essential to the health and sustainability of our planet," says Talal Shair, Chairman and CEO of Dar Group. "Our climate action commitment reflects our ongoing dedication to operating responsibly and will help us drive long-term sustainability for our business, clients and communities."

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About Dar Group

Dar Group is a leading, privately-owned professional services group with award-winning impact and global reach. As an engineering, architectural, and planning consultancy that values specialty expertise, the Group is united by a commitment to providing clients with multi-disciplinary solutions rooted in quality, innovation, collaboration, sustainability, and technology to deliver social and community impact.

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Beyond Buildings: Why an integrated approach to buildings and infrastructure is essential for climate action and sustainability

The report issued by the World Green Building Council in partnership with Dar Group is available [here](#).

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