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## **Gulf Catering Partners with RCSI Bahrain to Enhance Hospitality Standards in the Education Sector**

*Agreement marks entry into the education sector with a flagship institutional catering collaboration*

**Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain – 11 May 2026:** Gulf Hotels Group (GHG), Bahrain's leading hospitality group, has announced the signing of a partnership agreement between Gulf Catering, the Group's dedicated catering and hospitality arm, and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) – Medical University of Bahrain. The agreement was signed in the presence of Mr. Ahmed Janahi, Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Hotels Group, and Mr. Stephen Harrison-Mirfield, Managing Director of RCSI Medical University of Bahrain.

The partnership establishes a framework for the delivery of catering services across the university campus, supporting the overall student, academic, and administrative experience through structured operational standards and a consistent service approach designed to enhance quality across all touchpoints.

### **A Strategic Step in Institutional Hospitality**

The agreement forms part of Gulf Catering's broader direction to expand its presence within the education sector, including schools and universities, reflecting the company's ability to extend its longstanding hospitality expertise into specialised institutional environments.

Through this collaboration, both parties aim to implement an advanced operating model built around the highest standards of food safety, operational discipline, and service quality, ensuring a reliable and consistent hospitality experience that meets the expectations of both students and academic staff.

Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Ahmed Janahi, Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Hotels Group, said:

“This collaboration reflects the broader vision behind the establishment of Gulf Catering as the Group's specialised catering and institutional hospitality platform, developed as part of Gulf Hotels Group's strategy to expand and diversify its operational footprint. Through this platform, we are leveraging more than five decades of hospitality expertise to deliver an integrated operating model capable of serving multiple sectors with greater scale and operational efficiency, including education, healthcare, corporates, and major



events. Our collaboration with a respected academic institution such as RCSI Medical University of Bahrain allows us to apply this model within an environment that demands high levels of precision and reliability, while supporting our long-term approach to building sustainable institutional partnerships.”

For its part, RCSI Medical University of Bahrain views the partnership as an important contribution to enhancing campus life and elevating the overall experience for students and academic staff, recognising the role that quality hospitality services play in supporting a well-rounded academic environment that encourages wellbeing, innovation, and academic excellence.

Mr. Stephen Harrison-Mirfield, Managing Director of RCSI Medical University of Bahrain, added:

“We are pleased to formalise this collaboration with Gulf Catering as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the campus experience for our students and staff. The partnership aligns with our recent summer enhancement programme announcement, whereby high-quality food services subsidised by the University will be provided in support of the health and wellbeing of our community. We look forward to working closely together to ensure the delivery of consistent and reliable catering services daily and on important occasions.”

### **Looking Ahead**

This partnership reflects Gulf Hotels Group’s wider strategic direction toward diversifying its business portfolio and expanding its hospitality capabilities beyond the traditional hotel sector through integrated service solutions. Within this framework, Gulf Catering continues to evolve its operating model to support sector-specific requirements while maintaining the service quality and operational standards.

The company’s ongoing expansion into institutional hospitality including its partnership with Bahrain International Circuit, further demonstrates its ability to manage and deliver hospitality services, within highly demanding operating environments requiring advanced levels of organisation, flexibility, and operational efficiency.

The agreement is expected to establish the foundation for a long-term collaboration between both parties, centred on continuous development, service enhancement, and the delivery of a consistently high-quality experience across all university facilities.

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### **About Gulf Hotels Group**

Gulf Hotels Group B.S.C. is a public limited liability company quoted on the Bahrain Stock Exchange incorporated in 1967, under the name of Bahrain Hotels Company. The Group is chaired by Mr. Fawzi Kanoo and is led by a Board of distinguished, well-established, and influential businessmen. The vision of the then Bahrain Hotels Company was to provide a standard of hospitality unrivalled on the Island, which was duly delivered with the opening of Bahrain's first 5-star property, the Gulf Hotel. 59 years later, this philosophy remains the same although the Group has continually expanded and upgraded its services to meet the modern-day demands.

### **About Gulf Catering**

Gulf Catering W.L.L. is the contract catering and food production arm of Gulf Hotels Group, delivering high-quality, safe, and efficient catering solutions across corporate, healthcare, education, retail, and events sectors. Operating from a modern Central Kitchen and guided by a hospitality-led service approach, the company combines operational discipline with culinary expertise to deliver consistent, scalable solutions that enhance everyday dining experiences.

### **About RCSI Medical University of Bahrain**

RCSI Medical University of Bahrain is a constituent university of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), which was established in Dublin, Ireland, in 1784. RCSI Medical University of Bahrain, an independent private university, opened its doors to a cohort of 28 medical students in 2004. Today, the purpose-built campus is home to a student body of more than 1,600 across the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Midwifery and Postgraduate Studies and Research. It is a not-for-profit health sciences institution focused on education, research and community engagement to drive positive change in all areas of human health worldwide.

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