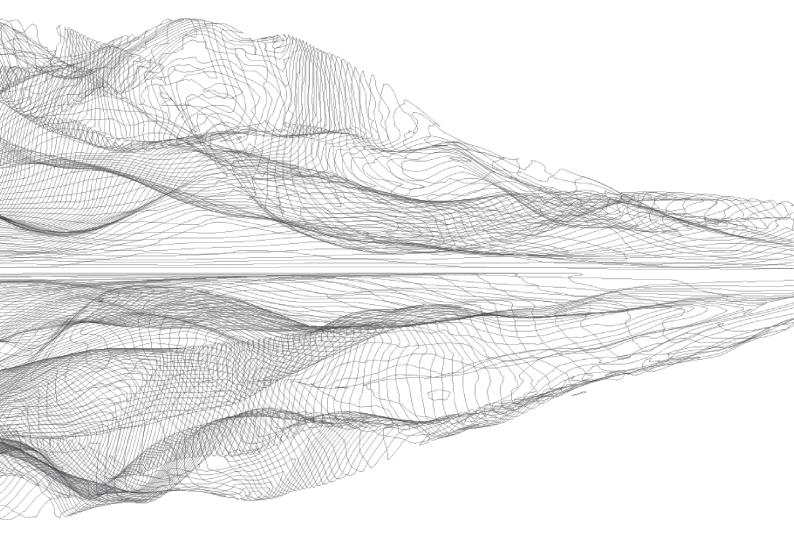


# Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2025



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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement is published in line with section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
- 1.2 This Statement relates to actions during the financial year 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025, and Gleeds' improvement plans for 2025.
- 1.3 This Statement sets down Gleeds' commitment to preventing slavery and human trafficking in our business activities and the steps we have put in place with the aim of ensuring that there is no slavery or human trafficking in our own business and supply chains. We all have a duty to be alert to risks, however small. Our people are expected to report their concerns and management to act upon them.

#### 2. About Gleeds

#### 2.1 Who we are

- **Introduction:** Gleeds is a global consultancy firm providing construction- and property-related consultancy services to clients in both the private and public sectors.
- **Our people:** We have approximately 2,700 employees worldwide, and we also work with temporary people through various employment agencies. We interact with many suppliers to source the services and goods needed for our operations.
- **Our structure:** Gleeds is structured into various legal entities, all under the control of Gleeds LLP, a limited liability partnership registered in England & Wales with No OC453959, and is directed by a Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Finance Officer (CFO) and Chief Operating Officer (COO) and supported by a global Operations Board and regional leadership teams.

#### 2.2 Where we operate

We operate in various countries, ensuring a wide global reach, which are as follows:

	United Kingdom		Middle East and Africa:
	Western Europe:	ı.	Egypt
) ) )	France Germany Italy	) )	Qatar Kingdom of Saudi Arabia United Arab Emirates (UAE)
) ) )	Ireland Portugal Spain	,	Asia and Pacific: Australia China
	Central Eastern Europe:	1	Hong Kong
) ) )	Czech Republic Hungary Poland	) ) )	India Singapore Vietnam
)	Romania		Americas:
1	Slovakia Ukraine	) ) )	United States Canada Peru

Trinidad and Tobago

# 3. Our commitment to the principles of the Modern Slavery Act 2015

- **Full support:** Gleeds is fully committed to supporting the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and actively opposes modern slavery and human trafficking. We understand the significant role we can play in eliminating these practices.
- **Equal opportunity employer:** We are an equal opportunity employer that fosters an inclusive and respectful working environment. We encourage all employees to report their concerns without fear of retaliation.
- **Legal compliance:** Our recruitment and management processes are designed to confirm that every employee is legally allowed to work in the UK, ensuring protection from exploitation and coercion.
- **Business practices:** We refuse to conduct business with any organisation, domestic or international, that knowingly supports or is involved in slavery, servitude, or forced labour.

### 4. Supply chain management

- **Global procurement:** We source goods and services from both UK-based and international suppliers.
- **Building relationships:** We build relationships with our suppliers to ensure they understand our values and comply with our expectation and commitment to protect human rights and the environment.
- **Contractual obligations:** We require all suppliers to follow the Modern Slavery Act and ensure that their contracts include strict rules against modern slavery.
- **Tender confirmation:** Suppliers bidding for contracts with Gleeds must confirm their compliance with the Modern Slavery Act if they are required by law to publish a modern slavery statement.

## 5. Related company policies

The following policies are accessible to all our employees on Gleeds' intranet:

- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy;
- Employee Code of Integrity and Business Ethics;
- Supplier Code of Integrity and Business Ethics;
- Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing Policy;
- Whistleblowing Policy;
- Recruitment Policy;
- Equal Opportunities and Diversity Policy;
- Wellbeing Policy;
- Sexual Harassment Policy;
- Disciplinary Procedure; and
- Procurement Policy.

### 6. Due diligence practices

- **Ensuring compliance:** We conduct thorough due diligence in all our activities to avoid inadvertently supporting modern slavery. We make our expectations known to employees and suppliers to encourage best practices.
- **Legally entitled to work:** We verify that all employees are legally entitled to work in the country located and that their contracts are with them directly.
- **Agency oversight:** We ensure that recruitment agencies confirm the identity and work eligibility of temporary people before placing them with us.
- **Procurement process**: Potential suppliers are required to declare if they meet specific conditions outlined in the Modern Slavery Act.

- **Low-cost tenders:** We reserve the right to challenge any suspiciously low-cost tenders to confirm they don't rely on forced labour.
- **Supplier assurance:** We use Supplier Assurance Questionnaires and an Approved Supplier List to ensure ethical practices among suppliers.
- **Supplier onboarding:** Our onboarding process includes checks to confirm compliance with the Modern Slavery Act.

#### 7. Risk assessment and management

- **Key risk areas:** Our main risk areas are contracts and recruitment. We will take the following steps to manage these risks:
  - **Procurement Policy**: Incorporate modern slavery prevention into our Procurement Policy as a responsible employer and purchaser.
  - **People Policies:** Review people-related policies to identify and prevent risks related to modern slavery.

### 8. Training and awareness

- **Mandatory training:** We will offer mandatory training on the Modern Slavery Act to all our people, guiding them on the correct steps if they suspect modern slavery or human trafficking.
- **Specific training:** People involved in buying, procurement, recruitment, and worker management will receive bespoke training in modern slavery and ethical practices.

## 9. Key performance indicators

- **Training targets:** At least 95% of people will have completed mandatory training on modern slavery by 30 September 2025.
- **Policy review:** All people policies connected to Modern Slavery to be reviewed and updated by 31 December 2025.

# 10. Contact information

- If you suspect modern slavery in the UK, report it to the National Hotline:
  - **United Kingdom Hotline:** <u>Modern Slavery Helpline</u> on 08000 121 700 or the police on 101. In an emergency call 999., your information could save a life.
  - o **Other National Hotlines:** Click <u>here</u> for other National Hotlines.
- In addition, our people and external contacts can report any concerns in relation to potential modern slavery linked to Gleeds' operations to the Senior Compliance Officer (georgia.large@gleeds.com).

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes the Gleeds Group's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31 December 2025. It was approved by the board on 18 February 2025.

**Richard Steer** 

**Global Chairman** 20 February 2025

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Chief Executive Officer

20 February 2025



