

## IOR Group Ltd Single-use Plastic Initiatives

Single-use plastic is defined as 'Plastic materials that are disposable and generally used only once before they are thrown away or recycled. For example, plastic water bottles and plastic bags are the most common single-use plastics'.

### Did you know that..

- **100,000** marine animals are killed by plastic bags each year
- **One in three** leatherback sea turtles have been found with plastic in their stomachs
- Plastic bags are used for an **average of 12 minutes**
- There will be **more plastic than fish** in the sea by **2050**
- Currently, it is estimated that there are **150 million** metric tons of plastic in oceans around the world
- It takes **450 years** for a plastic water bottle to biodegrade

These statistics are shocking. IOR is committed to reduce the consumption of single-use plastics to help get that one step closer to make the world a happy and green place to live in for all living organisms. We strongly believe that small, simple changes can be adapted to our working lives to fulfil this idea. Not only will this change our perspective on how we use plastic, but it will also help inform others on how to make similar changes to their lives.

### Our targets are as follows:

1. Aim to not have any single use plastic drinks bottles in the office. Water coolers are provided, please use refillable bottles.
2. No plastic cutlery. Use the metal cutlery provided by IOR.
3. Try and use reusable containers when buying takeaway drinks.
4. Try and monitor the plastic coming in from deliveries. If we're receiving excessive packaging, we will work with these suppliers to encourage them to find alternatives.
5. Encourage employees to bring their own lunch in.
6. Use reusable shopping bags.
7. 'Ditch makeup/baby wipe' campaign.
8. Bars of soap in toilets, shower and kitchen, instead of soap bottles.
9. Switch to glass bottle delivery, instead of plastic ones.
10. Review all stationary and find alternatives to plastic.