

# GFH invests as a cornerstone investor in the IPO of Mininglamp Technology

Data intelligence application software company



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GFH Financial Group has announced its investment as a Cornerstone Investor in the initial public offering (IPO) of Mininglamp Technology, a leading data intelligence application software company and one of the world's first publicly traded Agentic AI company.

With headquarters in China, Mininglamp Technology has built an 18-year track record of product innovation and scale in the data intelligence sector. The company serves a premium client base, including 135 Fortune Global 500 customers, offering AI-driven software solutions that help enterprises analyze vast datasets to enhance marketing performance, streamline operations, and strengthen de-



cision-making. Mininglamp is the largest provider in China in both marketing intelligence and operational intelligence by revenue and is among the first companies in China to adopt AIOps, AIops, and multimodal LLM technologies.

Commenting, Mr. Hisham Alrayes, Group CEO & Board Member of GFH, said: "Our cornerstone commitment to Mininglamp Technology aligns with GFH's strategy of backing category-leading businesses at the intersection of software, data intelligence, and AI. The compa-

ny is a market leader and a first mover operating in an industry characterized by tailwinds in government policies and the growing demand for data intelligence from enterprises. We see compelling real-economy applications powered by advanced large-model capabilities and believe the company is well positioned to capture structurally rising demand for data-driven decision-making."

He added: "This investment also supports our strategy to broaden our presence across Asian markets through invest-

ing in high-conviction opportunities. Mininglamp represents a strong thematic fit for GFH and sets the stage for additional cornerstone participations and partnerships across Asia."

Mr. Minghui Wu, CEO, CTO, and Founder of Mininglamp Technology, also commented: "We are pleased to welcome GFH as a Cornerstone Investor in our IPO. The Group's trust in our vision and technology reinforces the strength of our platform and the growing global demand for intelligent, AI-driven enterprise solutions. We look forward to building a long-term partnership as we continue to scale our innovations and expand our reach across international markets."

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

European Union lawmakers and member states reached a deal yesterday to ban all imports of Russian gas before the end of 2027, as the bloc seeks to choke off key funds feeding Moscow's war chest.

"This is the dawn of a new era, the era of Europe's full energy independence from Russia," EU chief

Ursula von der Leyen told reporters following the overnight deal.

Aimed at breaking a reliance the bloc has struggled to end despite the invasion of Ukraine, the accord marks a compromise between EU capitals and the European Parliament, which wanted the ban to hit sooner. "We've made it: Europe is turning off the tap on Russian gas,

forever," EU Energy Commissioner Dan Jorgensen wrote on X.

"We've chosen energy security and independence for Europe. No more blackmail. No more market manipulation by Putin. We stand strong with Ukraine."

But the Kremlin hit back, saying the move would "accelerate" a decline of the EU's economy, as it would

force the bloc to resort to more expensive alternatives.

Under the deal, long-term pipeline contracts -- considered the most sensitive because they can run for decades -- will be banned from September 30, 2027, provided storage levels are sufficient, and no later than November 1, 2027.

## EU agrees deal to ban Russian gas by **end of 2027**

# Over 5,000 students benefit from national awareness campaign on future jobs, in-demand specializations

In partnership between Skills Bahrain and the Ministry of Education



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Skills Bahrain – an initiative under the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) – in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, has concluded the first phase of its national awareness campaign designed to raise awareness amongst secondary school students about future jobs and the specializations [specialisations] in demand in Bahrain's labour market. The campaign featured a series of interactive sessions delivered across all governorates of the Kingdom.

The initiative aims to support

students in making informed academic and career decisions by equipping them with essential insights and guidance on key economic sectors, high-demand occupations, and the educational pathways that lead to them. These insights are made available through the Employability Skills Portal (www.esp.bh), which serves as a national reference point that provides students and parents with current, data-driven information on emerging jobs, labour market trends, and related career pathways. The portal features interactive dashboards cover-

ing workforce [the workforce] across key sectors, salary ranges, academic specializations, as well as a comprehensive directory of universities and educational institutions.

The campaign engaged more than 5,000 male and female students from 38 public schools, giving them the opportunity to explore future labour market trends and understand how these insights can guide their academic and career choices in alignment with national development requirements.

Commenting on the initiative, Mr. Ibrahim Ali Al Burshaid,

Assistant Undersecretary for Education at the Ministry of Education, stated: "This joint campaign reflects the Ministry's commitment to raising students' awareness of labour market requirements and empowering them to plan early for their future careers. Through strategic partnerships with national entities, including Skills Bahrain, we are working to prepare students for fields and skills that align with Bahrain's development priorities."

Mr. Amer Marhoon, Managing Director of Skills Bahrain, added: "We believe in the im-

portance of providing students and parents with reliable information that supports thoughtful academic and career planning. Our collaboration with the Ministry of Education is a key step in reinforcing the value of aligning students' interests with labour market needs, helping them understand their aspirations while contributing to the competitiveness of Bahrain's economy."

Skills Bahrain is an initiative that operates under the umbrella of the Labour Fund "Tamkeen" which seeks to fill the skills gap of local talent result-

ing from the constant changes and development in the global labour market. Skills Bahrain works closely with employers, education and training providers, and government stakeholders to bridge the skills gap by providing its stakeholders with the necessary intelligence, sector-specific data, and necessary tools.

It contributes to the transition from education to employment, and provides a clear path towards career development, therefore developing skilled and globally competitive Bahraini talent.

