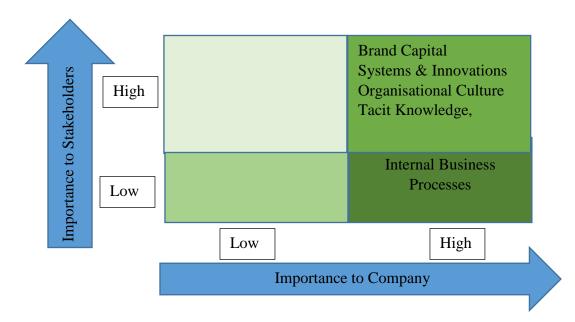
### **Intellect**

As a premier finance company with a history of more than five decades, MI continues to harness vast amounts of knowhow and intelligence through its talented experienced team of financial professionals. Our exceptional service extended to our stakeholders is offered utilising this gathered expertise, evolving knowledge in the NBFI sector. The strong corporate brand reputation that we possess has been built on a learning culture that we truly believe in. We are proud to be perceived as a pleasant financial specialist and a trustworthy partner throughout our remarkable journey which has played a critical role in defining the MI brand in terms of who we are and how we satisfy our stakeholder expectations.

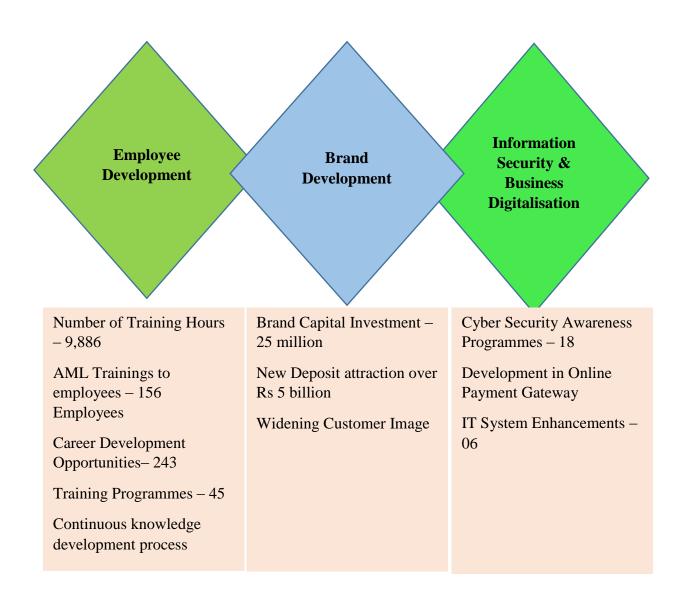
Despite the challenging encounters presented by an unfavourable operating environment, we deployed resources and made bold strategic investments to enhance our legendary service with the newest technology to drive growth, stay competitive and reinforce our position in the industry. We focused our attention on process efficiency, automating most processes to enhance customer convenience and overall productivity. Whilst our staunch leadership and good governance enriched our brand image, we managed all elements of intellectual capital synergistically to enhance our service value chain toward maximizing customer satisfaction.

### **Materiality and Impact Analysis**



This year too intellectual capital made an exceptional contribution to create a notable positive impact to our value chain activities across all capitals. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and evolving macro-economic challenges, intellectual assets played a pivotal role in navigating MI's journey through unprecedented challenges, whilst building resilience and enhancing MI's competitive edge through digitisation, innovation and enhanced stakeholder convenience and satisfaction. At MI, intellectual capital remains in a constant state of evolution and has become the most fluid of all our capitals.

### **Performance Highlights**



#### **Material Matters**

#### **Employee Development**

In order to keep up with technology breakthroughs to improve productivity whilst striving for service excellence, we intensified knowledge growth in employees and strengthened their competencies whilst formulating the right pool of talent with the right skills set to drive our business during this challenging period and beyond. After analysing knowledge gaps, we conducted numerous in-house training programmes and arranged training sessions to enhance the skills and competency levels of the staff. This supported our staff to enhance their knowledge and performance level on core businesses activities, as well as develop their professional skills.

Additionally, we organised specialised training sessions to enhance employee adoptability to the sudden changes in the operating environment and to maintain their mental well-being during stressful situations. We kept modifying and improving the tacit knowledge base of our workforce by setting up customised learning programmes with the help of internal resource personnel and had open discussions about the successes and failures encountered to share knowledge and experiences to face future better. Further, as part of passing down knowledge to the younger talented staff, the HR team was successful in completing a series of training sessions termed 'Le Rave – Gear Up,' focusing on delivering technical knowhow within the workforce to create a reliable team of potential successors. These types of programmes in turn supported employee growth and engagement while securing longer-term returns to MI.

## **Top Management Skills**

As part of our human resource strategy, we focused on grooming our top management successors, through building and organising mentorship programmes for employees with proven leadership skills. In order to track these programmes and requirements, we used various universally-accepted methodologies such as 'Mentimeter' and the 'EBI' approach. Further, to create the drive required to face the myriad challenges, we conducted special training programmes to keep our top performers focused on the accomplishment of our strategic goals and objectives. Over the course of the year, we invested Rs. 4.2 million in developing managerial skills and competencies by obtaining the services of industry experts.

#### **Creativity and Innovation**

We consider innovation as an essential component in our success story, to stay relevant and competitive, especially in the technology arena. To meet evolving client needs and to maintain and uphold our position in the financial services sector, we continually encourage our employees to generate innovative thoughts and recognise their efforts in creativity through embedding their creative ideas to fine-tune our value chain. We place great emphasis on brainstorming and idea creation through knowledge sharing sessions conducted from top to bottom, from Executive Committee (EXCO) level to departmental meetings to boost group thinking and systems thinking while honouring employees' unique and original ideas. Moreover, our Business Process Reengineering Division closely collaborates with the main departments to increase operational efficiency and worker productivity through process enhancements, automation and resource optimisation.

#### Talent Acquisition, Building and Retaining

Our corporate strategy places a strong emphasis on our talent management efforts with the objective of formulating the right composition of core competencies and skills in order to extend value creation to all our stakeholders. After a detailed assessment of training and developmental needs of all employees, we provided appropriate learning and practical training opportunities which helped them to take their job performances to the next level. Currently we have number of employees who joined MI at entry level positions and climbed the corporate ladder to achieve career advancement. Further, to bridge several skills gaps, we also made appropriate recruitments after giving first priority to our existing capable and talented employees.

Training	Training Name	Resource Person	No of	Total No
Type			Beneficiari	of Hours
			es	
Classroom	Lego - Strategic thinking	Azeem Zahir	53	16
Online	Le Reve - Gear Up!	Pathum Rathnayaka	16	1
	Technical Session -			
	Insurance			
Online	Le Reve - Gear Up!	Eranga Weerasiri	11	1
	Technical Session - BSD			
Online	Le Reve - Gear Up!	Pubudu/Dinesh/Ryan/	45	6
	Technical Sessions	Nadee/Hasitha		
Online	Le Reve - Gear Up!	Hasitha De Silva	21	1
	Technical Session -			
	ADU			
Online	Le Reve - Gear Up!	Eranda Withana	11	1
	Technical Session -			
	Legal Recovery			
Online	Le Reve - Gear Up!	Ranil Wijerathne	11	1
	Technical Session -			
	Cashiering			
Online	Le Reve - Gear Up!	Supun Jayarathna	13	1
	Technical Session -			
	Recoveries			
Online	Gear Up! Technical	Imran	11	2
	Sessions - Micro			
	Finance			

# **Trainings by Industry Experts**

Training	Trainer	Category	Trainin	Participant
, and the second second			g Hours	S
Corporate L&D Masterclass	SLASSCO	Technical Skills	8	2
	M	Training		
FD Sales Skill Training	Sanjika	Technical Skills	16	16
_	Perera	Training		
<b>Certificate Course in</b>	BASL	Technical Skills	25	1
Compliance		Training		
<b>Training on Talent Analytics</b>	SLASSCO	Technical Skills	2	2
	M	Training		
Art of Recoveries	FHA	Technical Skills	8	2
		Training		
Le Reve - Gear Up! LEGO	Azeem	Human Skills	8	25
Training	Saheer	Training		
	(Luminary			
	Learning)			
Webinar on SLFRs 16	CA Sri	Technical Skills	4	3
	Lanka	Training		
Webinar on SLFRS-9 Sailing	CA Sri	Technical Skills	4	3
through crisis	Lanka	Training		
Le Reve - Gear Up! LEGO	Azeem	Human Skills	8	28
Training	Saheer	Training		
G	(Luminary			
	Learning)			
Course on Practical	CMA	Technical Skills	28	1
<b>Application of Income Tax</b>		Training		
<b>Gear Up! Technical Sessions</b>	Imran	Technical Skills	2	11
- Micro Finance		Training		
Artificial Intelligence	SLID	Human Skills	4	4
		Training		
Webinar series on Integrated	CA Sri	Technical Skills	13.5	1
Reporting	Lanka	Training		
Train the Trainer	Wild Drift	Human Skills	8	1
		Training		
Training on Excel	Gemunu	Technical Skills	8	13
	Premarathna	Training		
<b>Young Directors Forum</b>	SLID	Human Skills	4	2
		Training		
Advanced Sales Skill	Sanjika	Technical Skills	16	20
Training	Perera	Training		
Cashier Tech Talk	BOC -	Technical Skills	8	92
	Dayajinie,	Training		

	Niroshini, Hareendra,			
Regulatory Framework Relating to Non-Bank Financial Institutions	Janaka CBSL	Technical Skills Training	16	2
Workshop on Labour Law and Industrial Relations	RH Training	Technical Skills Training	8	1
Leadership Coaching Assessment	#N/A	Human Skills 2 Training		1
43rd CA Conference 2022	CA Sri Lanka	Technical Skills Training	2	7
Counselling Skills for Managers	Life Skill Academy	Technical Skills Training	2	2
Payroll Management	RH Training	Technical Skills Training	2	1
Digital Media Masterclass	SLASSCO M	Technical Skills Training	4	2
Personality Development & Corporate Etiquette	RH Training	Human Skills Training	3	1
Marketing Strategies to Sustain Business in a Crisis Situation	Vision 8 Academy	Technical Skills Training	6	2
Training on Valuation	Isuru Senarathna	Technical Skills Training	8	47
Sri Lanka Economic Summit	Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	Technical Skills Training	10	1
<b>CPD Meeting Minutes</b>	Institute of Charted Corporate Secretaries	Technical Skills Training	2	1
EPF/ETF Contribution and practical issues	CNCI	Technical Skills Training	3	5
APIT,AIT, & WHT circular issues by CGIR	KPMG	Technical Skills Training	2	7
Awareness Session for Insuarance Brokers 2023	SLIC	Technical Skills Training	6	1

#### **Unique Culture Upheld**

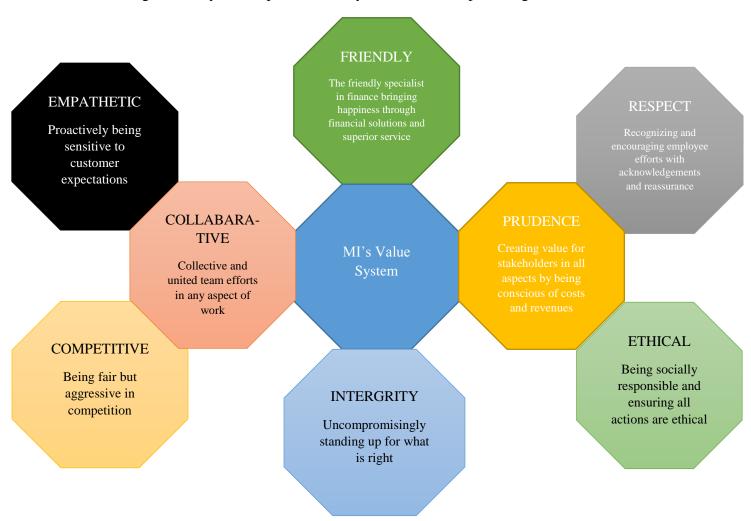
MI's corporate culture reflects a 'constructive model' which promotes and integrates all critical non-monetary fulfilments and staff's personal aspirations such as achievement, self-actualisation, encouragement and affiliation. These elements integrate seamlessly to create a culture that is self-motivating, open and collaborative to enhance the generation of fresh and unique ideas and to present opinions which contribute to the corporate success. The affable environment paves the way for our employees to perform at their peak without undue pressure and inhibitions whilst promoting equality and fairness in employee treatment.

On the other hand, MI strives to establish a performance-driven culture which strives to encourage employee engagement to facilitate achieving better success in corporate targets within the stipulated timeframes. Moreover, MI's corporate culture is embedded with the corporate governance framework, driving the Board and management towards the adoption of voluntary standards and industry best practices to enhance the transparency of each business operation whilst promoting employee integrity.

Furthermore, as an element of our unique culture, we consider appropriate change management a key ingredient in our longstanding success, adapting seamlessly to the ever-changing financial landscape. Over the past 58 years, our business strategy has addressed the changing needs of the financial eco system and will continue to drive the business with an adoptive culture.

## **Our Value System**

Our culture is augmented by our corporate value system which comprises eight values.



#### **MI's Brand Value**

Being a legendary financial institution with an impeccable corporate track record, MI's brand continued to be a vibrant and customer oriented symbol in the industry, positioned as 'top of the mind' for financing needs. Our brand image is fortified with good governance, steadfast leadership, application of industry best practices, secured unwavering financial stability, strong liquidity position and capital strength, which has helped to maintain and foster stakeholder confidence and loyalty in the field of financial operations. Whilst reinforcing our brand image by promoting all of our product offerings under the 'MI' umbrella with the tagline 'Service that extends beyond,' we have integrated our brand across our entire organisation as a premier brand of choice throughout our business journey.

Moreover, we continued to enhance brand visibility with the broad-based use of new technology and social networks, while continuing our product and branch promotions via radio and press advertising, optimising our promotional budget. Moreover, during our business journey, our fundamental values, human-centred leadership, customer-oriented business strategies and social efforts have further enhanced our brand image throughout the community. The investment made on brand enhancement for the year stood at Rs. 25 million

Under the MI brand name, we were able to build sustainable relationships by extending our support to the community through various social initiatives which enabled us to stand out and distinguish the MI brand amidst the myriad challenges that we faced over the past few decades.

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#### **Process Automation and Digital Transformation**

With technology remaining as a key driving force in shaping customer needs and productivity in this highly-digitalised sector, we allocated more resources to improve our digital infrastructure and process automations. Accordingly we accelerated our digitalisation journey by updating internal systems and processes, extending the reach of our payment platforms and customer access points and enhancing our digital capabilities while remaining responsive to mutable customer needs. Our Digitisation Committee together with the process reengineering and business support team strived from all angles to enhance operational efficiency and customer convenience through automation, whilst reducing manual interventions, waste and time lapses that are involved in each business activity. A special steering committee set up to manage the ongoing core system migration towards a highly-technological platform is paving the way for greater use of technology to improve business competition.

#### **Information Technology Developments**

Automated Item	Functionality/Purpose	Benefits	Beneficiaries
Stationary System Automation	Stationary system has been implemented in order to eliminate the difficulties of record keeping and waste that were identified with manual processes. By using this system, users are able to obtain information regarding the availability of the required items as well as the cost associated with them. Additionally, this system resulted in a reduction of unnecessary expenses and a reduction of time consumption, as well as more efficient and effective distribution of stationery items to users.	<ul> <li>Efficient distribution of Stationary Items</li> <li>Real time information about the availability of items</li> </ul>	All Staff
IT Inventory and Equipment Movement	The purpose of this system is to track the current locations of the IT equipment when branch	<ul><li>Increases transparency in equipment</li></ul>	

management system	users send equipment to the IT department for repairs. As well as this system helps users to be aware of the asset details allocated for relevant branches. Additionally, this reduces unnecessary time consumption as well as enables more efficient and effective delivery of hardware equipment to the relevant branches	handling and movement	
Report to check the branch Gold Loan Float's Cash in hand	The purpose of this report, is to check all branch gold loan float balances including current float balance, total cash out from the float and daily cash in hand of the respective date in at one report for identify the real cash requirement of each branch. In addition to that when a branch needed a technical advises regarding gold loan float balancing from the head office, head cashier or other senior staffs are using this report.	<ul> <li>Aided in keeping required liquidity position</li> <li>Mitigate Cash in Hand risk</li> <li>Greater control over company operations</li> </ul>	
Implementation of New Advanced Income tax Deduction (AIT)	This system is cable of detecting and deducting required AIT from the deposit customers and this is also a IRD requirement	Enhance regulatory compliance	
Internal transfer within the FDS system (Refund & Reinvest)	Reduce the manual intervention in refund and reinvest procedure	Reduction in operational cost	
Develop close files destroy system module in the DocMan system	Purpose of this system is to overcome the difficulties of keeping, sorting and destroying closed files in the manual process.	<ul> <li>Uplift the accuracy in operations</li> <li>Surge in process efficiency</li> </ul>	

Furthermore, this helped	
to reduce unnecessary	
time consumption for	
sorting and bundling files	
and find the exact location	
of the file in a more	
efficient and effective way	

#### **Business Intelligence Accumulation**

As a longstanding finance company that is known for its unparalleled customer service, we always value the importance of continuously harnessing business intelligence as the foundation of our expanding knowledge base. We consider business intelligence not only as a process of passing on tacit knowledge throughout the organisation, but also as a process of gathering and analysing customer information and supplier sentiments and, most importantly, building strong and effective relationships with key stakeholders. We gather direct customer feedback through our dedicated hotlines, fully-fledged call centre and island-wide branch network while receiving valuable insight through our chain of suppliers. All digital and social media platforms are used to generate new business intelligence and to improve our business acumen regarding changing customer needs and market signals. Furthermore we have tactically used our marketing staff to identify satisfaction gaps, market behavioural data, competitor approaches and demographic data and carefully analysed such data to bring about the required changes to our operating landscapes.

### **Cyber Security and Business Continuity**

In the backdrop of evolving cyber security threats with the extended use of online platforms, our in-house IT team launched a series of initiatives aimed at promoting information security and safeguarding customer privacy and trust. While upgrading our proxy and firewall systems as preventive measures against cyber-attacks, regular IT awareness sessions and vulnerability assessments were also performed to improve IT security environment.

In addition, we have deployed a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) which establishes required protocols, prevention and recovery systems in a case of natural disaster or cyber-attack. This plan ensures that our IT systems and other critical assets are protected and are able to function quickly in an event of a disaster. We have leveraged the newest technology to broaden our cloud and

storage systems to maximise the reach of information using our planned disaster recovery sites in the event of contingency events materialising. Further, in order to test our Business Continuity Plans, we proactively monitor the effectiveness of safety systems and conduct safety drills. This has allowed us to make our employees aware of the steps to be implemented in an event of contingency.

#### **Capital Interdependencies**

Capital/Activities	Brand	<b>Cyber Security</b>	Knowledge	Process
	Development	Enhancement	Development	Automation
Financial Wealth	Financial Profit	Capital	Training Cost	Routine Expenses
Alliances	Business Recognition	Trustworthiness	<ul><li>✓ Competencies</li><li>✓ Client Service</li></ul>	Service Quality
<b>Human Strength</b>	Employee Motivation	Reliability	Employee Performance	Work Load
Infrastructure	Branch Value	Digital Channel		Need of physical Infrastructure
Nature	-	-	Environmental Hazards	Manual Waste

## **Future Aspirations**

Short-Term (within one year) Medium-term (2-5 years) Long-term (5 and beyond) ✓ Digital migration of ✓ Enhance multi- tasking Introduce AI support to and employee core products improve business productivity ✓ Enhance the outcomes ✓ Migration to new ERP reliability of the ✓ Enhanced automation system **BCP** to cut manual tasks ✓ Use of bots for routine tasks