



# The Beharry Group

BUILDING A CONGLOMERATE FOR GUYANA'S NEXT ERA

**G**uyana's growth rate is unprecedented, arguably making it the world's most compelling economic growth story. While the country's transformation is often associated with the discovery of oil, the real significance lies in how rapidly that growth is permeating the broader economy. Infrastructure is expanding, consumer demand is accelerating, financial services are evolving, and private enterprise is scaling at an unprecedented pace. Within this dynamic context, Suresh Beharry is emerging as one of the country's foremost business leaders.

According to IMF projections, Guyana's economy is expected to grow by 16.2% in 2026, placing it among the fastest-growing economies globally. For international investors, Guyana is no longer viewed merely as a frontier market; it is increasingly recognized as a strategic destination where long-term opportunities are being created across multiple sectors simultaneously.

Suresh Beharry has positioned The Beharry Group, an indigenous conglomerate, to lead the charge of regional success. Founded in 1937 by his grandfather, Edward B. Beharry, the business has evolved from a successful family enterprise into Guyana's largest and most diversified private-sector group. Now in its third generation and approaching its 90th anniversary, the Group is enjoying a renaissance characterised by significant transformation and expansion.

"In 2024 we began fundamentally redesigning the Group," says Executive Chairman and Group CEO Suresh Beharry. "Working alongside PwC, we restructured the organisation from the holding company down, establishing a modern corporate governance framework, a strengthened C-suite and six strategic business pillars. Today, we operate 18 companies, supported by a shared services model that create greater efficiency, stronger governance and scalable growth."

The breadth of the Group's operations is, indeed, significant. Its portfolio spans commercial banking, merchant banking, insurance, stockbroking, finance, manufacturing, marketing and distribution, automotive, quick-service restaurants, energy, and emerging technology ventures.

With approximately 4,000 employees, the Group has built an integrated ecosystem capable of serving consumers, businesses and institutional clients throughout multiple stages of the value chain. Whether financing and insuring a vehicle purchase, manufacturing and distributing leading consumer brands, or providing investment banking services, the Group is increasingly delivering connected solutions, creating a seamless customer experience and demonstrating the advantages of scale and diversification.

The organisation's next phase of growth is being driven by operational excellence and digital transformation. Significant investments are being made in enterprise technology, artificial intelligence, data analytics, cybersecurity and customer experience to create a business that is both more agile and more scalable. Across its companies, the focus is on building consistent operating standards, strengthening governance and equipping employees with the capabilities required to compete in a rapidly evolving global economy.

Beharry asserts that "In every business we operate, there are three non-negotiables: (1) a quality product, (2) exceptional service, and (3) a culture of excellence. If you consistently deliver on these three pillars, you



**Suresh Beharry**  
Executive Chairman

are already ahead of the competition. But this is not enough. We invest heavily in training because our people are our greatest asset and the leading indicators of future success. My vision is to build a world-class organization and to transform the daily lives of people in Guyana and the wider region."

The Group's manufacturing operations operate to internationally recognised quality standards, with ISO and FSSC -certified facilities and FDA-compliant processes that supply products across the Caribbean, North America and the United Kingdom. Growth plans include expanding international distribution networks, increasing contract manufacturing opportunities, and pursuing joint ventures across a range of emerging sectors.

Whilst the Group has assiduously broadened and deepened its investments, it is itself an increasingly attractive place to invest. Most notably, it demonstrated its ability to access international capital markets, successfully raising US\$80 million in 2024 to support its long-

term investment programme, with additional capital raises planned as expansion opportunities accelerate. For international investors and strategic partners, The Beharry Group represents more than a successful local enterprise. It offers a platform for market entry, expansion, and execution within one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

Beharry knows that realizing Guyana's remarkable growth trajectory will require close collaboration between government and the wider private sector.

"The Government has done a commendable job in improving Guyana's global profile and has been deliberate in promoting economic diversification through tourism, agriculture, manufacturing, and medical tourism," he says. "The private sector must also do its part; it must demonstrate the same commitment. We have a responsibility to invest, innovate, and build alongside the Government. Sustainable development is achieved when public and private sectors move forward together."

As part of its broader commitment to national development, the Beharry Group continues to invest in education, entrepreneurship, youth development, environmental sustainability and sport. Through initiatives such as Junior Achievement Guyana, where Beharry serves as Chairman, the organisation is helping equip the next generation with entrepreneurial thinking, financial literacy and AI skills. It is a reflection of the philosophy that has guided the business for nearly nine decades: creating enduring value not only through commercial success, but by helping build the institutions, talent and capabilities that will define Guyana's future.

The Beharry Group is no mere passenger or entitled beneficiary of Guyana's economic explosion. Suresh Beharry is a true son of the soil and sees the creation of generational wealth for its people, particularly through the non-oil economy, as his personal obligation. In his creed, Guyana is not a meteoric breakout, but an exceptional prospect for deep foundational structured impact and profound human advancement.

