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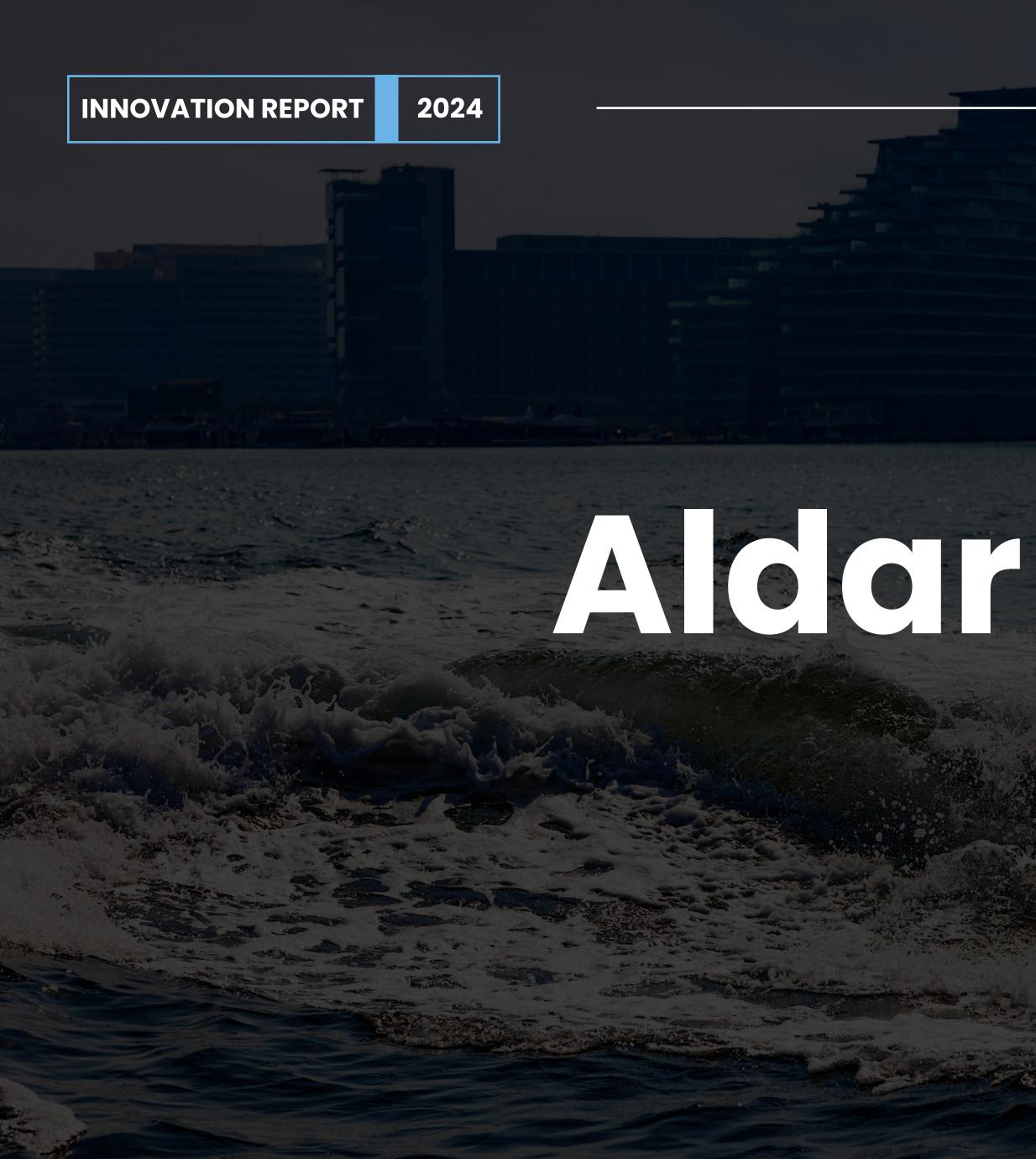
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# Scaling with Purpose,



Innovation is a key enabler of Aldar's 2030 strategy, underpinning our ambition to become a more agile, data-driven, and future-ready organisation. As we pursue product excellence, deliver signature experiences, and drive disciplined capital management, innovation will continue to accelerate execution, elevate customer experience, and unlock greater value across our portfolio.

With these guiding principles, our vision for the future is clear. Innovation will continue to drive us forward, ensuring that our growth is not just measured in numbers but in the lasting value we create for the economy, communities, and industry.

At Aldar, we have a bold vision for the future. We see innovation not just as a strategy, but as the heart of our commitment to continuous improvement, strong growth, and lasting impact. We continue to push the boundaries, and our 2024 Innovation Report showcases our integration of cutting-edge technologies and forward-thinking solutions to create smarter, more sustainable, and more connected environments.

Our approach to innovation is rooted in strategy, powered by culture, and enabled by people. We invest in building capabilities, nurturing partnerships, and engaging communities to co-create impactful solutions. Anchored in research and driven by data, our innovation ecosystem is designed to unlock long-term value for all our stakeholders.

In 2024, we celebrated some significant milestones. At Saadiyat Grove – a soon-tocomplete mixed-use development at the heart of Saadiyat Cultural District – we piloted AMPD Energy's Enertainer system, achieving a 57% reduction in diesel use on site and significantly lowering emissions. We scaled Mrüna's circular water technology across 12 construction sites, recycling over 25 million litres of water. And through Ibtikar, our internal innovation platform, 150 employees explored AI-powered ideas, generating 14 concepts and developing four business cases focused on enhancing productivity and quality.



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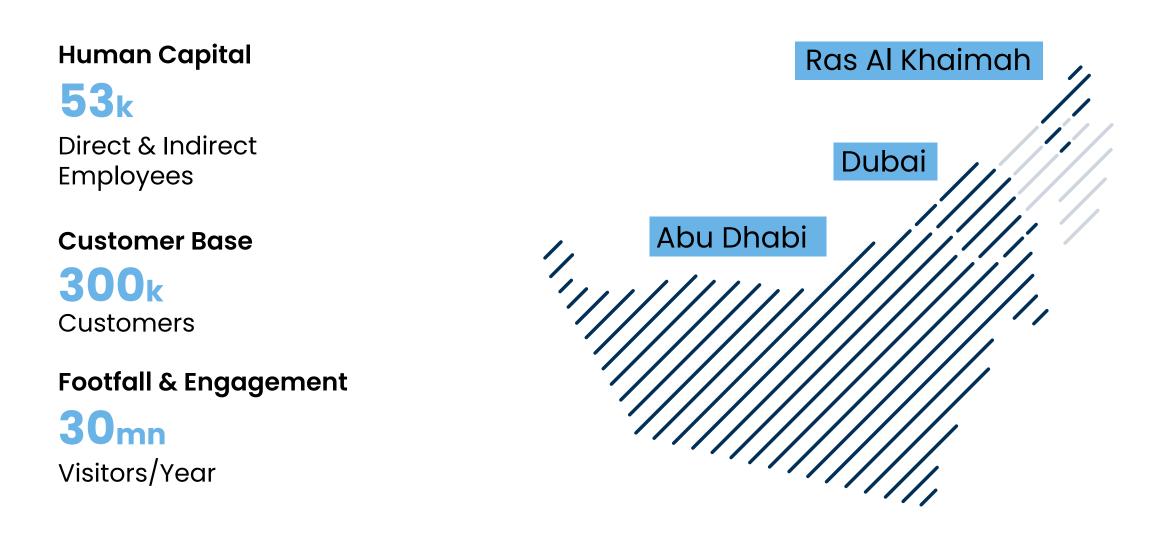
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# About Alder

Established in 2004, Aldar Properties is the UAE's leading integrated real estate developer, investor, and manager. We have been playing a key role in supporting the long-term development of the country and its communities for almost two decades, steadfastly delivering on our promise to develop desirable destinations where people can live well. Fostering innovation to unlock a better, more sustainable future for all our stakeholders across Abu Dhabi and beyond has been our guiding principle all along.



Local Presence



International Presence



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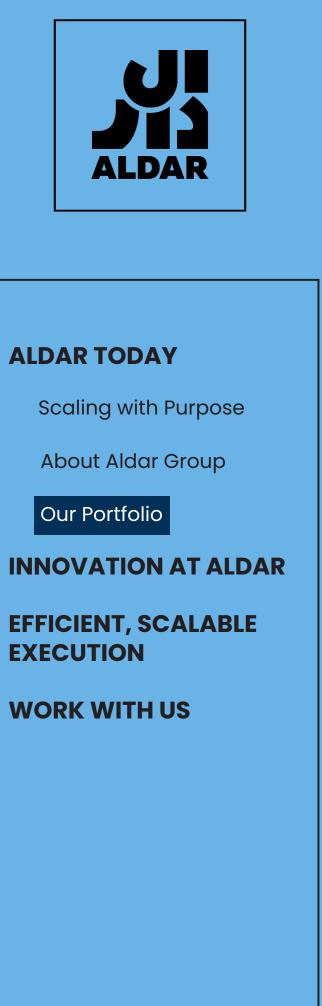
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# Our Portfolio

Aldar's diversified operating model is built around two complementary core businesses. Aldar Development is the master developer of a 62 million sqm strategic landbank, creating vibrant, integrated communities in Abu Dhabi's most desirable destinations while expanding its international presence. Aldar Investment oversees a portfolio of investment-grade, income-generating real estate assets worth AED 42 billion and spanning retail, residential, commercial, logistics, and hospitality. This holistic approach enables us to optimise the entire asset lifecycle.

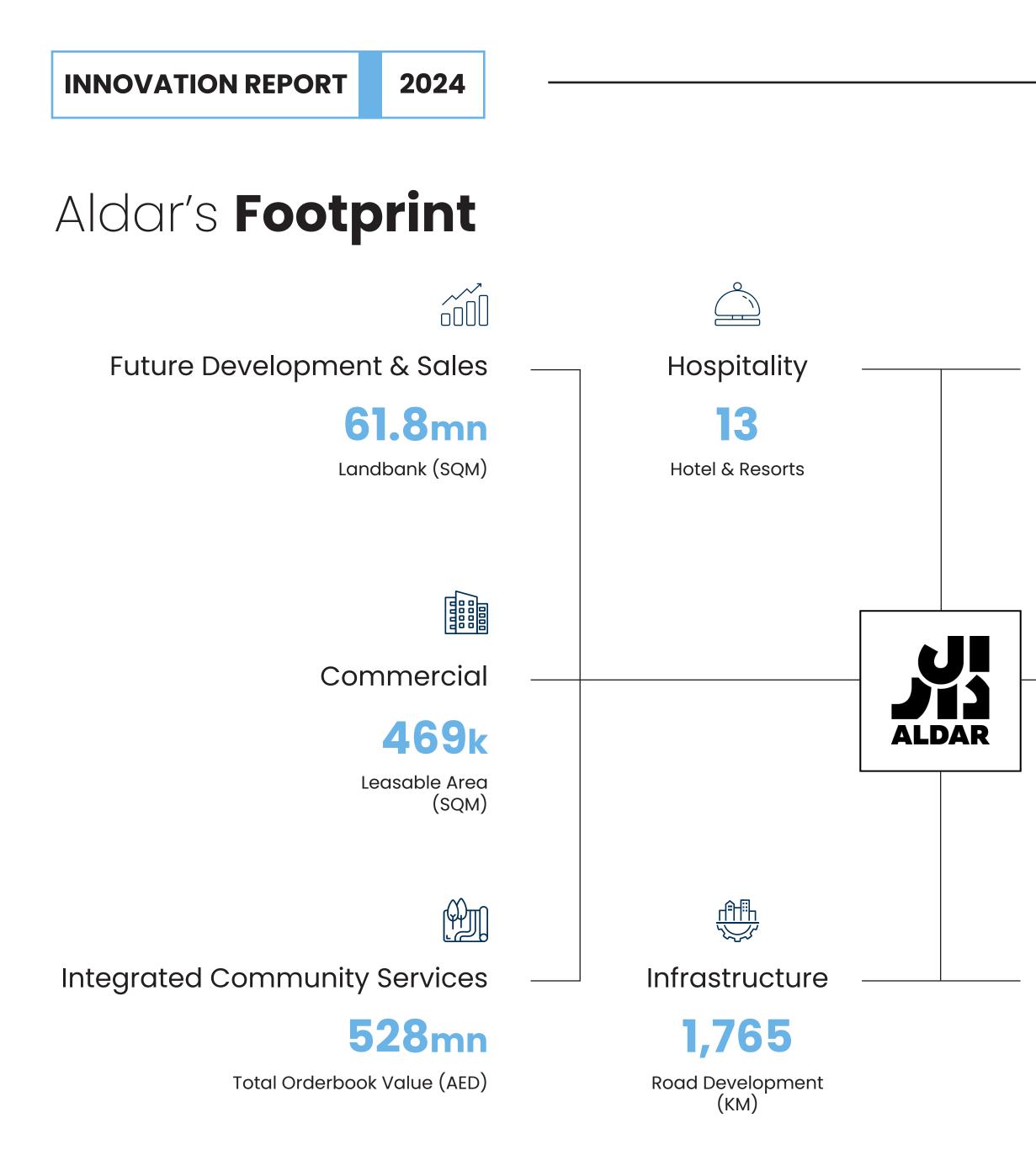


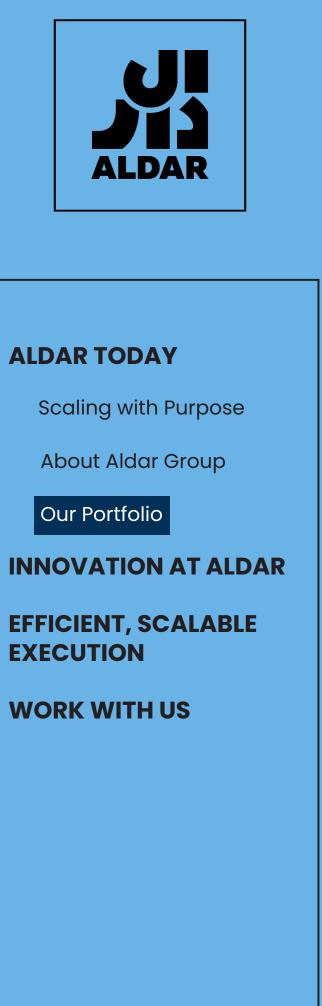
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Retail

520k Leasable Area (SQM)

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Education

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Schools (Operated & Managed)

Communities

155k

**Residential Units** 

Logistics



Leasable Area (SQM)

### 

Facilities Management

690mn

Total Orderbook Value (AED)





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Our approach to innovation is deeply rooted in our business needs and aligned with our commitment to continuous improvement, bold growth, and greater impact.

With these objectives in mind, we operate, collaborate, and turn innovative ideas into measurable outcomes based on six key pillars.





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### Aldar's Six Pillars of Innovation

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#### **Strategic Alignment**

At Aldar, innovation is never a standalone investment. It is seamlessly integrated into our business strategy, ensuring every initiative addresses organisational priorities.



#### **Cultural Empowerment**

We foster a culture of innovation that empowers leaders and teams across the organisation to take ownership. Rather than confining it to structural silos, we embed innovation into our collective mindset, encouraging every individual to contribute.



#### **Capacity Building**

Scaling innovation requires skilled people ready to drive it forward. This is why we invest in capability building across all our verticals, equipping our workforce with the tools and expertise to lead transformative change.



#### **Ecosystem Partnerships**

Collaboration amplifies innovation. By forging strong partnerships across the private and public sectors, we cultivate a thriving innovation ecosystem that enhances talent, technology, and resources while providing us with a robust pipeline of promising leads.



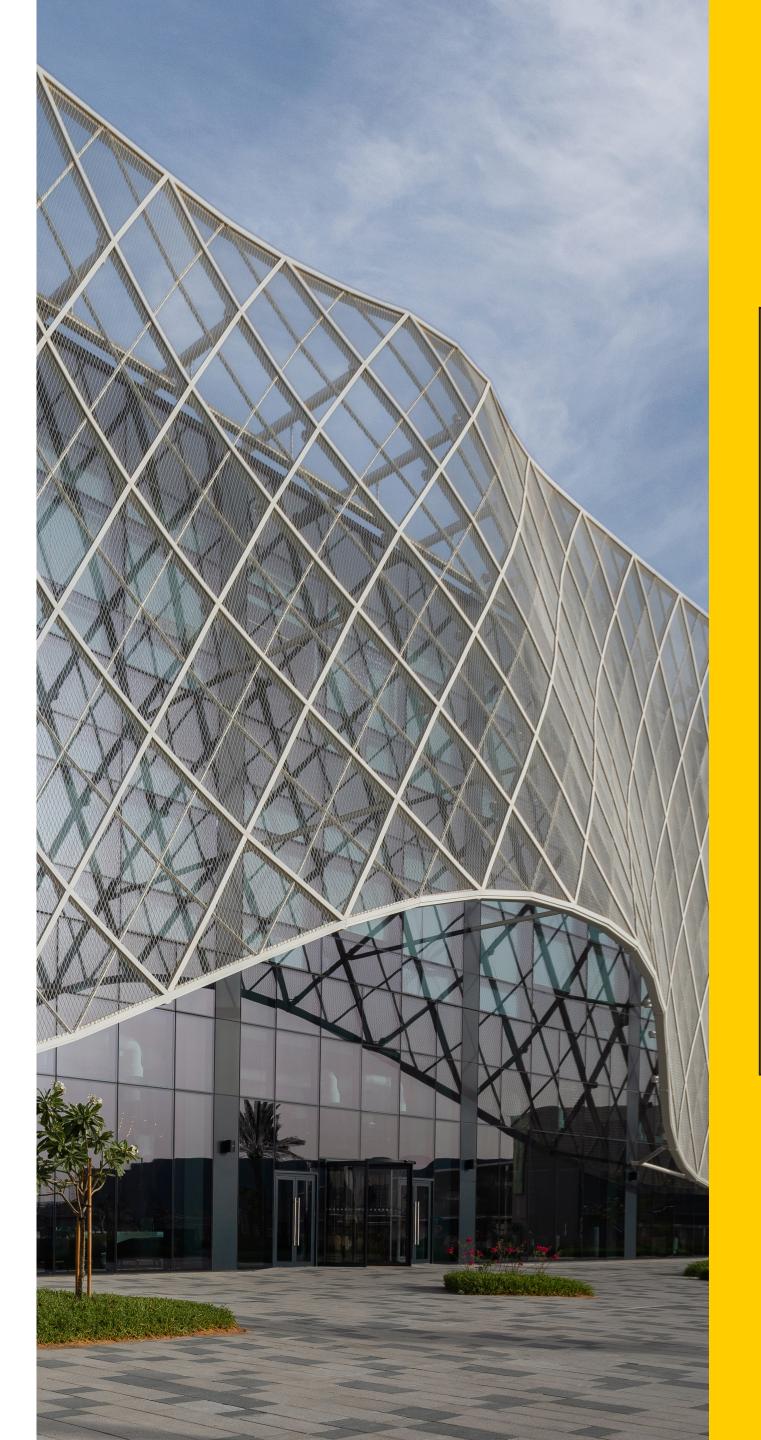
#### **Community Engagement**

Innovation thrives when it is people-centric. By maintaining an open feedback loop and co-creating solutions with the communities we serve, we ensure our efforts remain relevant, impactful, and truly connected to real-world needs.



#### **Research & Development**

R&D fuels progress by exploring cutting-edge solutions, from modular construction to AI-driven design, through studies, research, and global insights. By transforming bold ideas into reality, we shape the future of real estate with innovation that inspires.





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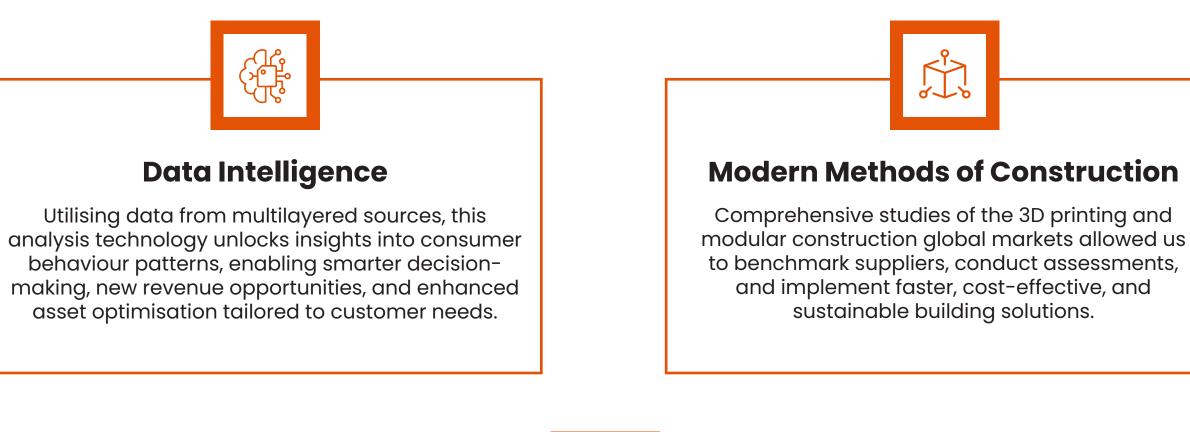
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Research and Development (R&D) is the fuel of innovation. By exploring new technologies, materials, and methodologies, we enhance efficiency, sustainability, and future-proof development for smarter real estate.





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We're experimenting with several solutions that leverage machine learning and design-optimising simulation algorithms to reduce the use of concrete and steel in construction, enhance resource efficiency, and maximise development ROI.



#### **Low-Carbon Building Materials**

In collaboration with Group Sustainability and global experts, we're testing an innovative green cement solution that repurposes brine waste into low-carbon building materials, advancing sustainability and reducing environmental impact.



#### **Advanced Water Conservation**

As part of our drive for solutions that optimise water consumption, we're exploring biochar soil additives technology that strengthens soil structure, cuts water and fertiliser use, and boosts plant resilience, creating healthier, more resilient landscapes.



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# Aldar's Innovation Toolkit

Innovation isn't one-size-fits-all. Depending on factors like problem complexity and risk level, we tailor the right approach for each solution—whether by tapping into our deep internal capabilities or by activating our rich network of partners and start-ups.





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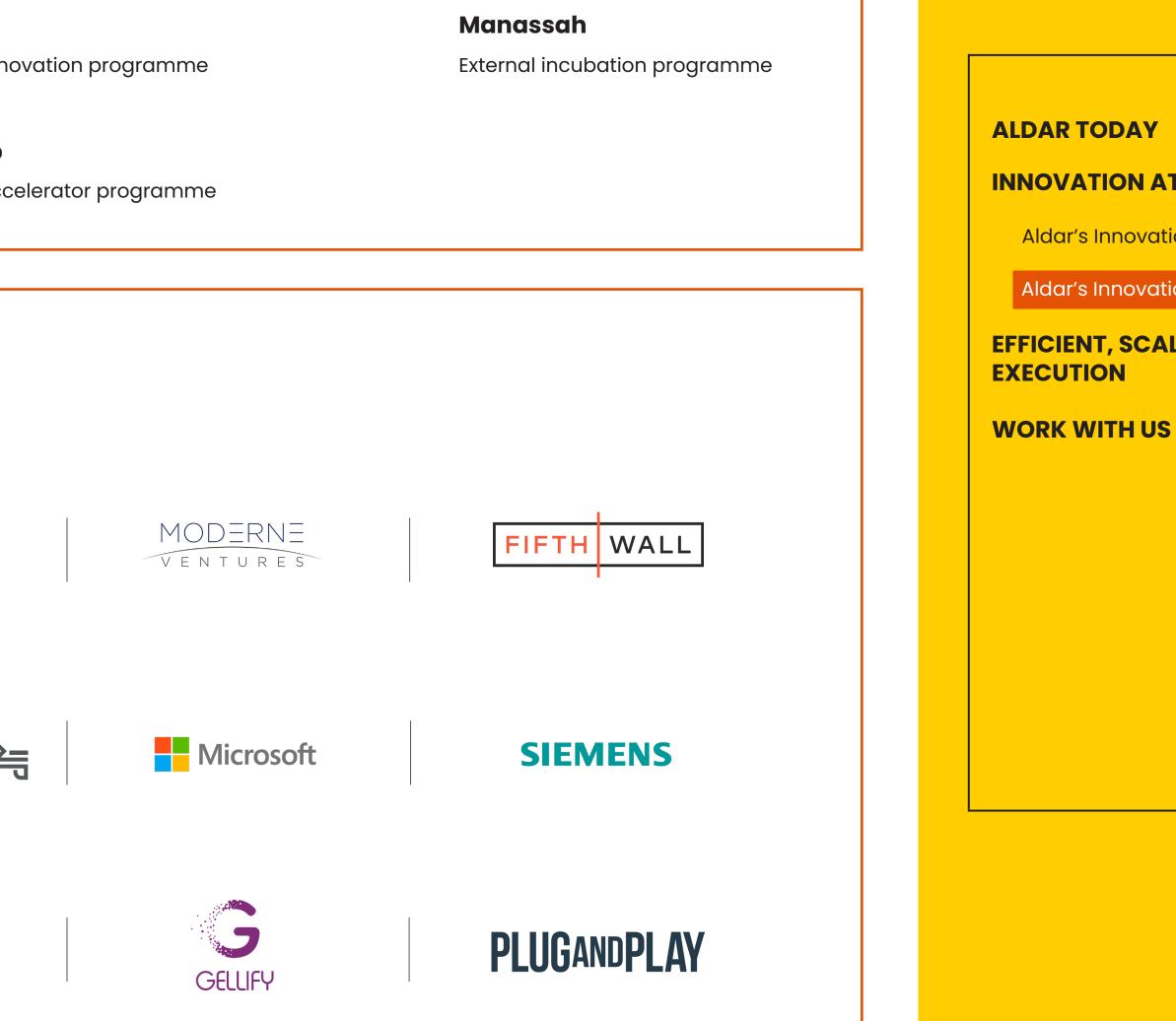
**Ecosystem Enablers:** 

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# Global Scouting & Piloting

As Aldar's external innovation engine, Global Scouting and Piloting taps into our growing innovation ecosystem to uncover cutting-edge leads and build a structured innovation pipeline. By systematically assessing over 300 innovations in 2024 through a disciplined, opportunity-driven approach, we transform promising ideas into high-impact solutions that enhance efficiency, elevate customer experiences, and create lasting value across our organisation.



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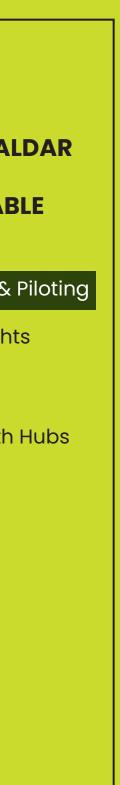
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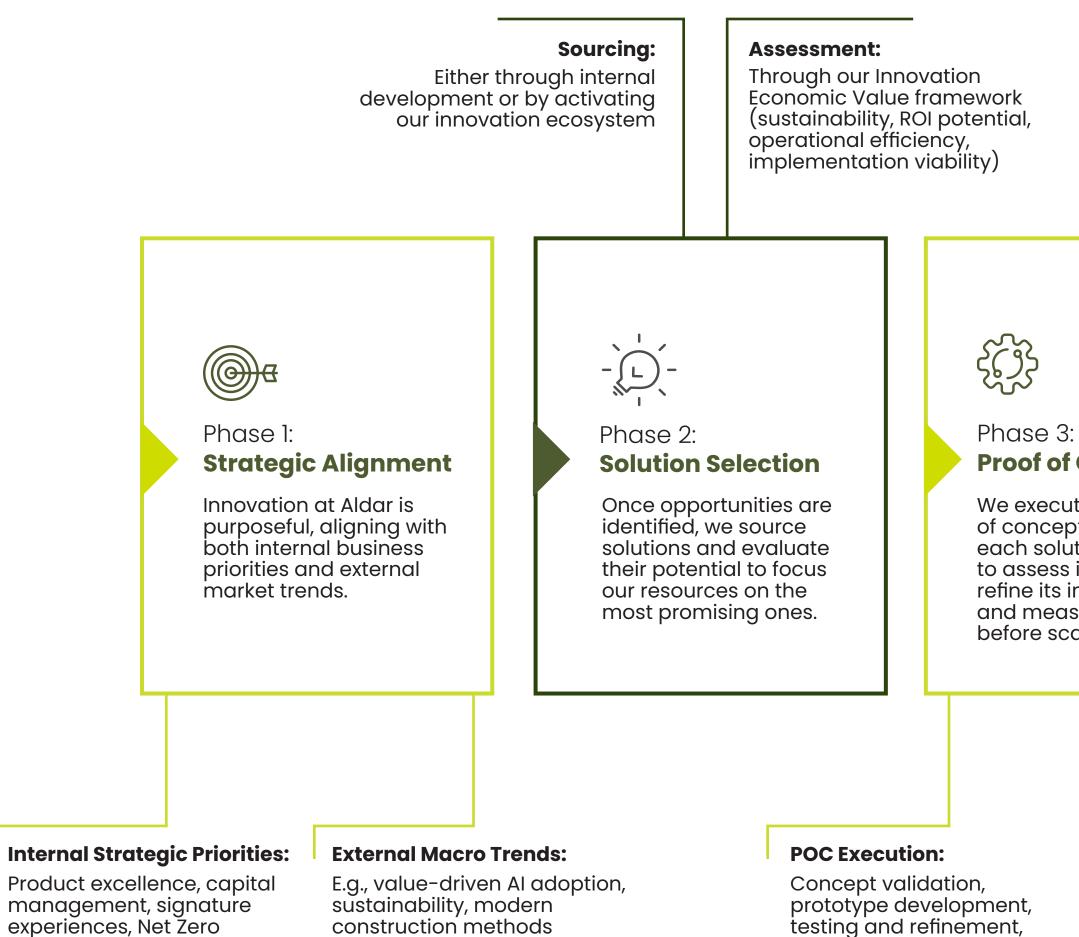
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### Operating Model





#### Scaling Strategy:

Business-as-usual (BAU) rollout in collaboration with relevant business units

#### Impact Tracking:

Ongoing monitoring of metrics and overall impact, with continuous optimisation

### **Proof of Concept (POC)**

We execute a proof of concept (POC) for each solution selected to assess its feasibility, refine its implementation, and measure its impact before scaling.



#### Phase 4: **Solution Scaling**

We transition successful POCs into full-scale execution, ensuring they seamlessly integrate with Aldar's business units and deliver measurable value across the organisation.

#### **POC Assessment:**

implementation

ROI, cost savings, revenue, adoption, technical performance, market fit, customer feedback

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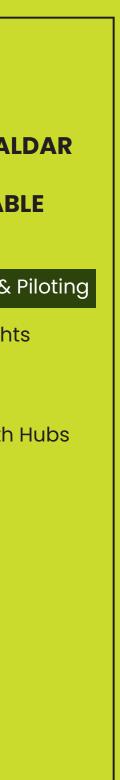
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# AMPD: Smart Energy Storage for Emissions Reduction

#### POC

AMPD Energy is pioneering diesel consumption reduction for construction sites. Its flagship product, the Enertainer, offers advanced energy storage solutions that cut down reliance on traditional diesel generators. In 2024, we piloted the AMPD Enertainer solution at Saadiyat Grove.





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AMPD

#### **Problem Statement**

Heavy reliance on diesel-powered generators in construction sites generates significant environmental and economic costs.



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#### **Solution**

**Energy Storage:** Stores small continuous current and achieves an "Amplification effect."

#### **Load Management:** Optimises energy distribution, supplying power only when needed.

#### Fuel Efficiency:

Charges from lower-power sources and delivers highpowered intermittent energy.

#### Future Opportunities

We'll accelerate real estate decarbonisation by driving the adoption of energy-saving solutions across future projects, integrating them with renewable energy for fully sustainable sites and harnessing energy analytics to maximise efficiency and optimise resources.

**57%** Diesel Usage Reduction 22k Litres of Diesel Saved **7** Trips Around the World by Car

#### Benefits

**Emissions Reductions:** Reduced diesel consumption lowering CO<sup>2</sup> emissions during construction

**Cost Savings:** Reduced diesel consumption lowering construction operating costs







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# Smart Cities: Redefining Smart Urban Living in Saadiyat Grove

POC

The Saadiyat Grove Smart District is Aldar's flagship smart city development, designed to set a new benchmark for sustainable, tech-enabled urban living.

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#### Technology

**Environmental Monitoring:** IoT-based sensors tracking air and noise quality

Building Twin & Predictive Analytics: Digital twin technology simulating building performance

Smart Infrastructure Optimisation: Al-powered insights enhancing power, water, and waste efficiency

Crowd Monitoring & Wayfinding: Data-driven navigation tools improving traffic flow and space utilisation

#### **Benefits**

#### **Environment Optimisation:**

Air and noise quality monitoring with real-time data

#### **Resource Efficiency:**

Enhanced energy and water usage through AI-driven analytics

#### **Community Well-being:**

Deeper resident engagement with smart tools that promote sustainability

#### **Future Opportunities**

Revolutionising smart developments, we'll harness AI to maximise energy savings and leverage digital twin technology for predictive maintenance and cost efficiencyall to drive sustainability and operational excellence.



100 **Noise Sensors** 

250 **Air Quality Sensors**  1,000 Wayfinding Beacons





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# Aldar Secret CX Agents: Breaking Barriers to Customer Centricity

POC

This pivotal initiative redefines engagement by ensuring that every customer interaction—whether digital, in-person, or service-based—is intuitive, seamless, and meaningful. Our team members enlist as CX Secret Agents to co-create customer experiences through continuous feedback and iteration.



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#### Solution

#### **Participation:**

Aldar employees volunteer to assess assets and experiences across our ecosystem.

#### Audits:

Agents conduct internal mystery audits, evaluating customer centricity.

#### Engagement:

Agents are rewarded through an Aldar Secret CX Agent Incentive Programme.

Technology

Cross-Platform App: Enabling agents to assess experiences seamlessly

#### **Rich Media Uploads:** Allowing agents to submit images and videos

**Escalation Dashboard:** Ensuring swift resolution of identified issues









93% **Closure Rate** 

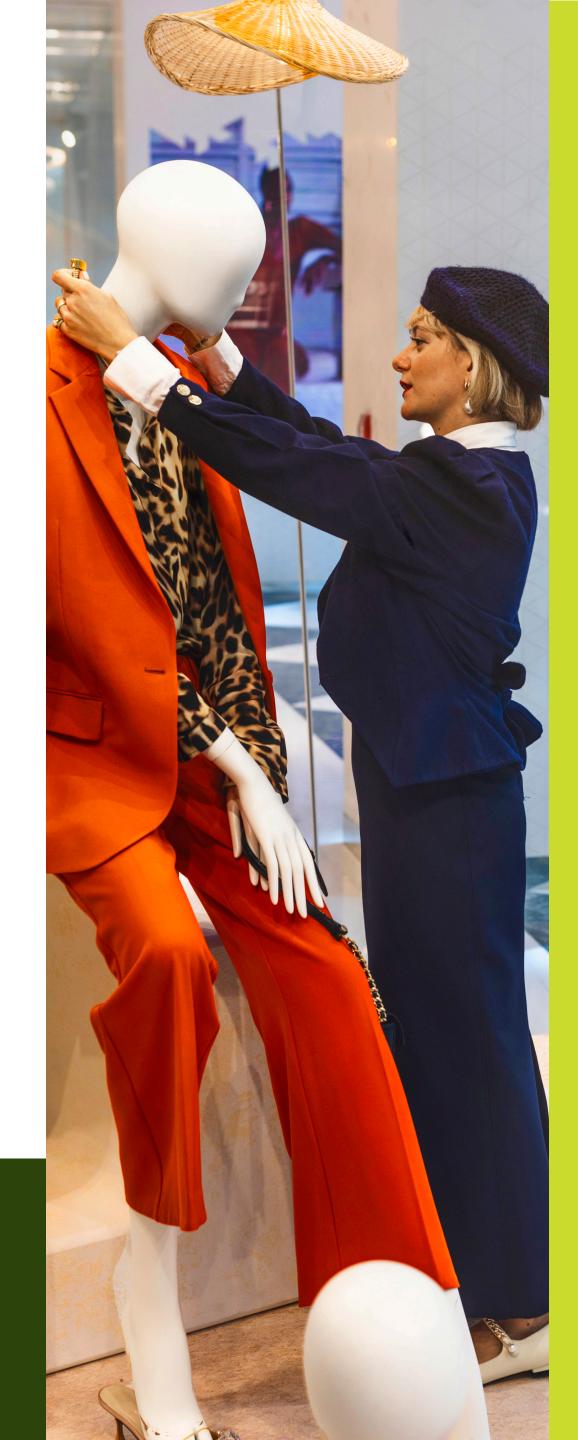
#### **Benefits**

**Objectivity:** Fact-based assessments, leaving no room for interpretation

#### Efficiency:

Rapid, seamless assessment, escalation, and resolution process







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# World of Aldor: Immersive Digital Real Estate Experiences Scaling

World of Aldar is a next-generation digital platform, designed for today's digital-first customers and revolutionising property discovery with immersive, high-quality virtual tours.





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#### Technology

By integrating digital twin technology, the platform provides realistic 3D representations of Aldar's developments, allowing potential buyers to explore properties in an engaging, immersive journey.



#### **Benefits**

**Expanded Reach:** Greater accessibility enabling buyers to explore properties remotely

Deeper Engagement: Interactive, high-quality virtual experiences that captivate customers

#### **Optimised Efficiency:**

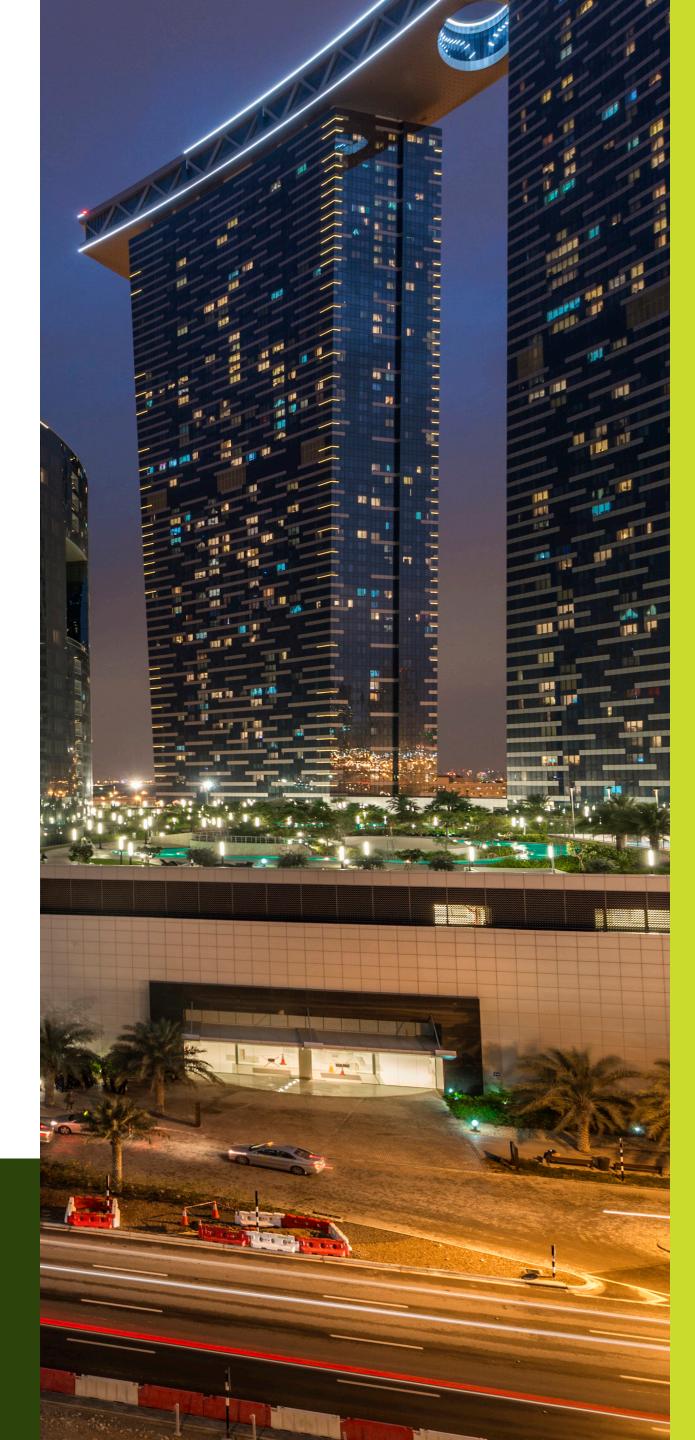
Streamlined property viewing process that provides more opportunities for customised customer experiences

#### **Future Opportunities**

We aim to bring virtual and digital experiences to life across all areas of the Aldar portfolio, enhancing our customer journeys.



**4.4**mn Virtual Engagements 74% Increase in Time Spent on Virtual Tours 58% Increase in Global Reach **Across 108 Countries** 





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# Mründ: Sustainable Wastewater Recycling

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Scaling

Following successful pilot implementations starting in early 2023, we have begun scaling Mrüna's technology in 2024 and successfully implemented 12 systems, embedding circular water solutions into construction site operations.



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Mrüna

#### **Problem Statement**

Traditional construction site wastewater management relies heavily on sewage tankers, leading to high operational costs, significant CO<sup>2</sup> emissions, and inefficient water use—straining local infrastructure and contributing to environmental degradation.



#### Technology

By leveraging microbial ecosystems, Mrüna's Biomweb technology eliminates reliance on sewage tankers, cutting CO<sup>2</sup> emissions and repurposing wastewater for irrigation and dust suppression.

#### Future Opportunities

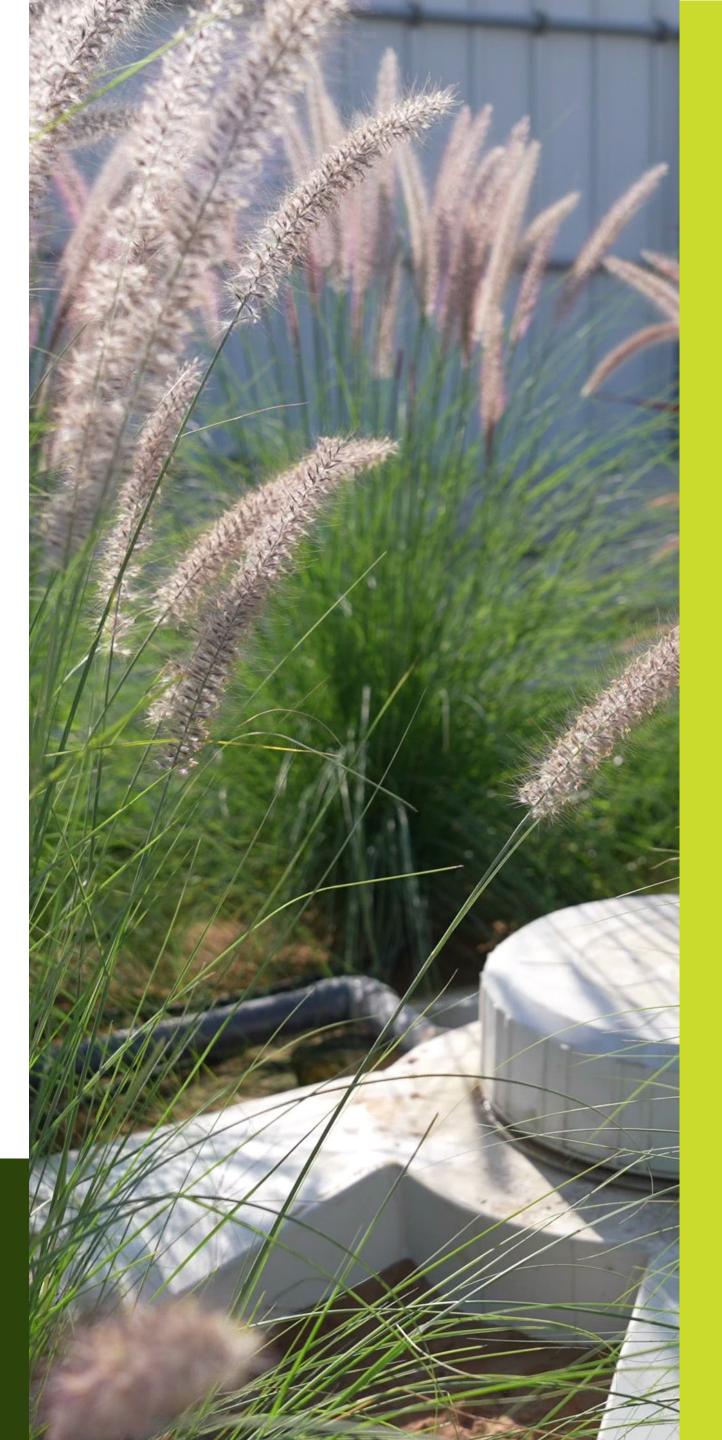
We'll continue to integrate cutting-edge water-saving technologies to drive long-term sustainable impact, fostering self-sufficient solutions that enhance community well-being and championing naturebased infrastructure to minimise waste and protect the environment.



#### **25.5** Litres of Wastewater Recycled



**10** Olympic pools of Wastewater Recycled





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Cycled: Rewarding Community-Led Recycling

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Scaling

Cycled leverages technology to encourage and transform everyday recycling into a seamless, incentivised experience. Initially introduced under our Global Scouting & Piloting Programme (2022-2023) and deployed across Aldar's retail assets with great results, Cycled was successfully scaled to an Aldar residential community in 2024.





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Cycled

#### **Problem Statement**

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As part of Aldar's Net Zero Strategy, the need for an accessible, tech-enabled recycling solution was clear. Traditional waste management systems often suffer from low engagement and contamination of recyclables.

#### Technology

Cycled is an AI-powered waste sorting and recycling solution that allows users to drop recyclables into smart bins, scan a QR code, and accumulate points that can be exchanged for shopping vouchers.

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#### Future Opportunities

We'll accelerate our impact by expanding solutions to high-traffic locations for greater adoption, advancing AI for more precise waste sorting, reducing waste from landfills, and enhancing incentives to inspire long-term community participation.



6,043kg of Recyclables Collected in 2024

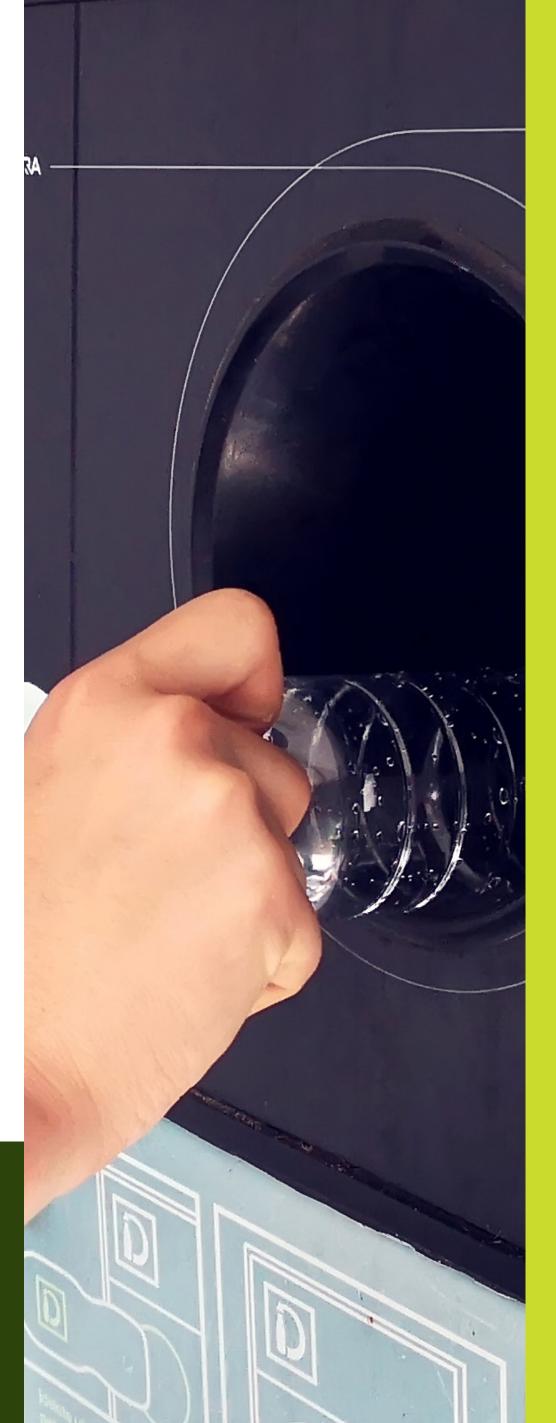
49,000+ # of Times Systems

Were Used in 2024

#### **Benefits**

Simplified Recycling: Waste sorting becomes more intuitive.

Behavioural Change: Encouraged through financial incentives.





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# Liftango: Shared Mobility for Transport Sustainability

#### Scaling

Aligning with Aldar's Net Zero ambitions, Liftango is a demand-responsive shared mobility solution that enables route optimisation for staff transportation.

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#### **Problem Statement**

Traditional fixed-route staff transport models often result in underutilised buses, excessive fuel consumption, and unnecessary emissions.



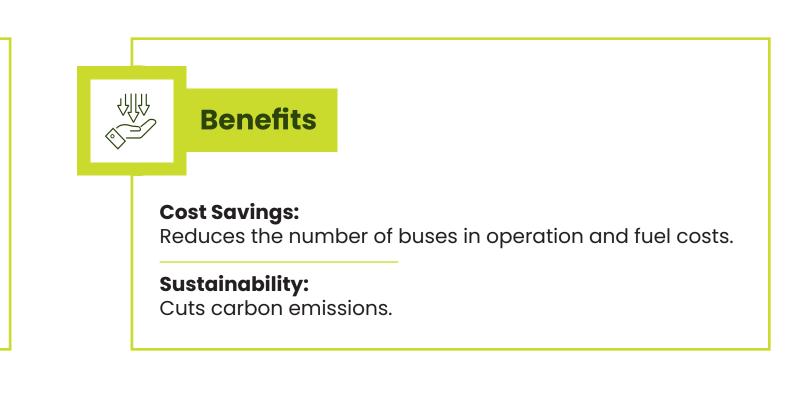
Liftango enhances efficiency by leveraging real-time data and AI-driven route optimisation, reducing the number of vehicles on the road, costs, and emissions.

#### **Future Opportunities**

We'll continue transforming mobility by expanding route optimisation across our portfolio and harnessing data insights to cut emissions and drive cost savings.



**14%** Reduction in the Number of Daily Buses **35k** Liters of Diesel Saved in One Year **238**k Bus Kilometres Removed in 2024



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Passenger Cars off the Road Every Year

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# Contilio: A - Powered 3D **Construction Intelligence**

Scaling

Contilio is a revolutionary construction monitoring platform using AI-powered 3D analysis and digital twin technology. The solution automatically creates intelligent as-built reality and tracks installation quality and progress. We have deployed Contilio at Sustainable City Yas Island, Louvre Abu Dhabi Residences, and several other projects under activation.





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**3.2mn+** BIM Elements Analysed

**70%+** of Issues Actioned in Less Than a Week

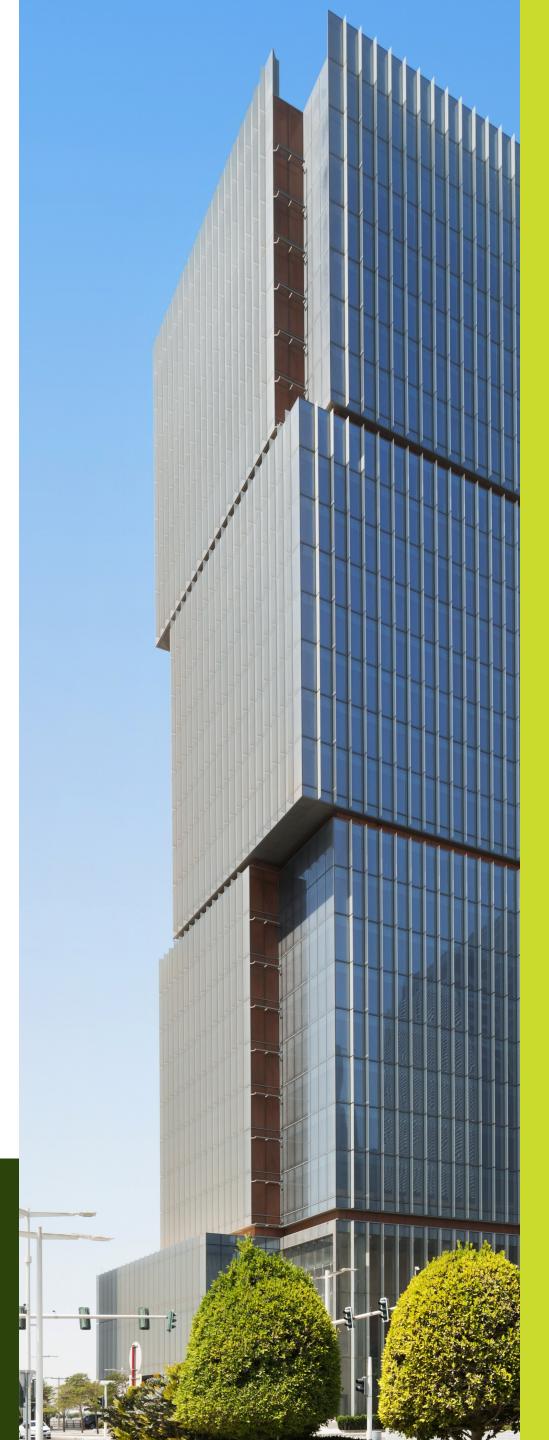


**Time Savings:** Significant reduction in project status verification timelines

#### Enhanced Visibility:

Al-generated insights providing better visibility across the project's full lifecycle







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# Ibtikar: Internal Innovation **Programme**

As Aldar's internal innovation engine since 2018, Ibtikar empowers employees to address real business challenges with purpose-driven solutions.

In 2024, the Ibtikar Challenge focused on how to implement AI-based solutions across key activities to enhance productivity, speed to execution, and overall output.

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### Ibtikar 2024: Transformational Al-Powered Solutions

We identified four thematic focus areas where AI-powered solutions and processes can meet business needs and unlock significant value:



#### Feasibility & Design

Enhancing feasibility and design processes to optimise project execution and impact.



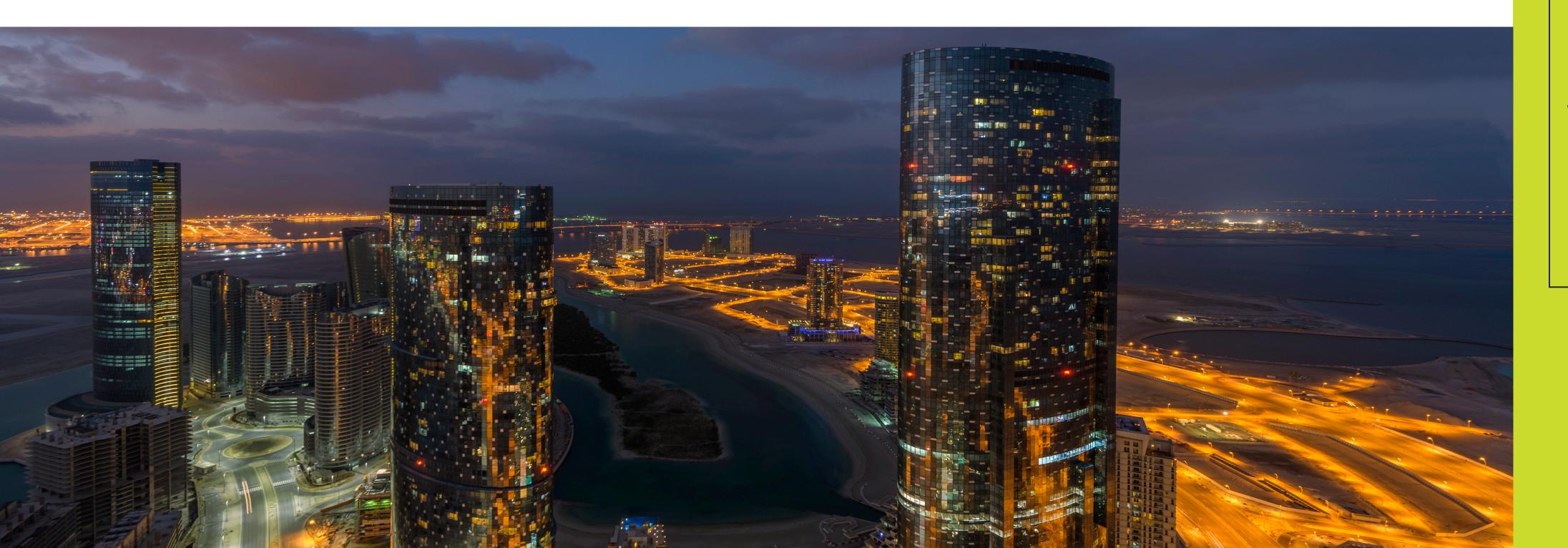
#### Productivity

Maximising productivity by reducing reliance on manual and repetitive tasks.



#### Speed & Quality

Accelerating speed and quality across product and service delivery.





#### **Procure Faster & Smarter**

Optimising procurement for cost efficiency and supply chain resilience.



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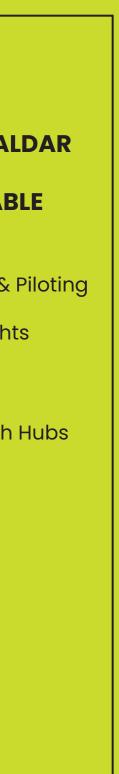
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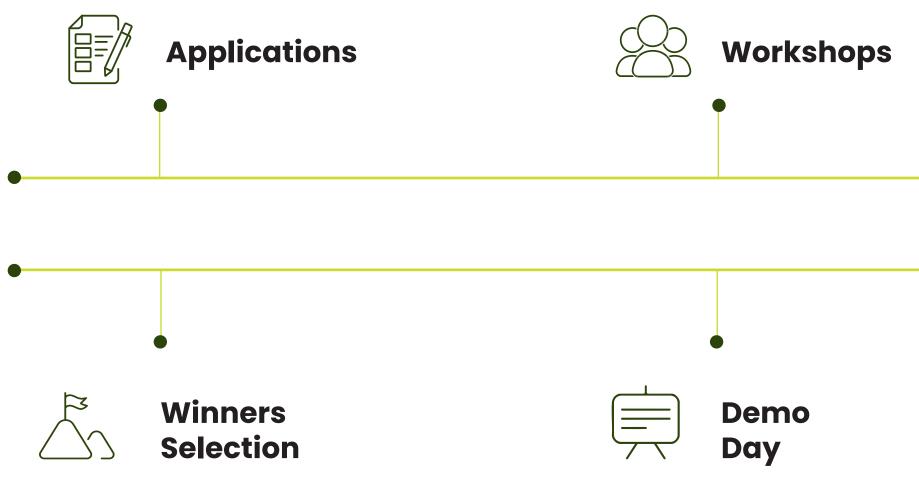
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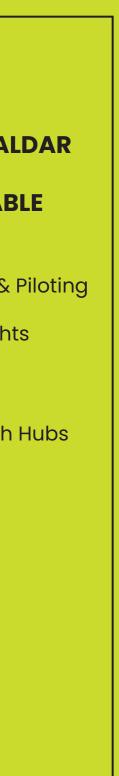
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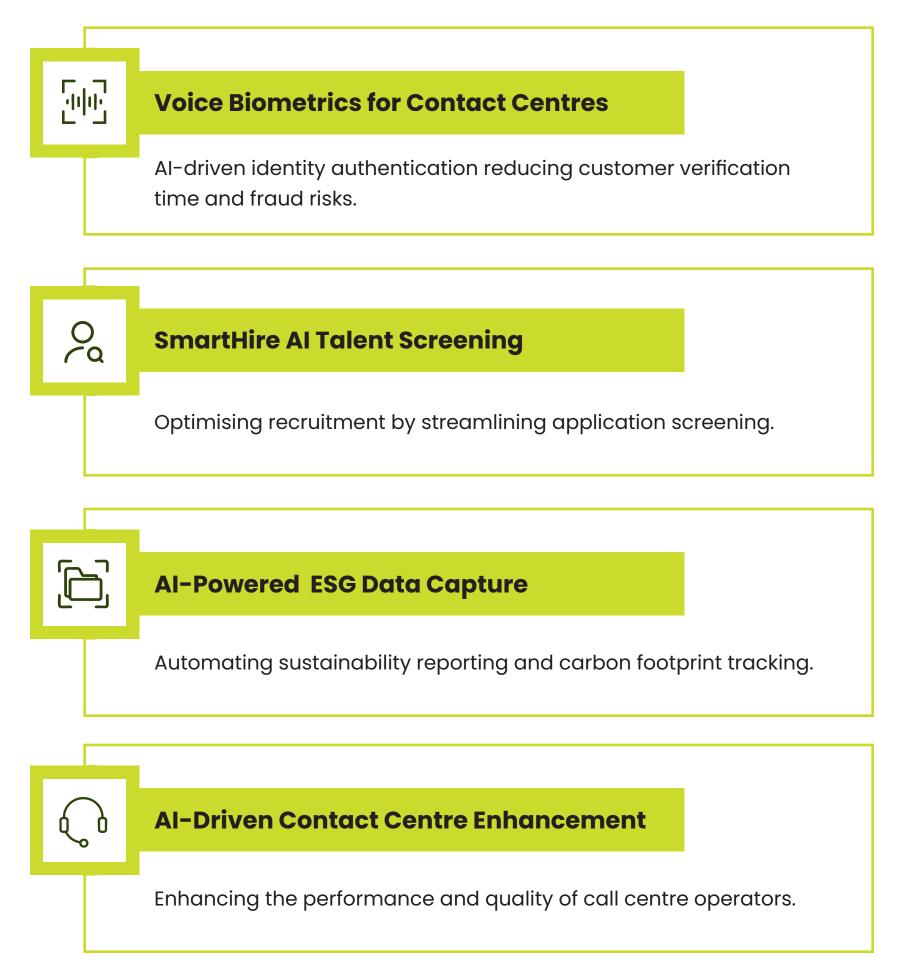
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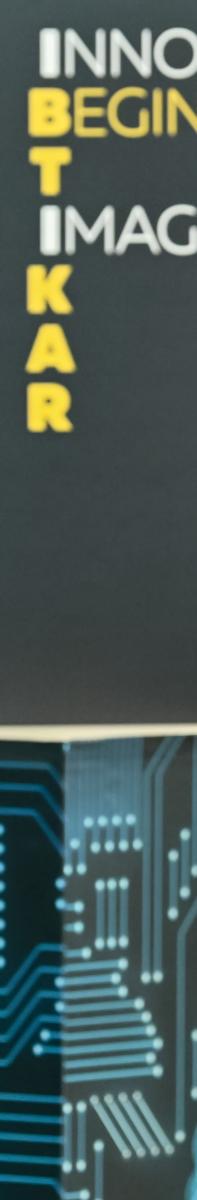




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### lbtikar 2024: **Finalists**





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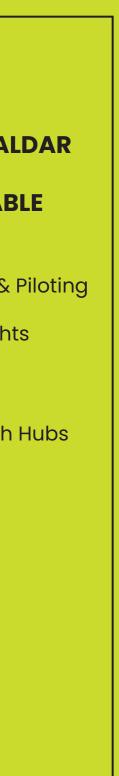
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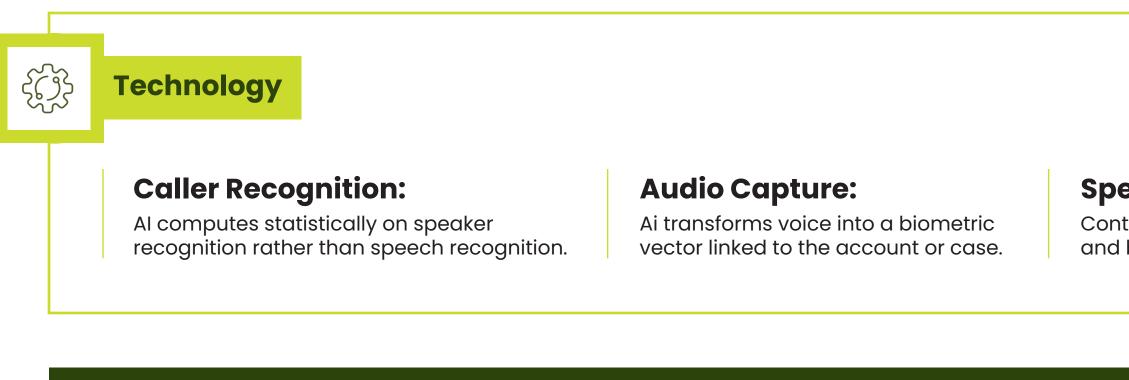




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### Finalist Highlight: Voice Biometrics Solution

This Ibtikar solution streamlines authentication with AI-powered biometric voice recognition, enabling seamless identification in any language. A simple three-second voice sample creates a unique biometric voiceprint, allowing repeat callers to be recognised just as quickly—exceeding industry standards.



**Forecasted Benefits** 

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> **23%** Reduction in Average Handling Time

**15%** Expected Increase in CSAT (Consumer Satisfaction) Scores **99%** Accuracy in Verification, Preventing Fraud & Unauthorised Access

#### **Speech Patterns:**

Continuous analysis flags discrepancies and blocks impersonation attempts.







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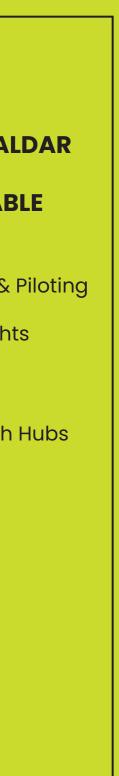
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# Community Youth Innovation Hubs: Empowering New Generations Through Innovation

Launched jointly by Aldar Education, Aldar Innovation, and Provis in 2024, the Community Youth Innovation Hub is a pioneering pop-up incubator POC designed to upskill, engage, and inspire our young community residents through hands-on innovation.



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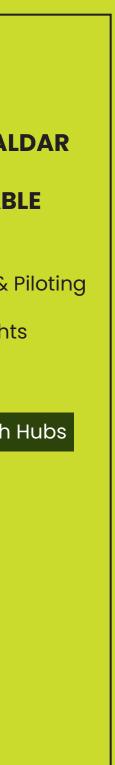
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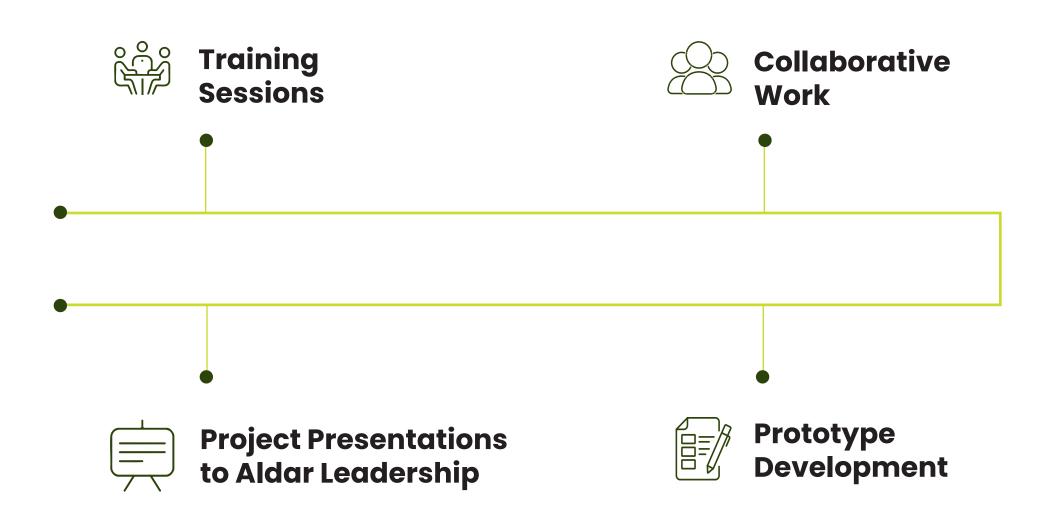
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# Community Youth Innovation Hubs **Process**

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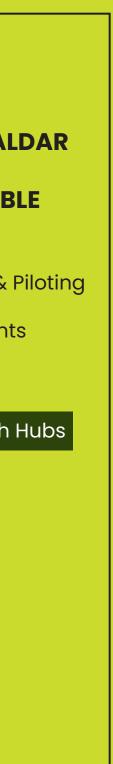
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### Community Youth Innovation Hubs **Results**



#### **Final Projects**

**Outdoor Gym Park:** Incorporating multiple experiences for older children and adults.

#### Library Uplift:

Enhancing the current Maha 2 library with new books and furniture, donation boxes, etc.

#### Recycling/Stem Space:

Giving students access to multiple resources and focusing on recyclability.

#### **Football Practice:**

Providing players with a place to practice without disrupting the community.

#### Arcade:

Allowing members of the community to play popular games without leaving the community.

**Student Impact** 

**Technical Skills:** Tinkercad, 3D printing, laser printing, model building

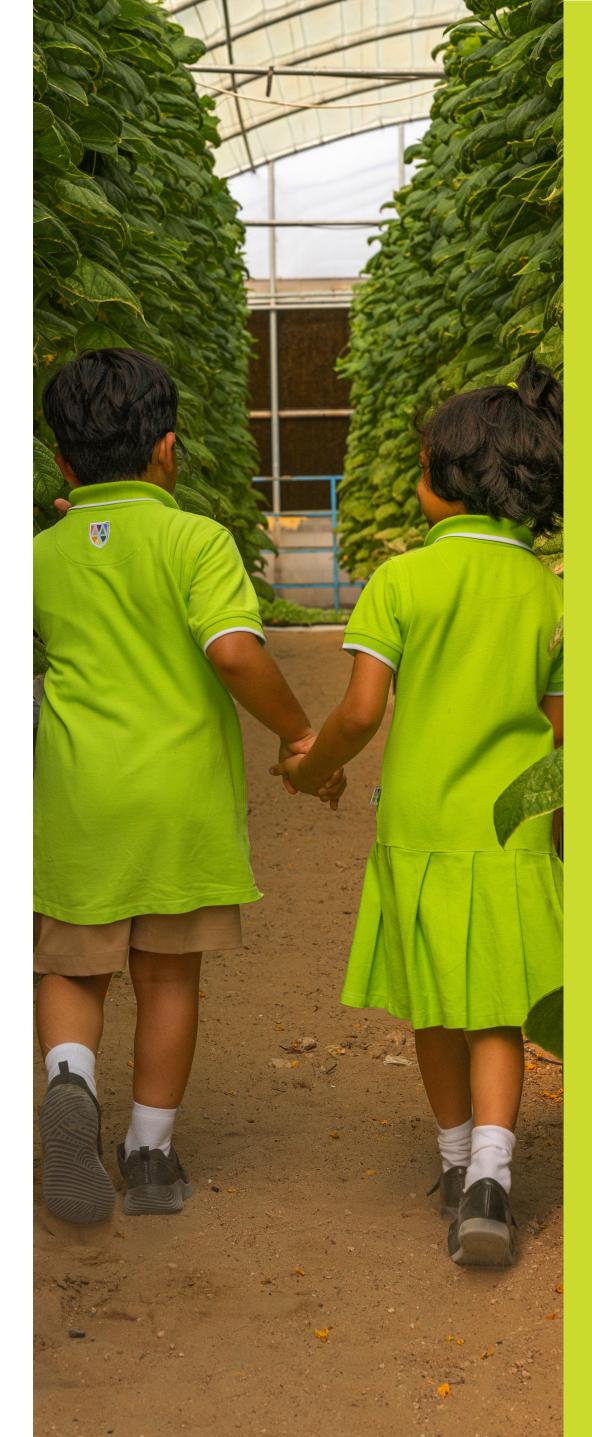
**Competencies:** Teamwork, brainstorming, planning, design, presentation, pitching

Social Engagement: Involvement in real-world community developments

#### **Future Opportunities**

We'll potentially expand Community Youth Innovation Hubs to reach more communities, enhancing engagement with optimised formats and forging strategic industry partnerships to create a richer, more impactful learning experience.







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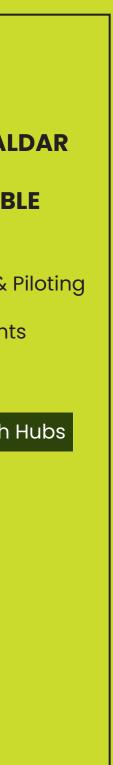
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**73**mn  $\bigcirc$ Litres of Water Recycled



#### 800k **Kilometres Removed**

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155k **Litres of Diesel Saved** 







• Feasibility Study





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