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MOHAMMED BIN RASHID
INNOVATION FUND



A DECADE OF IMPACT

FROM WHAT IF **TO WHAT IS**



In 1971, the UAE's Founding Fathers proved that nations are built by visionaries. Where others saw desert and open sea, they built a country the world would come to know as extraordinary in every way – and truly unique. Such ambition asks for two simple words...

WHAT IF...

A YOUNG NATION AT THE EDGE OF THE DESERT COULD BECOME SOMETHING SPECTACULAR THAT THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE?

Source: UAE National Library & Archives

Fifty-five years on, what the country's founding fathers imagined is real. The UAE has sent a spacecraft to Mars, grows fresh food in the desert and now builds technologies it once imported. The ambition of 1971 is now something the world can see, described in two simple words.

WHAT IS...

A YOUNG NATION AT THE EDGE OF THE DESERT THAT HAS BECOME SOMETHING THE WORLD HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE.



The Founder's Memorial, Abu Dhabi

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UAE's strategic transition toward a knowledge-based future

WE ARE THE MOHAMMED BIN RASHID INNOVATION FUND

WE HELP INNOVATORS TO RAISE FUNDS, BUILD CAPABILITIES, ACCESS MARKETS, AND CREATE IMPACT

The Mohammed Bin Rashid Innovation Fund (MBRIF) is a federal initiative launched by the UAE Ministry of Finance and operated by Emirates Development Bank.



Through three distinct programs, MBRIF facilitates access to funding, helps build capabilities and provides access to market.

FOR UAE BUSINESSES

SINCE 2016

The Guarantee Scheme

FOR INNOVATORS

SINCE 2018

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Emirates Development Bank



Together, these programs support all seven national priority economic sectors, strengthening long-term sovereign capabilities in water security, environmental sustainability, equitable healthcare access and public-sector digital tools.

Read more about the seven priority sectors on p.18

OUR PROGRAMS

The Guarantee Scheme enables access to affordable debt finance for innovative businesses across the UAE. Through the Innovation Accelerator, innovators from around the world can establish and grow their presence in the UAE, gaining access to a dynamic ecosystem of customers, regulators, investors, and strategic partners to accelerate their growth and market entry.

Read more about our programs on p.19





WE MAY NOT LIVE FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, BUT THE PRODUCTS OF OUR CREATIVITY CAN LEAVE A LEGACY LONG AFTER WE ARE GONE.

HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM

VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE UAE, RULER OF DUBAI



BUILDING THE ECONOMY OF THE FUTURE BEGINS WITH CREATING AN ECOSYSTEM CAPABLE OF TURNING IDEAS INTO OPPORTUNITIES, INNOVATION INTO ADDED ECONOMIC VALUE, AND AMBITION INTO COMPANIES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN GROW, COMPETE AND REACH GLOBAL MARKETS.

Over the past years, the UAE has worked to develop an integrated economic ecosystem that brings together agile policies, an advanced legislative environment, facilitated capital flows, infrastructure, talent attraction and stronger, more effective partnerships between the public and private sectors. Our central objective has been to provide the best possible environment for those who seek to build, innovate, invest and grow.

The economies of the future will not be measured by their size or growth rates alone, but by their ability to adapt, the speed at which knowledge is translated into practical applications, and their agility in creating an environment where emerging companies can grow into globally competitive enterprises. With this in mind, we continue to develop our financial and economic ecosystem in ways that enhance productivity, accelerate the growth of new sectors, and increase the contribution of a knowledge, technology and innovation-driven economy to gross domestic product.

Diversifying the sources of growth also requires a financial and investment ecosystem capable of responding to the needs of companies at every stage of their development. We are therefore strengthening the connections between capital, talent, markets and opportunities, while developing an environment that enables promising ideas to access the resources and financing solutions they need to achieve sustainable growth.

The UAE has established its position as a global hub for business, investment and talent. Our ambition, however, goes beyond attracting leading companies; we seek to contribute to creating the next generation of such companies – companies that start in the UAE, grow here, and expand from the UAE into global markets.

We will continue to build a more diversified, resilient and competitive economy, one that creates space for innovation, transforms global change into new growth opportunities, and keeps the UAE at the forefront of the world's most future-ready economies.

HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH MAKTOUM BIN MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM

FIRST DEPUTY RULER OF DUBAI,
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND
MINISTER OF FINANCE



INNOVATION IS ONE OF THE UAE'S STRATEGIC ENABLERS FOR ACHIEVING ITS ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES, AND A KEY DRIVER OF A MORE DIVERSIFIED, RESILIENT AND COMPETITIVE ECONOMY.

With this in mind, the UAE Government has worked to develop an integrated enablement ecosystem that goes beyond encouraging new ideas, providing them with the tools, resources and partnerships needed to evolve into ventures and companies capable of creating sustainable economic impact.

The Mohammed Bin Rashid Innovation Fund represents one of the leading instruments through which this vision has been translated into a practical ecosystem for financial and institutional enablement. Over the past decade, MBRIF's role has evolved alongside the rapid development of the UAE's innovation and entrepreneurship landscape, helping to support innovators and startups across different stages of their growth and expansion.

Our experience over the past decade has reinforced that enabling innovation is not about providing financing alone. It requires an integrated knowledge environment that enables innovative companies to acquire expertise, access new markets and economic blocs, and build partnership networks with the public and private sectors and international institutions to overcome the challenges of growth and expansion. This is why it has been important to build a comprehensive model that brings together the different elements of enablement within one ecosystem.

The significance of the past ten years lies not only in what has been achieved, but also in what we have learned and what we can build upon in the future. This report provides an opportunity to assess the economic and social impact more comprehensively, draw lessons from successful experiences, and explore mechanisms to enhance innovation's contribution to the UAE's gross domestic product in the next phase.

As the global economy continues to transform at an accelerating pace, enabling innovative companies capable of developing new solutions, creating investment opportunities and reaching international markets will become increasingly important. The Ministry of Finance will remain committed to providing an enabling financial and economic environment that allows these companies to realize their full potential, strengthening the competitiveness of the national economy and supporting the country's sustainable development journey.

The past ten years have laid a solid foundation from which to move forward. In the next phase, we will continue to broaden the reach of that impact and reinforce the UAE's position as a global hub for innovation and the economy of the future.

H.E. MOHAMED BIN HADI AL HUSSAINI

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS



TEN YEARS ARE MORE THAN A MILESTONE IN THE JOURNEY OF THE MOHAMMED BIN RASHID INNOVATION FUND. THEY PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PERSPECTIVE TO MEASURE AND DEVELOP THE GROWTH OF IDEAS, TRACK THE JOURNEYS OF COMPANIES, AND ASSESS HOW INNOVATION TRANSFORMS FROM AMBITION INTO TANGIBLE IMPACT.

Over the course of these years, we have witnessed a significant transformation in the UAE's innovation landscape, reflected in companies reaching higher levels of institutional maturity, the scale of their ambitions, the diversity of the economic and technology sectors in which they operate, and their ability to expand and access new markets and investment opportunities. This evolution reflects the success of an integrated national ecosystem that has become more efficient and better prepared to nurture promising ideas and support them through different stages of growth.

This report offers an analytical perspective on that journey by measuring its actual impact through the stories of companies that have evolved, the opportunities that have emerged, the markets that have been reached, and the institutional capabilities built over an entire decade. In doing so, it not only documents outcomes, but also serves as a reference tool for understanding the factors that contributed to them, the challenges encountered along the way, and the lessons on which future plans can be built.

This experience has taught us that creating sustainable impact requires a long-term vision, continuity, and a sustained ability to learn and adapt to the evolving needs of innovators and changing market dynamics.

Today, the value of the past ten years lies not only in the achievements made, but in the accumulated knowledge and experience that now provide a solid foundation for moving into a new phase that is more mature and ambitious.

H.E. YOUNIS HAJI ALKHOORI

UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE



WHEN MBRIF'S MEMBER COMPANIES SUCCEED, THEY CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO REALIZING THE UAE'S VISION OF BUILDING A COMPETITIVE, KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY. THAT IS THE IMPACT WE STRIVE TO ACHIEVE.

ENABLING THE UAE'S INNOVATORS: A NATIONAL PRIORITY

Our vision at the Ministry of Finance to establish the Mohammed Bin Rashid Innovation Fund in 2016 stemmed from a deep conviction among the UAE's wise leadership that sustainable prosperity depends on developing, attracting and retaining the talent that builds new sectors and industries.

MBRIF was given a clear, specific mission within a comprehensive national strategy: to overcome challenges and ensure that difficulty accessing finance, expertise or the right partners never stands in the way of a promising venture.

Ten years on, the UAE is diversifying its economy, strengthening its food, water and energy security and preparing for industries that are only now emerging.

I see each ambition as integral to MBRIF's mission and objectives, because none can be achieved without innovators capable of turning ready solutions into tangible national capabilities.

As the Ministry's representative at MBRIF, I have watched this federal initiative evolve from an early guarantee scheme into a comprehensive ecosystem serving all emirates and covering a range of priority sectors.

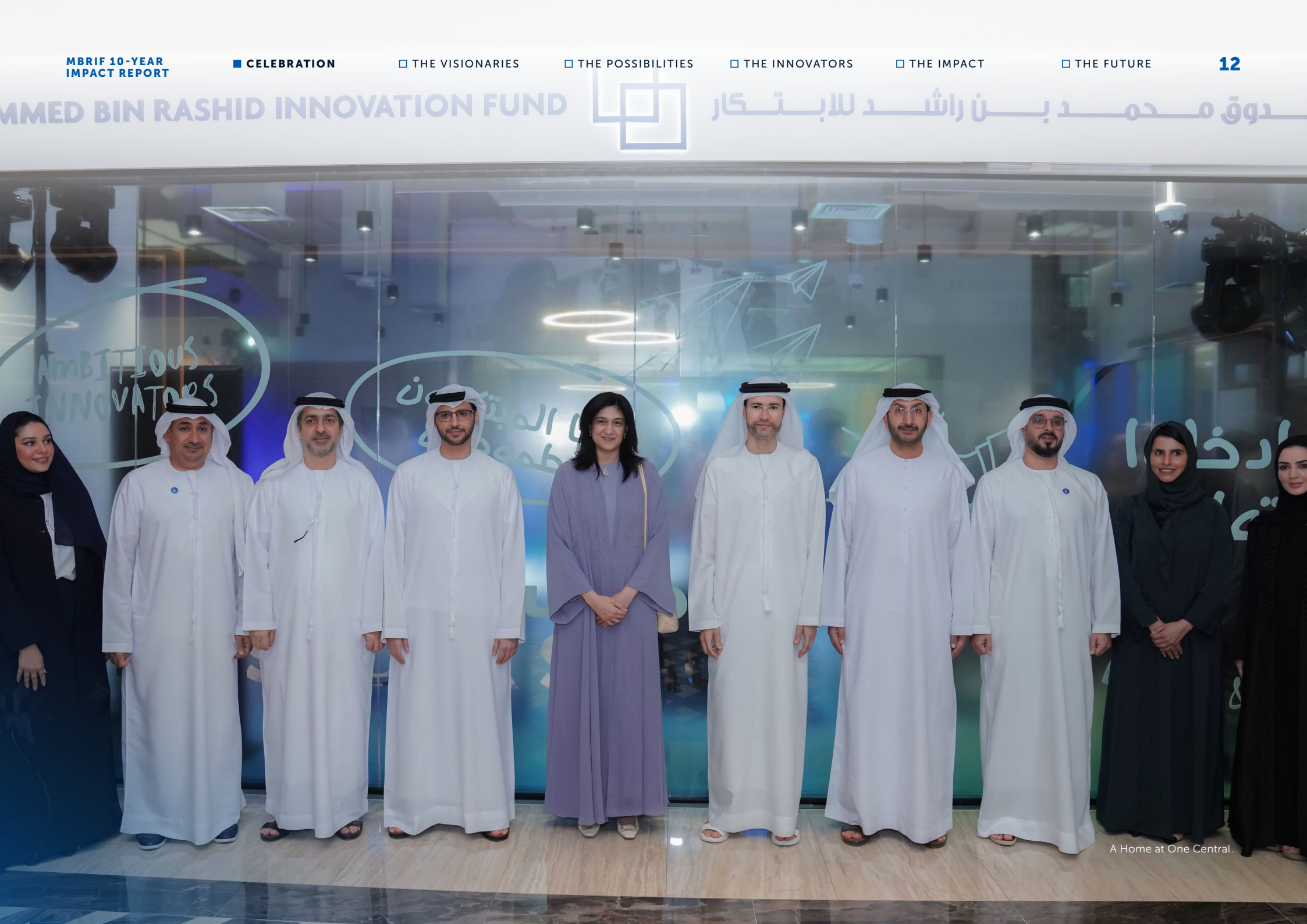
In my experience, innovators who make a lasting impact provide practical solutions to existing societal needs while advancing the country's ambitions. MBRIF's role is to provide the right support at the critical moment when an innovator decides whether to grow a business in the UAE or elsewhere.

The first ten years have shown the scale of what innovators can achieve with the right financial resources and specialized expertise.

Today, the path for the next ten years is clear to me: MBRIF will play a pivotal role in supporting innovators in today's priority sectors and in future fields yet to take shape, turning today's imagination into tomorrow's tangible reality.

FATIMA YOUSIF AL NAQBI

ACTING ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY, SUPPORT SERVICES SECTOR, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AND MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MOHAMMED BIN RASHID INNOVATION FUND



A Home at One Central.

MARKING KEY MILESTONES

2015

An Đ2 billion promise

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum announces MBRIF at the first UAE Innovation Week, following the 2014 National Innovation Strategy's ambition for the UAE to become one of the world's most innovative nations.

2016

MBRIF launches

The Ministry of Finance launches MBRIF and the Guarantee Scheme begins. It bridges the funding gap for innovators, enabling them to scale their businesses while preserving ownership.



2017

MBRIF's first member

Oliv (formerly InternsME) becomes the first business to secure a loan of nearly Đ2 million, guaranteed by MBRIF, to grow its platform.

2018

The world is invited in

His Highness the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, then Deputy Ruler of Dubai and UAE Minister of Finance, launches the Innovation Accelerator. Businesses from anywhere in the world can now apply to MBRIF and receive coaching, introductions and other support.



2019

Sixteen businesses are chosen

Sixteen businesses pitch for a place in the Accelerator's first cohort, chosen from over 150 applications from around the world.



2020

One Fund, one operator

Emirates Development Bank takes over operation of MBRIF in 2020, bringing its programs under one management with the Ministry of Finance as founding authority.



2021

Winners on the world stage

Farmin and Kanari AI win two Supernova Challenge awards at GITEX, the first of many prizes for MBRIF innovators at home and abroad.



2022

From Local Innovation to Regional Scale

UAE homegrown innovator Quiqup raises Đ5 million under the Guarantee Scheme to strengthen its AI-powered logistics platform and expand its regional presence.



EBRD Star Venture

2023

Providing mutual access to multiple markets

A partnership with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development's Star Venture program gives innovators in the UAE and in the EBRD's regions access to each other's markets.

2022–2026

From campus to government

Five batches of the University Entrepreneurship Program with the Dubai Future Foundation and six rounds of Pitch@Gov with the Mohammed bin Rashid Centre for Government Innovation give students and startups grants and a route into the mini Accelerator.



2025

A home at One Central

MBRIF opens its Community Hub at One Central, Dubai World Trade Centre, a collaborative space for members, partners, and community.



2026

The first Trailblazers

Innovation Trailblazers, MBRIF's third program, launches in 2025, and its first edition closes in 2026 with 13 finalist teams of students from UAE universities.

WHAT IF...
A COUNTRY'S LEADERS COULD INSTILL A SENSE OF NATIONAL PURPOSE AND A PASSION FOR INNOVATION?



THE VISIONARIES

As a global hub for trade, tourism, finance and technology, the UAE is shaped by visionaries, risk-takers, big thinkers, and by the organizations they build. MBRIF is part of this legacy – a fund contributing to the nation's vision and development.

WHAT IF OUR VISIONARY LEADERS COULD IMAGINE A DIVERSE, SUSTAINABLE, INCLUSIVE AND SECURE SOCIETY?

The UAE's visionary leaders have set out bold ambitions for a diverse, sustainable, inclusive and secure future through a series of national strategies. Each has its own values, targets and dates, and the innovators MBRIF supports are helping to meet those targets.

A NATIONAL VISION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

DIVERSIFICATION

Non-oil activity now accounts for more than 75% of the UAE's GDP, and the UAE 2031 vision aims to double the economy to Đ3 trillion by 2031. MBRIF contributes to diversification through the innovators it supports, whose businesses create jobs, spending and know-how in the country.

SOVEREIGN CAPABILITIES

The country's leaders have set deadlines for its most urgent needs: its National Food Security Strategy 2051 aims to make it the world's most food-secure nation, while its Water Security Strategy 2036 safeguards water supplies. In meeting these needs, the UAE has developed solutions the world will soon need.

FUTURE READINESS

The UAE is developing a future-ready economy by building its own capabilities in artificial intelligence, space, advanced manufacturing, health and clean energy.

COMPETITIVENESS

For decades, the UAE has built a competitive economy with policies and regulations that help local and global companies thrive. National competitiveness remains central, reflected in UAE Centennial 2071's goal of making the country the world's best.

WHAT IF...
EVERY INNOVATOR WITH A SOLUTION THE UAE NEEDS COULD FIND THE SUPPORT TO SCALE IT?



THE POSSIBILITIES

Innovation flourishes when ambition is matched by opportunity. MBRIF supports innovators through three pathways, an independent panel and a network of partners, and the pages that follow show what each has delivered.

WHAT IF MBRIF WERE ABLE TO TURN OUR LEADERSHIP'S NATIONAL VISIONS INTO REALITY?

Aligned with the seven sectors in the National Innovation Strategy, MBRIF offers three pathways to innovators worldwide. Together, they strengthen the UAE's economy, society and environment.

SEVEN CORE NATIONAL PRIORITY SECTORS



WHERE the nation is heading

THE UAE PRIORITIZES SEVEN INNOVATION SECTORS:
Renewable Energy, Transport, Education, Health, Technology, Water and Space.

THREE DISTINCT PATHWAYS



WHAT MBRIF makes possible

MBRIF OFFERS THREE PATHWAYS:
A guarantee on partner-bank loans for UAE businesses, an accelerator for innovators worldwide and a competition for students.

FOUNDED BY: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES MINISTRY OF FINANCE

OPERATED BY: EDB مصرف الإمارات للتنمية Emirates Development Bank

A RICH AND DIVERSE INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM



WHAT a decade has delivered

INNOVATORS FROM 100+ COUNTRIES HAVE APPLIED:
Since 2016, MBRIF has supported more than 240 companies and run 12 Accelerator cohorts.

45 MN IN GUARANTEES ISSUED, CATALYZING OVER Đ1.7 BILLION IN FUNDING FOR PORTFOLIO COMPANIES, DELIVERING A 35X MULTIPLIER EFFECT (Đ).

THREE PATHWAYS

Through its programs, funding pathways, expertise and networks, MBRIF creates the conditions innovators need to develop, grow and expand, and it shares one bold ambition with the nation.

FOR UAE BUSINESSES
SINCE 2016

Unique funding for homegrown innovations

The Guarantee Scheme helps innovative UAE businesses access debt financing through partner financial institutions, supported by a government-backed guarantee, enabling them to scale without diluting founders' ownership.



SUPPORTING THE WORLD'S INNOVATORS
SINCE 2018

Welcoming innovators from around the world

The Innovation Accelerator provides a platform to establish and scale their businesses from the UAE. Through tailored coaching, access to industry experts, and connections with customers, regulators, investors and strategic partners, the program helps innovators navigate the market and accelerate their growth.



رواد الابتكار
INNOVATION TRAILBLAZERS

FOR STUDENTS
SINCE 2025

Ushering in the next generation of innovators

Innovation Trailblazers gives UAE university students an early chance to pitch to industry experts. Run with six academic partners, the first edition had 13 teams in the final. Its three winners received cash grants, mentorship and a place in MBRIF's Mini Accelerator.





ONE **BOLD AMBITION...**

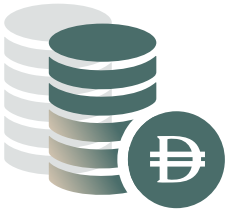
TO TRANSFORM THE NATION'S ECONOMY AND CREATE A CULTURE OF INNOVATION WITHIN SOCIETY.

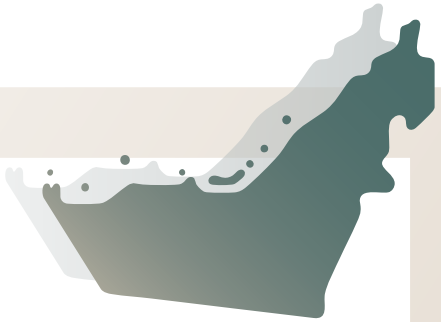
In its first ten years, MBRIF has supported more than 240 innovators as they build businesses in the UAE that contribute to this ambition.

MBRIF ACHIEVEMENTS

Đ3.5 BN+

Funding raised by members





150+ MEMBERS

Based in the UAE

Number of members with female founders

50+





100+ COUNTRIES APPLIED

to MBRIF's programs

1,500+



Number of jobs created in the UAE

240+ INNOVATIVE COMPANIES



Supported by MBRIF

MBRIF IMPACT

FOR UAE BUSINESSES

Đ45 MN
Guarantees issued to enable debt funding for growth in the UAE

Đ1.7 BN+
Funding Gap bridged for Guarantee Scheme Members

550+
Jobs Created in the UAE by Guarantee Scheme Members

FOR THE WORLD'S INNOVATORS

Đ1.9 BN+
Raised by Accelerator members

1,000
Number of jobs created by members from this program

100+
Number of applicant countries

FOR STUDENTS

3
Number of winners; first edition sponsored by Dubai Investments

20+
Number of UAE universities that applied to the program

70+
Number of applications from student teams

WHAT IF WE COULD PROVIDE EXPERTISE AND CONNECTIONS THAT ACCELERATE PROGRESS?



WHEN EVALUATING APPLICATIONS, WE ASSESS THE UNIQUENESS AND POTENTIAL OF THE INNOVATION, MARKET READINESS, SCALABILITY AND THE STRENGTH OF THE FOUNDING TEAM.

SHAKER ZAINAL
HEAD OF MBRIF

THE ADVISORY AND DECISION COMMITTEE

INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT WHERE IT IS NEEDED

Drawn from leading public and private institutions, the independent committee assesses applications requiring sector expertise, evaluating innovation strength, market readiness, scalability and alignment with national priorities.



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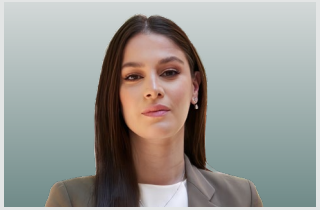
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YVONNE GALE
ZAHEER NASSER

WHAT IF NO INNOVATOR HAD TO SUCCEED ALONE?

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

THREE PARTNERSHIPS THAT INTRODUCE NEW INNOVATORS TO MBRIF

University Entrepreneurship Program

University Entrepreneurship Program (UEP) – run with the Dubai Future Foundation over five batches. Student teams are incubated, and the strongest earn grants and a place in the mini accelerator.

PITCH @GOV

Pitch@Gov – run with the Mohammed bin Rashid Centre for Government Innovation over six rounds. Startups pitch solutions to real government challenges; winners receive grants and join MBRIF's mini accelerator.

Future 100 من المستقبل

Future100 – the UAE's national list of top emerging companies. MBRIF fast-tracks qualified companies into the Accelerator; MBRIF members took 65+ places in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

THE PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

A DECADE OF BUILDING AN INTEGRATED NETWORK THAT SPANS THE WHOLE ECONOMY

What began with partner banks in 2016 now includes government, industry, academia, investors and international organizations. Between them, they provide free-zone licenses, new markets, investment and dedicated programs that bring students, startups and government entities into MBRIF's community.

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WHAT IF...
INNOVATORS COULD MAKE AN IMPACT FAR AND WIDE ACROSS EVERY NATIONAL PRIORITY INDUSTRY SECTOR?



THE INNOVATORS

More than 240 innovators have emerged over the past decade, creating solutions to global challenges, inventing incredible technologies, adding more than 1,500 jobs and enriching the national value chains. Each should be celebrated and applauded for their vision and contribution to the nation's future security.

MORE THAN 240 INNOVATORS. ONE MBRIF COMMUNITY.

Ten years on, MBRIF's portfolio addresses each of the seven sectors the nation chose to prioritize, from the energy that powers the country to the water it drinks and the classrooms where its children learn.

Over 240 innovators who are each turning 'what if' into 'what is', together changing what the UAE makes, grows, treats and teaches for itself.

240+
Innovators

3
Programs

30+
Countries of origin



EDUCATION
members



HEALTH
members



TECHNOLOGY
members



WATER
members



RENEWABLE ENERGY
members



SPACE
members



TRANSPORT
members


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TEN INNOVATIONS TO CHANGE A NATION

10 of more than 240 companies have been selected for inclusion in the following pages because of the exceptional contributions they have made to the country.

Their stories show how, through MBRIF, we have come together to transform so many parts of our national life – healthcare access, logistics, food security, education and wellbeing, inclusion, government capability, water security, our natural resources and environment.



NATIONAL SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY
HEALTHCARE ACCESS

toothpick
YOUR HEALTHCARE ECOSYSTEM

A HEALTHIER, FAIRER SOCIETY

WHAT IF
A CLINIC COULD TREAT EVERY PATIENT WHO WALKS IN, WHATEVER THEY CAN PAY TODAY?

WHAT IS
AROUND 4,000 CLINICS ACROSS EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR AND THE UAE NOW RUN THEIR PRACTICES, BUY THEIR SUPPLIES AND OFFER PATIENT FINANCE THROUGH TOOTHPICK.

THE CHALLENGE
Millions put off treatment they cannot pay for in one go, while clinics ran on paper and phone calls.

THE BREAKTHROUGH
Clinics offer patients payment options during the appointment, while the products, eligibility and approval remain with licensed finance partners.

MBRIF'S SUPPORT
ADVISORY ROUNDS WITH FINANCE EXPERTS

In 2026, Toothpick joined the Innovation Accelerator, gaining access to experienced finance specialists through dedicated advisory sessions. Their insights helped the founders evaluate the company's position, explore strategic options and make more informed decisions about their next phase of growth.

THE RESULT

150,000+
patients financed

Đ150 MN
financing arranged with partners

1,200+
clinics in the UAE

THE VOICE

"HAVING EXPERIENCED MINDS THINKING ALONGSIDE YOU BEFORE A PIVOT IS ESSENTIAL FOR ANY COMPANY, AND THAT IS WHAT MBRIF GAVE US."

DR. WAEL BIZRI
Co-founder and CEO

NATIONAL SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY

LOGISTICS INFRASTRUCTURE

QUIQUP

Powering the UAE's Digital Commerce Economy

WHAT IF

AN ENTIRE LAST-MILE DELIVERY NETWORK COULD OPTIMIZE ITSELF?

WHAT IS

QUIQUP USES AI AND MACHINE LEARNING TO POWER SMARTER LAST-MILE LOGISTICS, OPTIMIZING HOW DELIVERIES ARE PLANNED, ROUTED AND EXECUTED.

THE CHALLENGE

As e-commerce scales, so does the complexity of getting every order to the right customer quickly, reliably and efficiently.

THE BREAKTHROUGH

Quiqup puts enterprise-grade logistics within reach of SMEs, combining intelligent routing with a plug-and-play platform for rapid onboarding and scalable delivery.

MBRIF'S SUPPORT

Đ5 MILLION TO UPGRADE TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

The funding accelerated R&D and product development, including investment in AI, machine learning and innovation talent, strengthening the technology behind Quiqup's scalable last-mile platform for SMEs.

THE RESULT

3,700+
distinct businesses served in 2026

~Đ875 MN
trade facilitated in 2026

Đ361 MN
paid into the UAE economy from 2021-2026

THE VOICE

AT A KEY STAGE IN OUR DEVELOPMENT, MBRIF GAVE US CREDIBILITY AND BOOSTED INVESTOR AND CLIENT CONFIDENCE.

BASSEL EL KOUSSA
Co-founder and CEO

NATIONAL SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY

FOOD SECURITY

Pure Harvest SMART FARMS

NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY 2051

WHAT IF

A COUNTRY WITH EXTREME HEAT AND SCARCE WATER COULD GROW ITS OWN FRESH FOOD?

WHAT IS

PURE HARVEST IS A UAE-FOUNDED, TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED FRESH FOOD BUSINESS GROWING HIGH-QUALITY PRODUCE IN CHALLENGING DESERT CONDITIONS.

THE CHALLENGE

The UAE relies heavily on imported fresh produce, leaving the food system exposed to international supply-chain disruption.

THE BREAKTHROUGH

Pure Harvest demonstrated that advanced, water-efficient growing systems could support year-round production at commercial scale, in the most challenging climate.

MBRIF'S SUPPORT

Đ5.5 MILLION FINANCING TO BUILD UAE'S FIRST SEMI-CLOSED, OVER-PRESSURED, HIGH TECH GLASS GREENHOUSE.

MBRIF's backing also enabled subsequent growth capital raised from institutional investors allowing the company to scale its innovation in the UAE and the wider GCC.

THE RESULT

13,000+
metric tons of fresh produce per year

700+
Jobs Created

7
farms in the UAE and Saudi Arabia

THE VOICE

"MBRIF BELIEVED IN THE STRATEGIC CAPABILITIES OF OUR VISION WHEN OTHERS DIDN'T - TO BUILD A CLIMATE-RESILIENT FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE."

SKY KURTZ
Co-founder and CEO

NATIONAL SOVEREIGN
CAPABILITY

EDUCATION AND WELLBEING

A FULLER PART IN THE LIFE OF THE COUNTRY

WHAT IF

A CHILD COULD BE TAUGHT HOW TO HANDLE WHAT THEY FEEL, IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE?

WHAT IS

PEEKAPAK'S SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING CURRICULUM IS TAUGHT IN ARABIC IN UAE SCHOOLS RUN BY GROUPS INCLUDING TAALEEM EDUCATION, ALDAR CHARTER SCHOOLS AND BLOOM EDUCATION.

THE CHALLENGE

The UAE set a national wellbeing policy for schools, but the teaching material came from other languages and cultures.

THE BREAKTHROUGH

Peekapak rewrote its stories around children's lives in the UAE, with local imagery, Arabic translations and lessons for the country.

MBRIF'S SUPPORT
ADVICE FROM LOCAL AND REGIONAL EXPERTS

After joining the Innovation Accelerator in 2025, Peekapak gained access to tailored guidance to develop a deeper understanding of the priorities of schools, education operators and regulatory authorities, and gained knowledge on how to position and adapt its curriculum to meet the demand.

THE RESULT

~50,000
UAE students, 2025–26

80
UAE schools

1.1 MN+
students, educators and parents reached worldwide

Peekapak
Wellbeing Education

THE VOICE

> BEING ABLE TO MEET WITH LOCAL, REGIONAL EXPERTS ON KEY BUSINESS STRATEGIES WAS A GREAT RESOURCE FOR PEEKAPAK TO HAVE AND LEAN ON FOR ADVICE.

AMI SHAH
Co-founder and CEO

NATIONAL SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY

INCLUSION



PEOPLE OF DETERMINATION, TAKING A FULL PART

WHAT IF

A CHILD WHO CANNOT SPEAK OR TYPE COULD STILL BE GIVEN A VOICE?

WHAT IS

KEY2ENABLE'S KEY-X DEVICE LETS A CHILD WITH LIMITED MOVEMENT WRITE, SPEAK AND OPERATE A COMPUTER, AND THE DEVICES ARE NOW ASSEMBLED IN THE UAE BY PEOPLE OF DETERMINATION.

THE CHALLENGE

Someone who cannot use a keyboard or mouse has usually needed another person to operate a computer for them.

THE BREAKTHROUGH

Key2Enable's hardware reads whatever movement a user has, and its software turns it into control of a computer or phone, or into speech.

MBRIF'S SUPPORT
A BASE IN THE UAE FOR A COMPANY FROM BRAZIL

Key2Enable joined MBRIF's Innovation Accelerator in 2019, gaining access to strategic introductions and tailored mentorship that helped the company establish itself in the UAE. What began as an effort to enter the market evolved into meaningful partnerships and a lasting presence in the country.

THE RESULT

100+
Zayed Higher Organization for People of Determination labs

30,000+
registered users worldwide

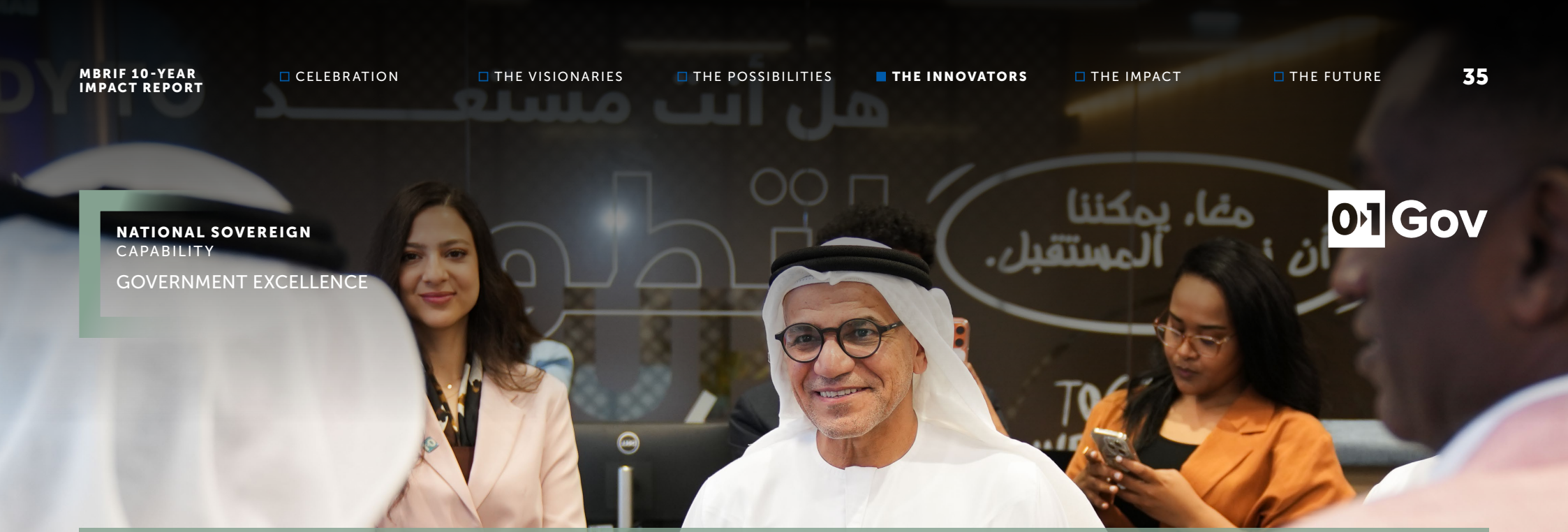
1,450+
schools and centers

key2enable

THE VOICE

> MBRIF CONNECTED US WITH PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTOOD THE COUNTRY AND HELPED US TURN OUR FIRST STEPS HERE INTO SOMETHING WE COULD BUILD ON.

JOSÉ RUBINGER
Co-founder and CEO



NATIONAL SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY

GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE

01Gov

AI ACROSS HALF OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES BY 2028

WHAT IF

EVERY GOVERNMENT TEAM COULD INSTANTLY BENCHMARK THOUSANDS OF PROVEN PUBLIC-SECTOR INNOVATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD?

WHAT IS

UAE-BUILT GOVERNMENT INNOVATION PLATFORM POWERED BY 01GOV'S AI AGENT ONE, DELIVERING SOURCE-TRACEABLE ANSWERS FROM 7,000+ GLOBAL BEST PRACTICES.

THE CHALLENGE

Government knowledge is often fragmented across reports, search results and consulting engagements, making it difficult for teams to find trusted, relevant practices and translate them into action quickly.

THE BREAKTHROUGH

01Gov created an Arabic platform dedicated to government innovation, and its AI agent, ONE, helps public-sector teams move from research to implementation.

MBRIF'S SUPPORT

Đ1.5 MILLION FINANCING TO ACCELERATE AGENTIC AI ADOPTION

The financing enabled 01Gov to strengthen the technology behind its agentic AI system, ONE, recruit specialized talent, and accelerate the platform's development and commercial deployment. Within months, ONE progressed from its beta launch to adoption by various government clients across the UAE.

THE RESULT

7,000+
government innovation best practices in the repository

17
UAE government entities as clients

1st
of its kind: a proprietary Arabic-language agentic AI platform tailored for government institutions and launched in the UAE

THE VOICE

"THROUGH MBRIF WE WERE ABLE TO ACCELERATE TOWARDS THE ARRIVAL OF AGENTIC AI."

IBRAHIM ELBADAWI
Founder and CEO



NATIONAL SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY

WATER SECURITY

MANHAT

UAE WATER SECURITY STRATEGY 2036

WHAT IF

A COUNTRY COULD TAKE FRESH WATER FROM THE SEA WITHOUT USING A SINGLE WATT OF ENERGY?

WHAT IS

MANHAT'S FLOATING DOME MAKES FRESH WATER FROM SEAWATER, AND HAS BEEN TESTED AT AD PORTS GROUP, AT REEM CANAL WITH ALDAR AND ON AN INLAND FARM.

THE CHALLENGE

Nearly all the UAE's drinking water comes from desalination, which burns energy and returns brine to the sea.

THE BREAKTHROUGH

The dome evaporates seawater by day and condenses it at night, so the salt never leaves the sea.

MBRIF'S SUPPORT
MENTORING AND INTRODUCTIONS, FROM PROTOTYPE TO PILOT

Manhat was chosen from more than 200 applicants from 35 countries for MBRIF's Innovation Accelerator in 2024. The mentorship and introductions MBRIF provided helped it establish its first pilots with partners.

THE RESULT

100%
off-grid, operated entirely without electricity

18 countries
where the core patent is secured

~1.5 liters
of fresh water a day per m^2

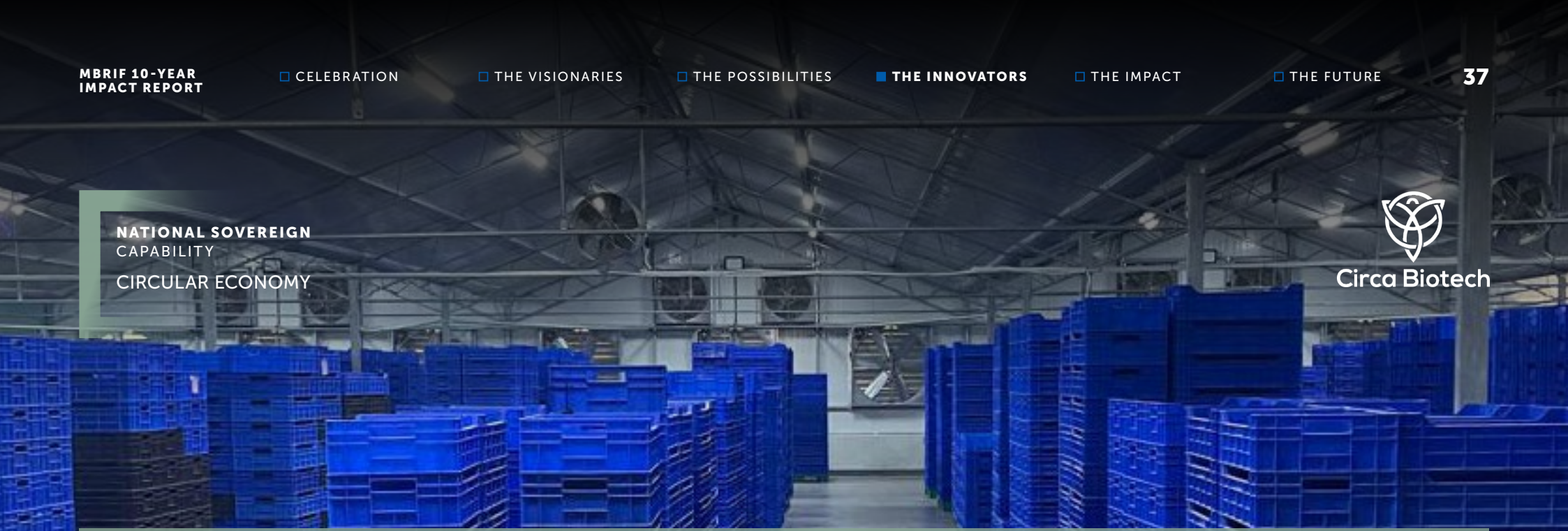
Recognized by Water Europe, the UN Water Conference and Expo 2025 Osaka.

THE VOICE

MBRIF HAS SUPPORTED US FROM THE BEGINNING, WITH A TEAM THAT UNDERSTANDS THE REALITIES OF BUILDING A DEEPTECH STARTUP AND HOW OUR NEEDS EVOLVE AT EACH STAGE.

DR. SAEED ALHASSAN ALKHAZRAJI

Founder



NATIONAL SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Circa Biotech

FOOD SECURITY AND NET ZERO

WHAT IF

THE FOOD A COUNTRY WASTES COULD FEED THE FISH AND POULTRY IT RAISES?

WHAT IS

CIRCA BIOTECH TAKES FOOD WASTE FROM SPINNEYS STORES ACROSS ABU DHABI TO ITS FACILITY IN AL AIN, AND THE FERTILIZER IT MAKES GOES TO TWO FARMS THAT SUPPLY THE RETAILER.

THE CHALLENGE

The UAE sends most of its food waste to landfill, while the protein for fish and poultry arrives by ship.

THE BREAKTHROUGH

Circa feeds black soldier fly larvae on food waste, then turns the larvae into protein, oil and fertilizer.

MBRIF'S SUPPORT
CREDIBILITY WITH RETAILERS AND GOVERNMENT BODIES

Circa joined MBRIF's Innovation Accelerator in 2024. The company says that as an MBRIF member it gained credibility with retailers and government bodies, and that this saved it two to three years in building those relationships.

THE RESULT

5,000+ mt
a year of processing capacity

3,500+ mt
of food waste diverted from landfill

54%
of Spinneys' food waste kept out of landfill in the first trial

Named by the UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment as the region's first organic waste-to-feed project using beneficial insects.

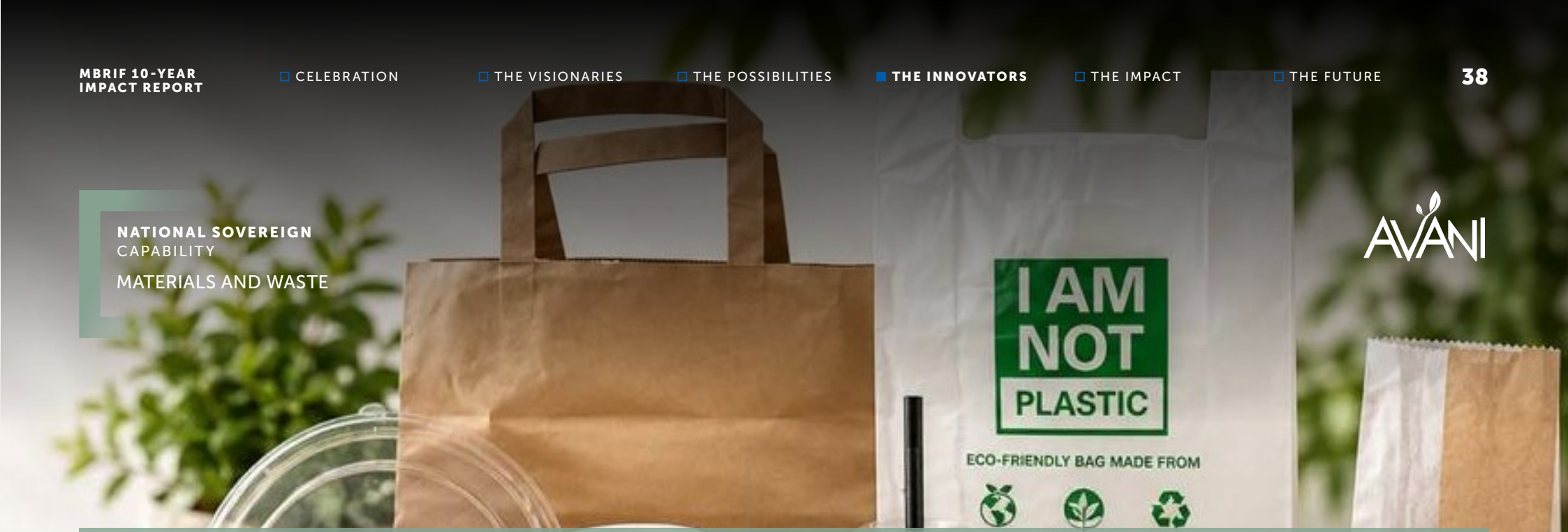
THE VOICE

MBRIF OPENED THE RELATIONSHIPS WITH FOOD-SYSTEM PARTNERS AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES THAT BECAME THE FOUNDATION FOR WHAT CIRCA HAS BUILT SINCE.

DR. HAYTHEM RIAHI
Founder and CEO

NATIONAL SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY

MATERIALS AND WASTE



PHASING OUT SINGLE-USE PLASTICS SINCE 2022

WHAT IF

THE UAE COULD REPLACE PLASTICS WITH SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES PRODUCED LOCALLY?

WHAT IS

AVANI MAKES SUSTAINABLE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ALTERNATIVES: PLANT/STARCH-BASED BAGS, MARINE-COMPOSTABLE STRAWS AND SUGARCANE FOOD PACKAGING FOR HOSPITALITY, RETAIL, F&B, TRAVEL AND ENTERTAINMENT.

THE CHALLENGE

Businesses were looking to reduce their reliance on conventional single-use plastics, driven by changing regulation, sustainability commitments and growing customer expectations.

THE BREAKTHROUGH

AVANI expanded from an import-led model towards UAE-based manufacturing, building local capability to produce and customize sustainable packaging solutions for the region.

MBRIF'S SUPPORT

Đ2.5 MILLION TO LOCALIZE MANUFACTURING

The financing helped AVANI relocate manufacturing from Indonesia to the UAE, expand its product range and invest in local capabilities and people.

The company produces its products locally, and exports them across the region from the UAE.

THE RESULT

3 MN+
plastic bags replaced

400+
customers

300 mt
of plastic avoided

THE VOICE

MBRIF HELPED US TO ACHIEVE THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY WE NEEDED TO BUILD A UAE-BASED MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY.

PETER AVRAM
CEO

NATIONAL SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY

WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE



نضيرة NADEERA

A CIRCULAR ECONOMY THE COUNTRY CAN TRUST

WHAT IF

A HOUSEHOLD GOT SOMETHING BACK FOR SORTING ITS WASTE PROPERLY?

WHAT IS

MORE THAN 49,000 HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS 141 COMMUNITIES IN THE UAE, SAUDI ARABIA AND LEBANON NOW EARN REWARDS FOR SORTING THEIR WASTE PROPERLY, THROUGH NADEERA'S DEPOSIT POINTS AND APP.

THE CHALLENGE

Most waste went to landfill because households had no reason to sort it, and nobody could verify what was recycled.

THE BREAKTHROUGH

Nadeera records every kilogram so the recycling claim can be audited, and rewards every properly sorted bag.

MBRIF'S SUPPORT INTRODUCTIONS TO SENIOR LEADERS

Nadeera entered MBRIF's Innovation Accelerator in 2024 with a PepsiCo grant already won, and through the meetings with senior leaders and the mentoring MBRIF arranged, it sharpened its pitch and found business opportunities across the region.

THE RESULT

91
UAE communities

125+
smart bins in use

9–10 mt
of recyclables a month from one villa community of almost 3,000 households

Partners include Aldar, Tadweer, BEEAH, Emirates Global Aluminium and PepsiCo.

THE VOICE

JOINING AND GRADUATING FROM THE MBRIF PROGRAM VALIDATED BOTH THE IMPACT AND MARKET READINESS OF NADEERA'S MODEL WITHIN THE UAE ECOSYSTEM.

RABIH EL CHAAR
Co-founder and CEO

WHAT IF... A DECADE OF INNOVATION COULD BE MEASURED BY ITS IMPACT ON THREE OF THE WORLD'S MOST CRITICAL CHALLENGES – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL INCLUSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION?



THE INNOVATION. THE IMPACT. THE VALUE.

The hundreds of members celebrated in this report have contributed to the national journey toward economic growth, social inclusion and environmental responsibility.

MBRIF MEMBERS HAVE HELPED BUILD A SOCIETY THAT IS WEALTHIER, HEALTHIER AND GREENER

MBRIF's members have contributed to the UAE's economy, to the health of its people and to its environment. These three areas of impact touch everybody and everything that lives and grows in the nation, and the pages that follow show where MBRIF's innovators have made the difference.

SOCIAL IMPACT



Innovations that bring healthcare, education and public services within reach of people who had been missing them, helping more people take a fuller part in the life of the country.

Read more p.43

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



Technologies that secure water, close waste loops and make more of the country's natural resources.

Read more p.44

ECONOMIC IMPACT



Businesses that widen access to capital, open new industries, create jobs, enrich value chains and build capabilities that stay in the country.

Read more p.42

ACROSS 240+ INNOVATORS

SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY

MBRIF exists to help develop, accelerate or anchor capabilities in the UAE. Food is grown at Nahel, fresh water has been made from seawater during trials in Abu Dhabi, bags are manufactured in Dubai Science Park and a delivery network has been exported to Saudi Arabia, and each of these enriches our nation and adds to what the country can provide for itself.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

WHAT IF WE COULD BUILD A UAE ECONOMY THAT IS MORE DIVERSE, RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE?

THE UAE CASE

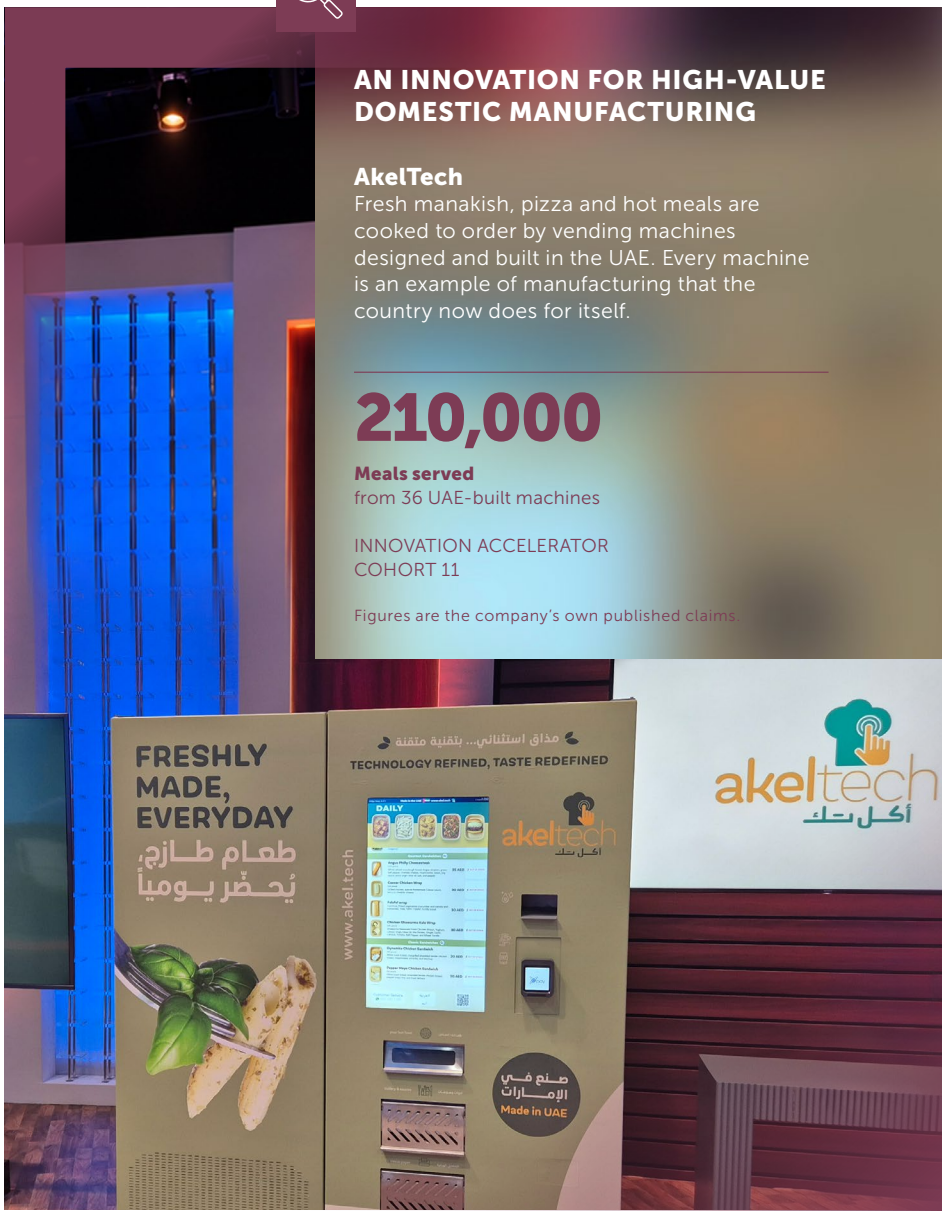
Economic diversification depends on new solutions reaching the market, yet a young company with a proven innovation often cannot show the trading history commercial lending requires, and MBRIF was created to close that gap. Ten years on, more than 240 innovators have been supported, raising over Đ3 billion between them.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT

Clinics offer treatment on credit through licensed finance partners, financing more than 150,000 patients. A locally built same-day delivery network carried ~Đ875 million of trade in 2026, and local farms grow thousands of metric tons of fresh produce annually, replacing imports and creating jobs.

WHAT MBRIF MADE POSSIBLE

Each company came to MBRIF when its next step needed funding, expert support and market readiness. MBRIF guaranteed over Đ45 million of partner-bank lending without taking equity, and gave members coaching and introductions to customers, regulators and investors.



AN INNOVATION FOR HIGH-VALUE DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING

AkelTech
Fresh manakish, pizza and hot meals are cooked to order by vending machines designed and built in the UAE. Every machine is an example of manufacturing that the country now does for itself.

210,000

Meals served
from 36 UAE-built machines

INNOVATION ACCELERATOR COHORT 11

Figures are the company's own published claims.

ECONOMIC IMPACT IN NUMBERS

~Đ875 MN
Trade facilitated in 2026 · **P.30**

13,000+
Metric tons of fresh produce grown in the region each year · **P.31**

Đ150 MN
Patient financing arranged with finance partners · **P.29**

SOCIAL IMPACT

WHAT IF A VIRTUAL COPY OF A PERSON COULD PREDICT A DISEASE BEFORE IT DEVELOPED?

THE UAE CASE

Over recent years, the UAE's healthcare system has made a marked shift toward a far more preventive model. The federal health ministry has had prevention in its name since 2016, the National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031 was launched in 2019, and in June 2024 the Emirates Genome Council approved a national framework for personalized and preventive medicine. Importantly, doctors can only practice that kind of medicine with technology that tells them which patients are likely to develop a disease, and BioTwin provides exactly that.

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Clinical fields in which BioTwin works

3

Languages, including Arabic, in which the platform runs

5,000+

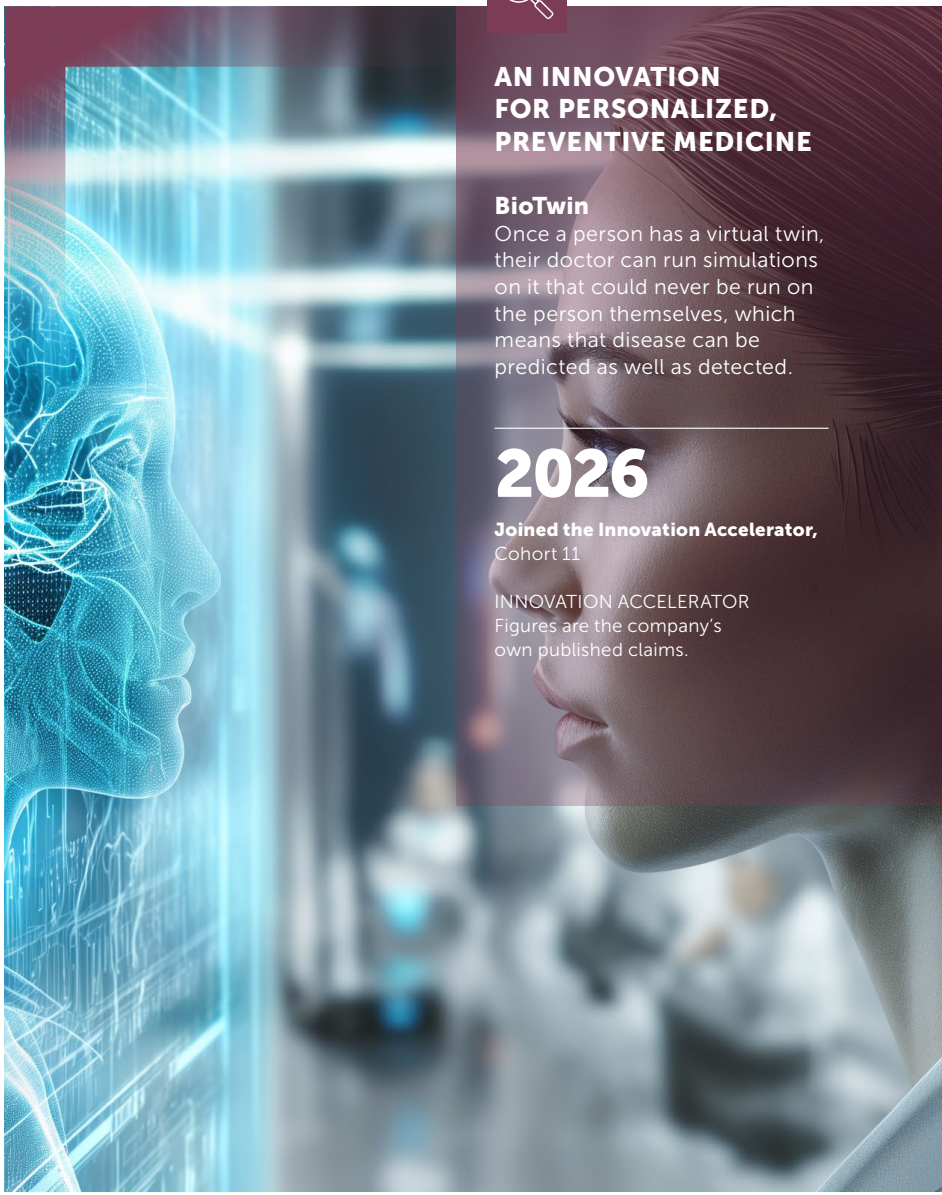
Users of BioTwin's platform

THE SOCIAL IMPACT

BioTwin's technology reads a person's biomarkers, biometrics, clinical records and the data from their wearable devices, and it uses that information to build a virtual twin of the person which is updated as their data changes. Because the twin can detect and predict disease early, a doctor can act before an illness has developed, which means that medicine becomes both personalized and preventive. In the UAE, BioTwin is being used first in oncology, and the company also works in cardiology, neurology and metabolic health.

WHAT MBRIF MADE POSSIBLE

BioTwin developed its technology in Canada and joined the Innovation Accelerator in January 2026 as one of the 21 companies in Cohort 11. For a company arriving from outside the country, the Accelerator provides a coach and mentors, and it makes introductions to the industry partners and investors the company needs – shortening the time between a first pilot and a service that patients can actually use.



AN INNOVATION FOR PERSONALIZED, PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

BioTwin
Once a person has a virtual twin, their doctor can run simulations on it that could never be run on the person themselves, which means that disease can be predicted as well as detected.

2026

Joined the Innovation Accelerator, Cohort 11

INNOVATION ACCELERATOR
Figures are the company's own published claims.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

WHAT IF A FACTORY'S WASTE COULD BE USED TO HELP BUILD GREENER INFRASTRUCTURE?

THE UAE CASE

The UAE committed itself to a circular economy through the Circular Economy Policy 2021–2031, which names sustainable manufacturing and green infrastructure among its priorities, and it has also committed to reaching net zero by 2050. Even so, industry in the UAE still sends steel slag, incinerator ash and other mineral by-products to landfill, which means that raw material a manufacturer could use is simply thrown away.

30%+

Less CO_2 than conventional ceramics

20%

Less energy to process than conventional ceramics

6

Patents, with 27 scientific publications and USD 2 MN+ of R&D

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Seramic Materials was founded in Abu Dhabi in 2019, and it recycles that kind of solid industrial waste into tiles, pavers, technical ceramics and a high-temperature ceramic that stores heat. Because the waste is sourced locally and takes the place of raw materials that would otherwise have to be extracted and transported, the ceramics are made with less CO_2 and less energy than conventional ones, and they cost less too. Just as importantly, waste that would have gone to landfill is put to use instead.

WHAT MBRIF MADE POSSIBLE

Seramic Materials joined the Innovation Accelerator in January 2025 as a member of Cohort 9, after its founders had spent ten years on research. At this stage, a company has proved its science works and must find customers. That is why the Accelerator provides mentors and connects companies with the manufacturers and investors they need to sell at scale. Typically, research-led startups become industry suppliers only after meeting the people who will buy from them, and the Accelerator makes those meetings happen.



AN INNOVATION FOR LOW-CARBON CERAMICS AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Seramic Materials
Seramic Materials recycles solid industrial waste into products for the technical ceramics and construction markets.

10–15%

Lower product cost, depending on the application

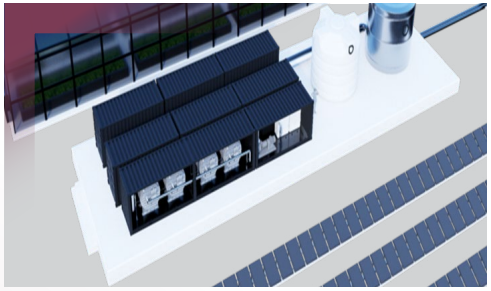
INNOVATION ACCELERATOR
Cohort 9. Figures are the company's own published claims.

RECOGNIZED BY THE WORLD, MADE IN THE UAE

MBRIF members have received many external awards – they matter to the innovators, and they matter for what they say about the country: technologies and services designed and built in the UAE are now judged among the best in the world, serving the national interest and contributing to our national priorities.

65+

places on the UAE's national Future100 list taken by MBRIF members in 2023, 2024 and 2025.



WATER FOR A THIRSTY REGION

UAE-based water technologies recognized in Europe, by the region's energy and water industry and on the national Future100 list.

Mruna
Impact Seal – Silver Tier, MAJRA · 2025–2027

Desolenator
Hybrid Project of the Year, MESIA Solar Awards · 2023

Hawa Water
Water Europe Innovation Award · 2022

Manhat
Water Europe Innovation Award · 2022



FOOD, WASTE AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

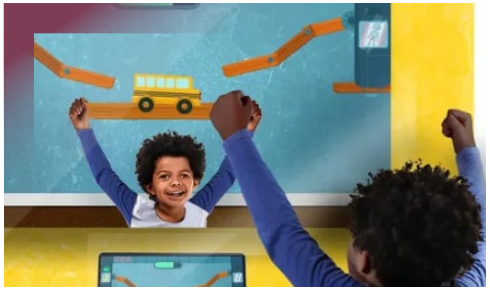
Growing, recovering and reusing at home what the country once imported or discarded.

Nadeera
Social Enterprise of the Year, Abu Dhabi · 2024

Circa Biotech
Sheikh Khalifa Excellence Award · 2026

Pure Harvest
Product of the Year, the Gulf · 2023

The Waste Lab
Social Impact, SEFFY Awards · 2025



INCLUSION, HEALTH AND LEARNING

Technology that widens who can learn, who can speak and who can be treated.

Peekapak
Global EdTech Prize, Top 25 · 2026

Toothpick
Best Traction, The Ventures UK · 2026

Key2Enable
Zero Project Award · 2023

Nabta Health
Impact Seal – Silver Tier, MAJRA · 2025–2027



EMIRATI AND HOMEGROWN TALENT

Founders and innovations from the UAE itself, recognized on the region's largest stages.

AR Engineering
Best New Startup, UMEX NextGen · 2024

Seramic Materials
Future 50 – Emirati List of Future Companies · 2025

Farmin
Best Emirati Award, GITEX Supernova · 2021

Lune Technologies
Best Tech Solution for Banking at the Entrepreneur Tech Innovation Award · 2023

WHAT IF...
THE NEXT DECADE WENT FURTHER THAN THE FIRST?



THE FUTURE

The first decade showed what is possible when innovators from around the world are supported by MBRIF. The national vision now runs to the UAE's centennial, and MBRIF's second decade begins withten years of results behind it – and nearly half a century of extraordinary innovation and ambition ahead.

OUR NATIONAL JOURNEY CONTINUES

OUR MEMBERS













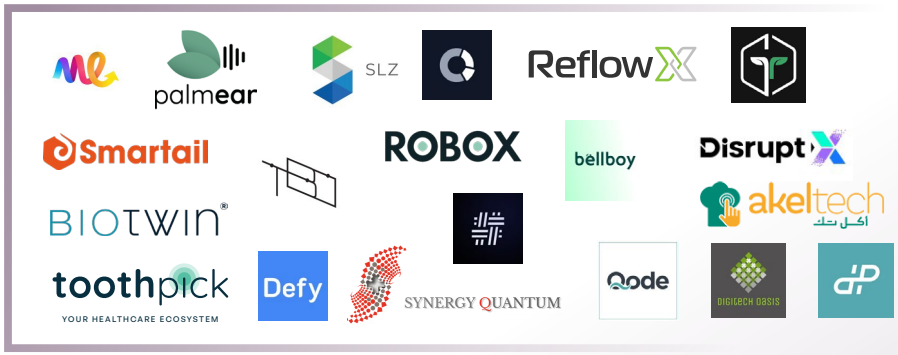


OUR MEMBERS CONTINUED













OUR NATIONAL JOURNEY CONTINUES

WE MUST CONTINUE TO FORGE A FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIRS

Ten years ago, MBRIF was new. Since then, its members have grown fresh food in the desert, made fresh water from seawater without electricity in trials and put care within reach of patients who had been putting it off. These and many more have moved a national objective closer.

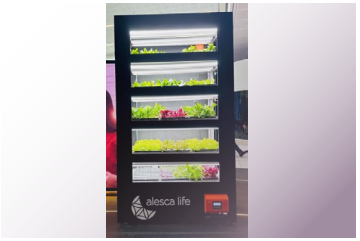
The second decade for MBRIF begins with ten years of outstanding results behind it, leaving it well placed to support the national targets our country's visionary leaders have set for 2031, 2036, 2051 and 2071.



DOUBLING THE NATIONAL ECONOMY BY 2031

WE THE UAE 2031

GDP of Đ3 trillion and non-oil exports of Đ800 billion: every business MBRIF helps to grow counts toward these targets.



FIRST PLACE IN GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY 2051

Number one on the Global Food Security Index, with desert farmers in this book already growing toward it.



ACCELERATING WATER REUSE BY 2036

UAE WATER SECURITY STRATEGY 2036

Total water demand down 21% and 95% of treated water reused, targets that UAE water technology was designed to meet.



THE BEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD BY 2071

UAE CENTENNIAL 2071

A diversified knowledge economy among its four pillars, built by the generation that Innovation Trailblazers is identifying today.

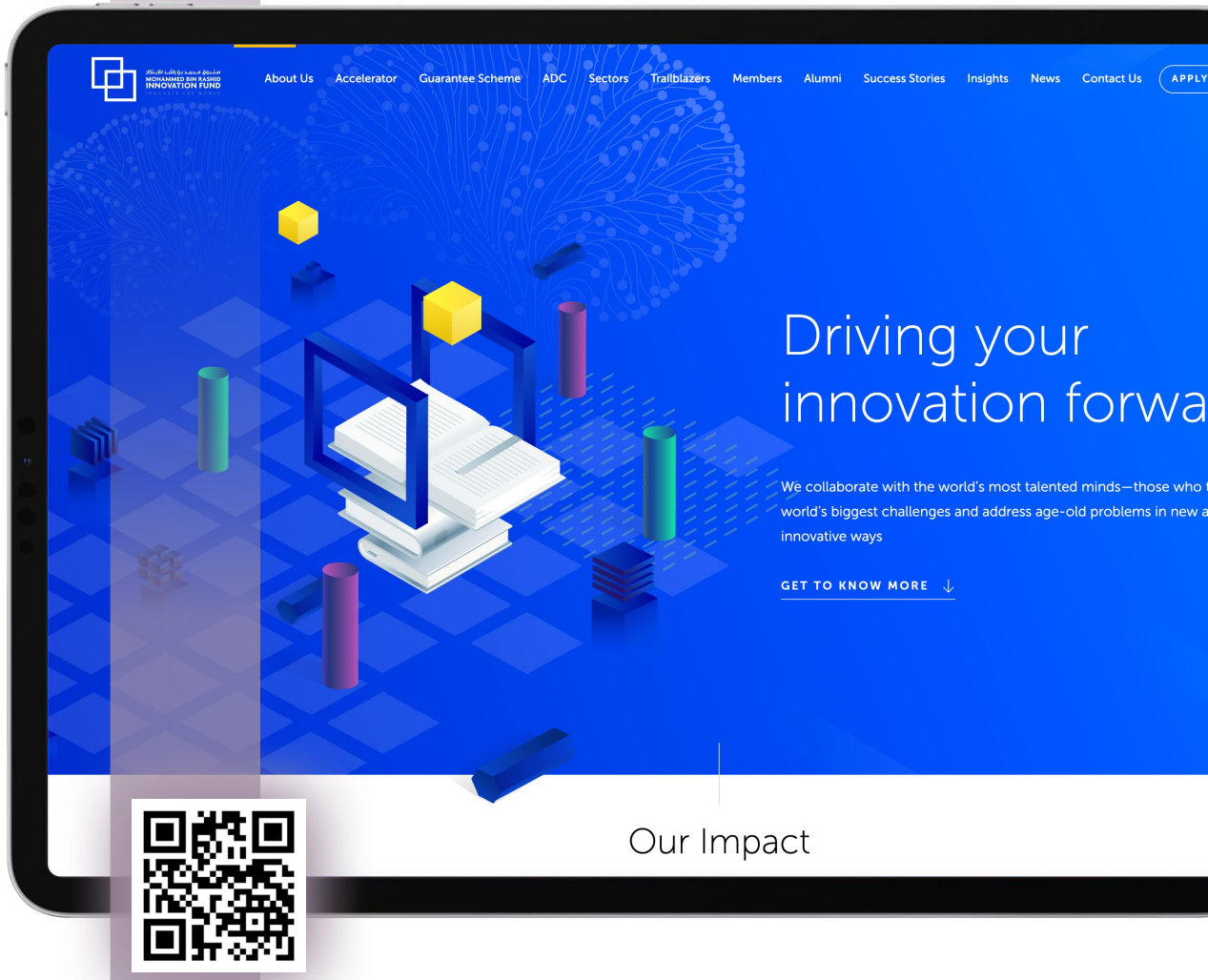
OUR NATIONAL JOURNEY CONTINUES

WHAT IF THE FUTURE BEGAN WITH YOUR INNOVATION?

Every business featured in this book began with a solution that once seemed out of reach – but went on to reach its intended market with the support of MBRIF and its partners. If you see yourself in this book, you have the potential to change our nation's future for the better, and you have nothing to lose – and your country has everything to gain.

Whichever pathway you choose as an innovator, the principle remains the same: MBRIF will help you grow without taking a share of your business.

Contact us at **mbrif.ae**, and let us build what comes next together.



THE BEST OF UAE INNOVATION IS STILL TO COME

...THE NATION'S FUTURE IS LIMITLESS

THE NEXT GENERATION IS ALREADY UPON US:
TRAILBLAZERS

70+
Student applications

20+
UAE universities represented

13
Finalist teams



SOMEWHERE IN THE UAE, AN INNOVATOR IS ALREADY WORKING ON SOMETHING THE WORLD HAS YET TO IMAGINE.

The next ten years will deliver more than the first, and MBRIF will be there at the moments that decide whether a business grows here or somewhere else.

WE BELIEVE THE NEXT GENERATION HOLDS INCREDIBLE POTENTIAL TO SHAPE THE FUTURE, AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING THEM WITH THE TOOLS, MENTORSHIP, AND ACCESS THEY NEED TO BRING THEIR IDEAS TO LIFE.

SHAKER ZAINAL
HEAD OF MBRIF

THANK YOU FOR A DECADE OF SHARED PROGRESS

ABOVE ALL, WE HONOR OUR INNOVATORS.

The impact in this report reflects ten years of bold innovation, targeted support and a national ambition that has never wavered. Our thanks go to the Ministry of Finance, MBRIF's founder; to Emirates Development Bank, its operator; to the Advisory and Decision Committee, whose judgment has guided its hardest decisions; and to our partners across government, banking, industry and academia.

Most of all, we thank our innovators, whose achievements we celebrate in this report.

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