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Averroes Ventures is a Venture Capital Platform dedicated to nurturing startups across Egypt and the North-Africa that are redefining sustainability through circular economy principles. .

They support innovative solutions that promote resource efficiency and environmental resilience. Their work centers on the intersection of Technology and Circular Innovation with Advanced Manufacturing, Agri-Tech, and Renewable Energy. Together the team holds 40+ years of experience with a unique and strategic mix of hands-on experience, vast industry knowledge and networks, along with successful investments and developmental management and impact expertise.



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Please share an overview of your key priorities, strategic objectives and corporate goals over the next 12 months.

Currently, we're developing Averroes Ventures Innovation Fund ($50 million) that will invest in early stage startups and innovative SMEs in Egypt (50%) and North Africa (50%). Our work centers around the intersection of technology and bio-circular innovation, with specific focuses on Advanced Manufacturing, Agritech, and Clean Energy. A first of its kind in the MENA region and Africa.

To strengthen our approach, we are building Circulate MENA Platform. First is CircuHub, a think tank and policy advocacy. Second is AV Circularity Labs, we built two programs implemented by our circular bio-economy accelerator in Egypt, and finally the fund.



What unique strengths, expertise, or strategic approach does your organisation bring to the industry?

Our team has 40+ years of combined private business, VC investment and international development experience and extensive industry knowledge, which makes us highly skilled at sourcing, growing and closing the best deals.

With a strong network of strategic contacts across the African continent and well-established relationships in the industry, we are indispensable in identifying and securing investment opportunities.

What are Averroes Ventures' core values and how do they contribute to your success in the industry?

At Averroes Ventures, our day-to-day work is guided by integrity, impact, innovation, partnership, and long-term value creation. We believe financial returns and positive environmental impact can reinforce each other when innovation addresses real market needs. We operate with transparency, accountability, and discipline, building trust with entrepreneurs, investors, and partners.

Our curiosity and focus on innovation drive us to identify transformative technologies and business models across the circular bio-economy, while maintaining a strong focus on commercial viability. We are deeply partnership-driven, recognising that building a circular economy requires collaboration across entrepreneurs, industry, investors, governments, and development institutions.

Most importantly, we think long term. Our ambition is to build not only a successful investment platform, but a lasting institution that contributes to a stronger circular economy ecosystem across the region. These principles create the credibility, resilience, and differentiation that we believe will underpin our success and longevity.

How can we better bridge research and industry to turn Africa's scientific and technological capabilities into investable businesses?

At Averroes Ventures, we believe successful technology transfer starts with deep industry understanding and hands-on experience. Our own industrial background allows us to understand real market needs, identify technologies with genuine commercial potential, and help researchers translate innovation into viable businesses.

Africa is particularly well suited to the circular economy because it combines significant resource and waste challenges with large unmet market needs and a young, entrepreneurial population. This creates a powerful opportunity to deliver both measurable impact and attractive financial returns. Circular models can reduce resource dependency, create local jobs and industries, improve resilience, and unlock value from materials that are currently wasted.

We see this convergence of impact and commercial opportunity as one of Africa's most compelling investment opportunities.

What motivated Averroes Ventures to join AVCA?

Averroes Ventures joined AVCA to be part of Africa's leading private capital ecosystem, connect with investors, fund managers, and development institutions, and strengthen our regional and international network.

We see the membership as an opportunity to exchange knowledge, access new investment and partnership opportunities, and contribute our expertise in circular economy, climate innovation, and sustainable finance. Ultimately, we hope to build lasting relationships that support Averroes Ventures' growth while contributing to a stronger and more sustainable African investment ecosystem.

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