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Archer Hires UAE Leader From Abu Dhabi Executive Office and GCAA in Support of Plan to Commence In-country Service as Soon as Late Next Year

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- Dr. Talib Alhinai joins Archer as its UAE Lead after his tenure with the Abu Dhabi Executive Office, a supervisory body that reports to the Emirate's Executive Council under the command of the Crown Prince, His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohammed bin Zayed
- Alhinai will continue to serve as the youngest Board Director of the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) and on its Audit & Risk Committee
- Archer will continue to build out its Abu Dhabi presence building on its previously announced strategic initiative with the Abu Dhabi Investment Office (ADIO) to bring Archer to the UAE

SANTA CLARA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Archer Aviation Inc. (NYSE: ACHR), a leader in electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft, today announced Dr. Talib Alhinai as its UAE Lead. Dr. Alhinai, who currently serves on the Board of Directors for the GCAA, the UAE's aviation regulator, will be responsible for spearheading the planned launch of Archer's electric air taxis in the region.

Pictured: Midnight Aircraft in Abu Dhabi (Photo: Business Wire)

Alhinai will be critical in helping to guide the consortium led by

ADIO that Archer announced last week as part of its Q3 '24 results. Through this consortium, Archer has already made significant progress in establishing the regulatory pathway, infrastructure and flight operations plans necessary to enable market entry as early as late next year.

Prior to Archer, Alhinai served as Director of Strategy at the Abu Dhabi Executive Office, a supervisory body reporting to the Executive Council under the command of the Crown Prince, His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohammed bin Zayed, where he worked on the emirate's long-term strategic planning and performance review.

“As a leader who worked to advance Abu Dhabi’s strategic and executive plans in the service of its Executive Council led by His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohammed bin Zayed, Dr. Alhinai will be instrumental as we work towards our launch across the UAE, starting in Abu Dhabi as soon as next year,” said Nikhil Goel, Archer’s Chief Commercial Officer. “His background in aerial robotics and his expertise in aviation and national policy will help accelerate our launch of air taxi services in the region.”

Dr. Talib Alhinai commented, “The UAE is leading the way in accelerating the launch of electric air taxis and it is a cornerstone of Archer’s commercial launch plans. I’m proud to be joining to support their growth in the region. The team is talented, the tech is impressive, and we’ve got a big year ahead of us — I’m excited to dig in.”

Alhinai also held roles at McKinsey & Company across several international markets, with experience in high-growth tech, sustainability and advanced air mobility. Alhinai holds a Ph.D. in Aerial Robotics from Imperial College London and a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronic Engineering from the University of Manchester.

About Archer

Archer is a leader in the electrification of aviation. We are designing and developing the key enabling technologies and aircraft that are necessary to power the next great transportation revolution. Our goal is for our proprietary technology to deliver unprecedented connectivity across the most congested cities in the world.

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Forward Looking Statements

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