

## **EDGE Launches 'Group AI Accelerator' to Drive Excellence in AI-Enhanced Solutions**



- The Centre of Excellence will consolidate the UAE's leading experts in artificial intelligence, and integrate the technology into EDGE Group's highly competitive solutions and advanced manufacturing facilities

EDGE, one of the world's leading advanced technology and defence groups, has officially launched Group AI Accelerator, a new Centre of Excellence (COE) that will expedite the development and integration of innovative AI-based projects within EDGE Group's facilities and advanced portfolio of highly disruptive solutions. Building on existing research and Industry 4.0 technologies, Group AI Accelerator will also act as an incubator for UAE talent, highlighting EDGE Group's dedication to positioning the UAE as a leading hub in high-technology domains.

Dr. Chaouki Kasmi, President of Technology & Innovation, EDGE Group, said: "The Group AI Accelerator marks our latest step towards operating with increased speed and efficiency, and will enable the prompt adoption of AI technologies within our core engineering capabilities and business services. The new Centre of Excellence, which consolidates the UAE's expertise and resources in AI, provides a positive disruption to our programmes, and will accelerate our innovation processes. It is critical that we are ready to leverage AI, and as a contributor to the UAE's growing knowledge-based economy, we look forward to

harnessing emerging technologies.”

Overseen by EDGE Group’s Technology & Innovation Cluster, the new COE will be managed by a Steering Committee comprised of members of local and international subject matter experts. The committee will oversee an engineering working group tasked with executing skunkworks projects, and conducting research and development activities in the areas of machine learning and AI-enabled engineering. The committee will also oversee a business excellence working group to accelerate digital transformation projects and facilitate advanced learning opportunities at scale.

The Group AI Accelerator COE is the latest development in EDGE’s dedication to leveraging the cutting-edge capabilities and infrastructure of the UAE’s advanced technology and innovation ecosystem. Aimed at maximising partnership opportunities, EDGE is working at a national level to pioneer operational optimisation and drive efficiency gains that surpass industry standards.