Abu Dhabi Global Market Academy and EDGE Sign MoU to Boost Talent Development & Professional Growth and to Strengthen UAE's Knowledge Economy



- *ADGMA and EDGE to collaborate in areas related to Learning & Innovation and the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)*
- *Agreement will enable both parties to establish and develop programmes to upskill and reskill talent for future jobs, and enable the creation of sustained employability*
- *Partnership will facilitate sharing of best practices and expertise to foster growth and advancement*

Abu Dhabi Global Market Academy (ADGMA), the knowledge arm of the international financial centre in Abu Dhabi, and EDGE Group PJSC ('EDGE' or 'the Group'), one of the world's leading advanced technology groups for defence and beyond, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to bolster talent development and professional growth.

As part of the agreement, ADGMA and EDGE will collaborate in areas relating to learning

and innovation, and will jointly work on developing and establishing upskilling and reskilling programmes that will enable the creation of sustained employability. The MoU provides a framework for ADGMA and EDGE to exchange best practices and expertise to foster growth and support the UAE's vision of transitioning to a knowledge-based economy through strategic collaboration. It will also provide EDGE with access to world-class talent assessment and development tools.

Commenting on this partnership, Hamad Sayah Al Mazrouei, CEO of the Registration Authority at ADGM and Managing Director of ADGM Academy said: "We are thrilled to collaborate with EDGE to promote, develop and enhance financial literacy in Abu Dhabi and the UAE. We believe that working with EDGE will add great value to ADGM Academy in its continuous endeavour to empower and build a highly competent workforce and positively contribute towards the expanding UAE's knowledge-based economy."

Trais Al Ketbi, President – Support Services, EDGE, added: "The signing of this MoU with Abu Dhabi Global Market Academy represents a significant step forward in EDGE's commitment to fostering talent development and innovative learning. Through this partnership, we strive to build meaningful and impactful programmes to support the advancement and growth of our employees' skills and capabilities, to ultimately drive further growth and strengthen our culture of continuous learning and excellence. We look forward to embarking on this journey together."

The partnership between ADGMA and EDGE affirms ADGM's commitment towards supporting the national agenda, while simultaneously fostering a brighter future for the next generation. In 2022, EDGE launched its 'IGNITE' Programme, a dedicated UAE National Graduate Programme which aims to attract the next generation of top STEM graduate talent to start their long-term career within the Group. 'EDGE IGNITE' provides value-driven capability development and an accelerated career development path for UAE Nationals through a comprehensive programme including a series of learning and development initiatives.

EDGE's growth strategy is also supported by advanced programmes and initiatives offered at its recently launched state-of-the-art Learning & Innovation Factory, an Industry 4.0, operational excellence, and advanced technology learning and demonstration centre that combines theory, technology, and practice under one roof to drive modernisation and encourage new approaches to the group's day-to-day challenges across all its portfolio companies.