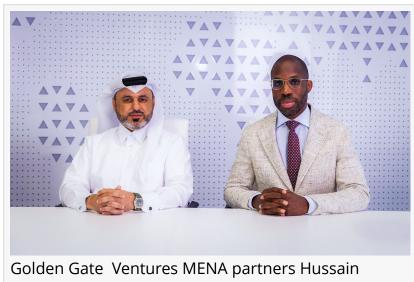


Golden Gate Ventures MENA Secures Strategic Investment from Oman Investment Authority

MUSCAT, OMAN, February 20, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Golden Gate Ventures, a globally recognized earlystage investment firm, today announced a strategic partnership with Oman Investment Authority ("OIA") through its technology investment arm, Innovation Development Oman ("IDO"). This landmark investment underscores OIA's commitment to positioning Oman as a vital player in the MENA region's burgeoning startup ecosystem. With Golden Gate Ventures' track record of scaling startups across the U.S., Asia, and Europe, this partnership marks a



Abdulla and Michael Lints

pivotal moment in accelerating Oman's startup ecosystem.

A Major Catalyst for MENA's Startup Economy

Golden Gate Ventures has invested in over 100 early- to mid-stage startups, backing companies that have redefined industries from fintech to deep tech. Golden Gate Ventures MENA aims to build a thriving pipeline of investable opportunities for local and global venture funds, cultivate the next generation of Omani founders, and create an ecosystem that bridges local ambition with global resources. The firm's expansive network of corporate partners and investors, combined with its operational acumen, will serve the growth of Oman's startup landscape.

Michael Lints and Hussain Abdulla, who led the efforts to launch the fund, emphasized that this partnership will drive high-impact investments into key sectors such as AI, deep tech, renewable energy, and health technology, fostering Oman's next generation of startup leaders. Establishing a local office in Oman signifies the firm's enduring commitment to driving growth, innovation, fostering talent, and championing Oman's vision of becoming a regional hub for venture capital and technological progress.

"Oman's backing signals a massive vote of confidence in our ability to cultivate a thriving venture

capital ecosystem in the Gulf," said Michael Lints, Partner at Golden Gate Ventures MENA.

A Regional Shift in Venture Capital

With sovereign wealth funds across the Gulf rapidly increasing their exposure to venture capital, OIA's move strengthens Oman's position in the region's innovation economy. The fund's local presence will create a direct pipeline between Omani startups and international venture investors, providing founders with the backing they need to scale beyond the region.

OIA's Vision for Strategic Growth

Ibrahim Al Eisri, CIO-Private Equity at Oman Investment Authority stated: "We are pleased to partner with Golden Gate Ventures MENA Fund I as part of our commitment to diversifying Oman's investment portfolio, attracting FDI, and leveraging OIA's investments to transfer international expertise to the Omani startup ecosystem. In addition, OIA aims to redirect its investments to Omani startups and support global projects that drive economic development and technological innovation to Oman and the region. This all embodies OIA's commitment to delivering the Governments agendas and Oman Vision 2040"

Strengthening Strategic Ties

The partnership with OIA reinforces Oman's ambition to participate at the forefront of GCC's innovation landscape, aligning seamlessly with Golden Gate Ventures MENA's strategic mission to deliver exceptional financial returns while championing sustainable development, pioneering innovation, and catalyzing economic growth. With OIA's visionary backing, Golden Gate Ventures is poised to drive unparalleled value creation across its target sectors and redefine the region's venture capital ecosystem.

About Oman Investment Authority (OIA)

Oman Investment Authority (OIA) is the sovereign wealth fund of the Sultanate of Oman, tasked with managing the country's investment portfolio across a diverse range of assets, including domestic and international investments. OIA is dedicated to supporting the diversification of Oman's economy by investing in high-growth sectors and generating sustainable returns.

About Golden Gate Ventures

Golden Gate Ventures is a global, early-stage venture capital firm that empowers audacious founders across three continents. Founded in 2011, Golden Gate Ventures combines the knowledge and experience of Silicon Valley with the passion and experience in emerging startup ecosystems, establishing local roots with global reach. For over a decade, the firm's role is not just to fund founders as investors but to nurture vibrant startup ecosystems with sustained growth. Golden Gate Ventures has invested in over 100 companies, with nine unicorns and 2

IPOs across its portfolio. Notable companies include AngelList, Stripe, Coda, Carro, Carousell, Xendit, and Multiplier. For more information, visit goldengate.vc.

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