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## ADQ unveils UAE farming hub

Abu Dhabi fresh produce ag-tech park to supply Middle East and African markets



**H**olding company ADQ has revealed plans for a new tech-powered fresh produce farming hub in Abu Dhabi.

The aim of this project is to help position the UAE as one of the region's leading fresh produce farming hubs, reducing the nation's reliance on premium food imports.

It will be strategically located in Al Ain Industrial City (AAIC) under Abu Dhabi Ports' industrial cities and free zone cluster and to increase efficiency in processing, storage, and distribution of perishable goods and food supplies for the region.

As part of the project, ADQ has entered into partnerships with three controlled-environment agriculture specialists to develop and operate greenhouse facilities within the ag-tech park.

Progressive tech-enabled infrastructure be used to support

large-scale, controlled-environment farming and R&D initiatives.

Once operational, ADQ predicts the 200ha ag-tech park to have an annual fresh fruit and vegetable production capacity of 39,000 tonnes.

Mansour AlMulla, group chief investment officer of ADQ, said the Abu Dhabi government-backed company was actively investing in developing the UAE's agriculture sector into a leading regional food hub, fortifying the resilience of its food system.

"With a scalable, environmentally sustainable ag-tech park, we will increase the availability of high-quality local produce while leveraging technology to optimise the use of our natural resources, such as water, and protecting our environment," said AlMulla.

"Efficient ag-tech solutions for fresh produce can help the UAE achieve

higher production levels and lower water usage, unlocking the economic and environmental benefits of having shorter supply chains."

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