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Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi unveils plans for UAE's first hospital-based vertiport

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Under the General Civil Aviation Authority's (GCAA) new hybrid conversion framework



Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, in partnership with Archer Aviation Inc., has announced plans to establish the first hospital-based vertiport in the United Arab Emirates, providing direct eVTOL (electric vertical takeoff and landing) aircraft access to one of the region’s most prominent hospital facilities.

The goal is to enable passengers to travel from Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi to nearby locations in just minutes, dramatically reducing travel times compared to traditional ground transportation. The two companies are exploring both non-emergency passenger use cases and time-critical organ transport. These operations would utilise Midnight, Archer’s electric aircraft designed to carry up to four passengers while producing less noise and emissions than a traditional helicopter and would use the planned passenger carrying cabin configuration for both purposes.

This partnership is another step forward in Archer’s planned launch of its commercial operations in Abu Dhabi. Archer plans to support Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi in upgrading its existing helipad to enable both traditional helicopter and eVTOL aircraft operations.

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi is internationally recognised for its world-class care and is a key regional destination for medical tourism. With this new vertiport, patients and visitors are expected to have enhanced access to the hospital.