

## Alef Education Q3 2024

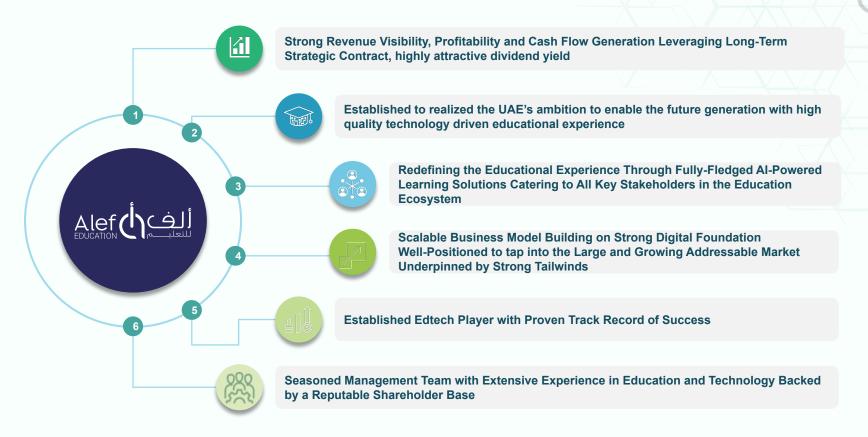
**Earnings Presentation** 

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## **Key Investment Highlights**



## **Executive Summary**

generated to our shareholders.

new contract awards.

#### **Highlights & KPIs**

Consistent and sticky revenue leveraging long-term strategic ADEK contract providing significant revenue visibility and reliability; slight increase in B2B and B2G revenue year-on-year

Robust cash flow generation even as capital expenditure on product development increases to fuel revenue growth, with an interim dividend of AED 204 million paid in the third quarter of 2024.

Strong cost discipline continuous operational efficiencies resulted in delivering a consistent market leading EBITDA margin of 72%. Adjusted EBITDA recorded AED 395M in 9M 2024, up 6% compared to the same period of last year; strong like-for-like profit before tax with 8% YoY growth

An active product development pipeline consistently creating cutting-edge content and expanding a diverse range of product variants for the flagship Alef Pathways product suite: launched additional content and learning resources on Arabic-learning products.

B2B segment - strong start to the academic year 24/25: In the UAE, we have doubled the number of paying schools to 164, up from 82, and increased the number of paving students by 76%: Arabic Language products and Pathways are enjoying strong traction, with contract renewal rates higher year on year.

UAE B2G segment: Sizeable pipeline with strategic clients, with two deals in the final stages with TCVs of around AED 100 million.

Alef Education has secured its **first contract in KSA**, laving the foundation for regional expansion plans.

Alef Education has also been awarded an Arabic language contract in Morocco that will cater to 50K students across 300 schools.

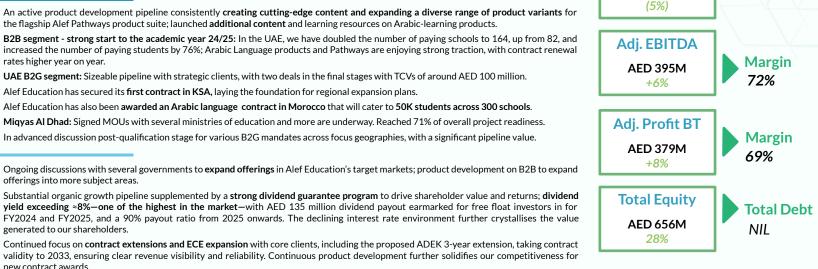
Migvas Al Dhad: Signed MOUs with several ministries of education and more are underway. Reached 71% of overall project readiness.

In advanced discussion post-qualification stage for various B2G mandates across focus geographies, with a significant pipeline value.

Ongoing discussions with several governments to expand offerings in Alef Education's target markets; product development on B2B to expand offerings into more subject areas. Substantial organic growth pipeline supplemented by a strong dividend guarantee program to drive shareholder value and returns: dividend

vield exceeding ≈8%-one of the highest in the market-with AED 135 million dividend payout earmarked for free float investors in for

Continued focus on contract extensions and ECE expansion with core clients, including the proposed ADEK 3-year extension, taking contract validity to 2033, ensuring clear revenue visibility and reliability. Continuous product development further solidifies our competitiveness for



Revenue

**AED 551M** 

+2.5%

Expenses

**AED 182M** 

## **Business update**

### Achieving Growth Through a Well-Defined Strategic Roadmap

Alef's Strategy for Growth



## Super-serve the UAE

## Super-serve the UAE - "Edtech Partner of Choice for the UAE"

#### The UAE offers significant growth potential +AED 4.3B Alef has c.20% of TAM. leaving lots TAM\* of headroom for organic growth Ministry of Key partners on nationwide education Education & transformation initiatives ADEK Government **UAE** Governmental bodies with Clients educational requirements Private Estimated TAM of AED 3B - Significant Education growth opportunity for Alef's B2B Ecosystem segment **Corporate CSR** Training & development partnerships Initiatives with large corporate groups

#### **B2G Leadership position maintained**

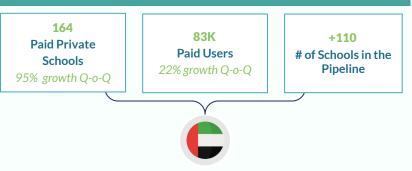
#### ADEK

- Current students served c. 68K (minimum guaranteed revenue of 80K)
- Renewal currently in discussion to extend validity up to 2033 (offering 10 years stable revenue visibility)
- Actively pursuing identified expansions, beyond current scope (grades 5-12)

#### Other B2G contracts

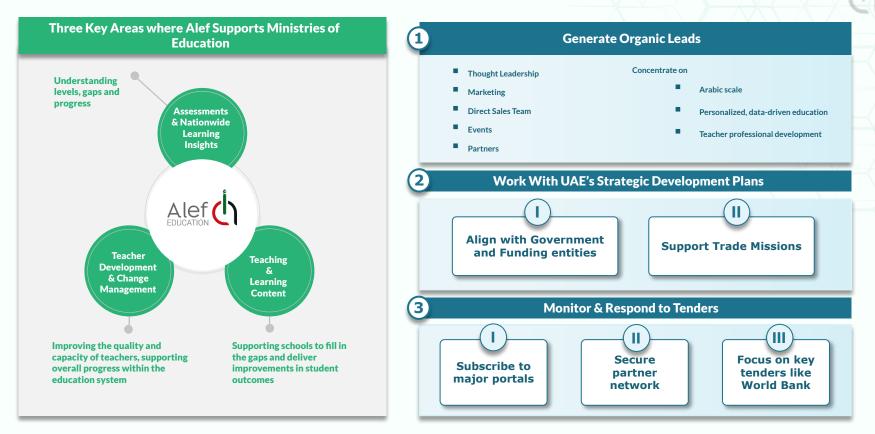
Alef has been awarded a new contract of a TCV of AED 31 million with a strategic UAE governmental entity for its educational requirements

#### Significant growth in B2B customers



## **High Impact B2G**

### High Impact B2G | Go To Market Plans



## High Impact B2G | Key Progress on Miqyas Al Dhad (مقياس الضاد)

#### **Operational Updates**

- Appointed General Manager to lead the project
- General MOUs with ministries of education, and in advanced discussions with others
- Held first advisory board
- Held several Expert committee meetings
- □ Achieved 71% completion of overall product readiness
- Showcased Miqyas Al Dhad at ICESCO (with >50 Ministers of Education) and Learn KSA
- **General Sector** Finalising Go To Market strategy for UAE, KSA, and Egypt
- Launched social presence & website



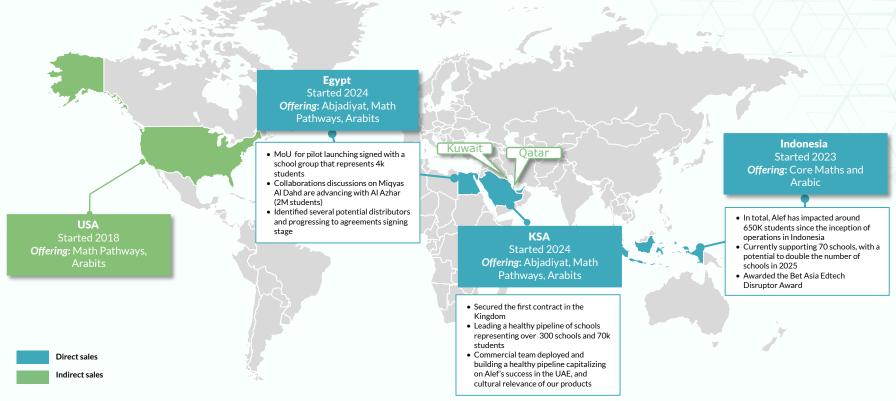
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Arabic Language Measurement Framework مـقيـاس اللـغــة العـربيــة بـنعـم من Powered by The Lexile\* Framework



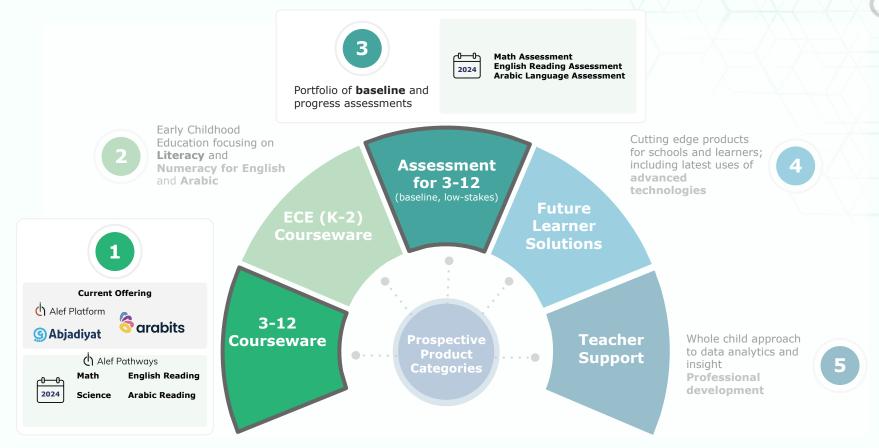
## **B2B World Leader**

#### **B2B Market** | Where we are today?

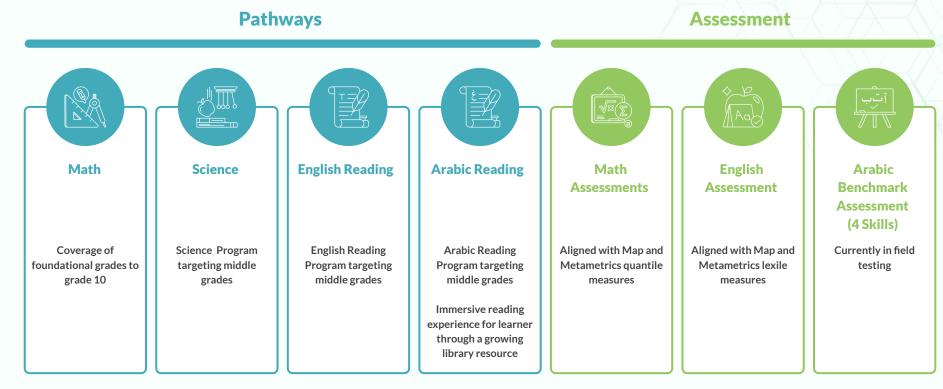


## Market-leading, Locally-relevant Product Portfolio

### **Core Products Offerings and Development Pipeline**

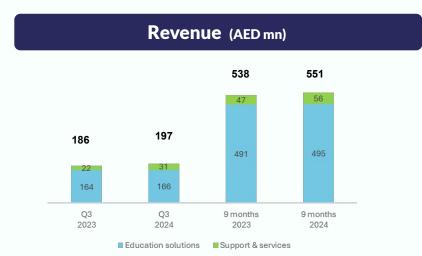


### Alef Next Generation Products | 2024 Development

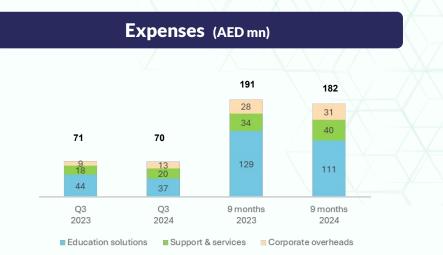


## **Financial overview**

### Financial Overview | Revenue & Expenses

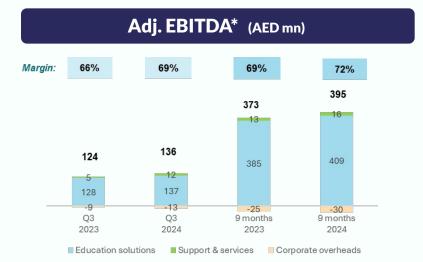


- All revenue segments outperformed during 9 months 2024 compared to the same period of last year. Increase in student count serviced in B2G, new contracts and new B2B products launches boosted overall revenue performance.
- New Islamic content development contract signed in Q2 for AED 31 million revenue.

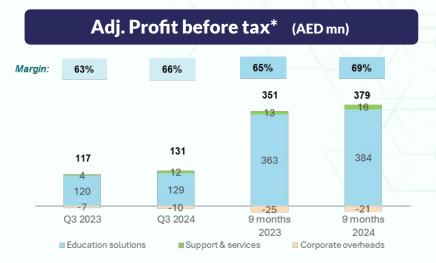


- Cost optimization initiatives and operational efficiency resulted in sizeable savings in overheads in 9 months 2024 reflecting optimized utilization of resources
- The increase in support services expense is a result of inflationary increases and acquisition of additional devices which are partially offset by revenue increment.

## Financial Overview | Adjusted EBITDA & Profit before Tax



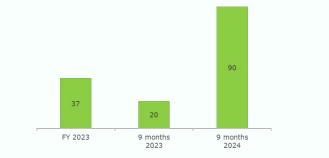
- In 9 months 2024, EBITDA margin increased from 69% to 72%, driven by revenue growth and cost optimization.
- Q3 2023 EBITDA adjusted to exclude income from financial assets carried at fair value due to discontinuation and disposal of the portfolio in 2023.



- Net profit margin registered 69% in 9 months 2024, up from 65% in the previous year, substantially higher that industry benchmarks.
- Treasury activities managed efficiently to generate higher passive interest income compared to last year resulting in an enhancement on the profit before tax level.

### Financial Overview | Capex, Total Assets & Liabilities

#### CapEx (AED mn)



Capex witnessed an increase in 9 months 2024, reaching AED 90 million, compared to AED 20 million in the comparable period of last year. The increase is primarily driven by the acquisition of intangible assets attributed to the acquisition of Arabits and Abjadiyat which was completed in Q1 2024. Furthermore, additional capex incurred for product development in line with our portfolio expansion plans.

- Purchase of Arabits for AED 35.3 million
- Purchase of Abjadiyat for AED 11.2 million
- Platform Capital work-in-progress and other ADEK content amounting to AED 38.1 million and Ongoing development of Miqyas Al-Dhad initiative amounting to AED 4.4 million

#### Total Assets & Liabilities (AED mn)



- The total assets in 9 months 2024 recorded AED 749 million out of which 79% is constituted by current assets despite increased capex of AED 89 million and dividend payout to shareholders of AED 204 million, that was executed in Q3 of 2024.
- Total liabilities 9M 2024 recorded AED 93 million Alef Education remains debt free since inception. Our unlevered balance sheet coupled with our robust financial profile provides sufficient firepower to execute our growth ambitions & meet annual capex and dividend payment requirements.

### **Closing Remarks and Q&A**

#### Solid Revenue Visibility

Strong revenue visibility leveraging strategic long-term B2G contract that provides reliable and steady income stream

#### **Robust Financial Fundamentals**

Alef Education boasts industry-leading profitability margins with a strong focus on operational efficiencies; the business maintains a 93% cash conversion rate, ensuring robust liquidity and financial resilience.

Additionally, Alef Education's unlevered balance sheet enables momentum for sustainable value creation.



#### Attractive Dividend Yield

Capitalising on strong financial performance and cash flow generation, Alef Education guarantees a dividend payout that yields ≈8% for 2024 and 2025, and a 90% payout ratio from 2025 onwards. Alef Education's dividend program delivers one of the highest yields in the market.

#### Growth

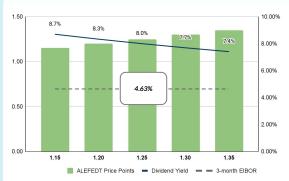
Highly scalable business model building on strong digital foundation and successful project execution track record backed by a well defined organic and strategic growth strategy

## Alef's Stock (ALEFEDT) | Snapshot

#### Commentary

- Free Float shareholder are guaranteed a minimum annual dividend of AED 135M for each FY24 & FY25, reflecting a guaranteed dividend of c. 10 Fils per share per annum, which translates into an investment yield of 7.4 to 8.7%, at the recent average trading levels of AED 1.15 to AED 1.35.
- The current yield is particularly attractive amidst the interest rate cuts environment, with the current 3-months EIBOR standing at 4.63%\*
- Beyond 2025, Alef's dividend policy targets a payout ratio of 90%.
- Alef robust financial profile that delivers robust liquidity and minimal CAPEX requirements, ensures ample rooms for sustainable dividend distribution.

#### Alef's Dividend Guarantee | Yield vs. 3-months EIBOR



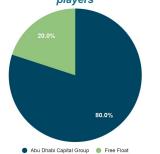


#### **Shareholders Structure**

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Alef Education is backed by one of MENA's most prominent institutional investment groups operating a diversified portfolio across multiple industries and geographies

Deep understanding of the tech landscape, boasting a large portfolio of regional tech players





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