

To the TechWadi Community:

As we reflect on the past year, TechWadi is proud to have continued our mission of building meaningful connections and partnerships for entrepreneurs and investors across two dynamic regions. Our core tenets remain unchanged: to foster collaboration, innovation, and growth by leveraging the unique strengths and opportunities that Silicon Valley and the MENA region have to offer. By bringing together the best of both worlds, we can unlock tremendous potential and create a more vibrant, inclusive, and prosperous ecosystem for all.

Community is the backbone of TechWadi and we are continuously inspired by the passion and creativity of our members both here and abroad. Many of the successes we saw in 2022 are directly attributed to the power of community. Whether it's a groundbreaking startup securing funding or a cross-border partnership that generates new opportunities, we are constantly amazed by the power of collaboration and the potential of our community.

In 2022, we focused on a number of initiatives to facilitate connections between founders, entrepreneurs, mentors, investors, and stakeholders across Silicon Valley and the MENA region. We integrated the efficiencies of remote environments with the power of in-person events. We hosted fireside chats, panels, dinners, pitch events, and the Annual Forum to provide platforms for thought leadership and empowerment. We also hosted delegations from the MENA region and tailored programs to promote success. These initiatives culminated in providing access to capital, talent, network, and markets leading to the continued growth and expansion of our presence in the tech ecosystem. This is the power of community.

Last year also brought growth as TechWadi introduced the Operating Board. Designed to work in conjunction with the Board of Directors and Board of Advisors, the Operating Board serves to uphold the TechWadi mission by taking on initiatives such as creating more robust mentorship programs and collating resources for our members. Furthermore, Omar Darwazah has joined our Board of Directors, adding immense industry knowledge to our dedicated team.

TechWadi is an organization molded by our common ties and elevated by our common goals. This is your organization and we want to thank you, the community- our partners, sponsors, members, donors and volunteers- for your helping hand in building bridges across Silicon Valley and the MENA region. Your support is paramount to the success of all of our stakeholders across the innovation economy.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead and look forward to seeing this community continue to flourish.

On behalf of the entire TechWadi Board

- Elias Saadeh