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# CIRA Global Ventures Partners with Falcon Academy to Launch First Egyptian-Backed K-12 School Platform in the U.S.

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CIRA Global Ventures (CGV), the global investment arm of leading Egyptian education group CIRA Education, today announced a landmark partnership and acquisition of a significant minority stake in Falcon Academy, Inc., a newly established K-12 private school platform slated to become a leading private education provider in Northern Virginia. This milestone marks the first strategic expansion by an Egyptian education group into the North America, reflecting CIRA Education's commitment to exporting high-quality education models globally while fostering inclusivity, cross-cultural exchange, and long-term community impact.

Falcon Academy was established to address the substantial unmet demand for high-quality, culturally grounded education in the Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia area. Under the agreement, Falcon Academy becomes CGV's exclusive K-12 partner in the United States, forming the cornerstone of a long-term strategy to serve underserved education segments and replicate successful models at scale.

Falcon Academy offers a diversified academic platform that blends international education programs, STEM-focused learning pathways, and culturally grounded curricula. It combines Middle Eastern values and ethics with state-of-the-art education methodologies, addressing a pressing market need among Arab and Asian diaspora communities in the United States, while remaining inclusive and open to students from diverse backgrounds. The school's curriculum emphasizes academic rigor, innovation, and character development, supported by highly qualified faculty, 95% of whom are IB-trained and 60% holding master's degrees.

Falcon Academy represents a uniquely strategic entry point into the U.S. market, addressing a clear demand gap. The Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia area is home to approximately 60,000 K-12 students from communities seeking culturally aligned state-of-the-art education, alongside a broader, diverse student population, representing significant unmet demand. The school achieved accelerated execution, completing in six months what typically takes 18–24 months, and operates under a community-driven, co-ownership model that fosters long-term loyalty.

The partnership with CGV will be executed through a capital increase that will expand Falcon Academy's capacity, enabling the introduction of high school grade levels, and supporting the development of a purpose-built, state-of-the-art campus, designed to deliver advanced STEM education and next-generation learning environments. The investment lays the groundwork for a phased growth strategy, including the expansion of Falcon Academy's proven model into additional U.S. markets.

"Our entry into the United States is a significant milestone, undertaken with purpose and partnership," said Mohamed Kalla, CEO of CIRA Education and CGV. "This move follows more than three years of in-depth analysis of the North American education sector, guided by a clear objective to identify scalable growth opportunities in one of the world's largest and most competitive markets. We see in Falcon Academy not just a school, but a scalable education platform with deep community roots and strong growth potential. This investment reflects our belief in inclusive education models that combine academic excellence, cultural identity, and global best practices. Together, we aim to build a network of highquality schools that serve real needs and create lasting impact."



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"This partnership is a testament to what can be achieved when community-led education meets institutional expertise," said Loai Said, Chairman of Falcon Academy Inc. "With CGV, and its partner company CIRA, we have found a partner that shares our commitment to academic excellence, inclusivity, and sustainability. Together, we are building a modern education platform that prepares students to thrive academically while remaining connected to their cultural and ethical foundations."

This announcement marks the first in a series of strategic updates as CIRA continues to execute on its previously communicated international expansion strategy. The partnership with Falcon Academy represents an initial step in growing CIRA's global footprint, expanding its international network methodically, and reinforcing its position as a flagship education enterprise originating from Egypt and operating on a global stage.

"CIRA's entry into the U.S. market reflects our broader mission to deliver sustainable, inclusive, and high-quality education," added Kalla. "We believe the future of education lies in models that are academically rigorous, culturally respectful, and globally connected. Our focus is on developing globally oriented human resources capable of crossing borders and generating sustainable, intermittent dividends, while preserving cultural heritage. This represents a key milestone in CIRA's evolution into an Egyptian-based global education player. Further announcements will follow in the upcoming year, as previously communicated in our five-year expansion plan," Kalla concluded.

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## **About CIRA Global Ventures (CGV)**

CIRA Global Ventures (CGV) is the strategic investment arm of CIRA Education, a leading provider of quality education in Egypt and the Middle East. The group identifies and partners with innovative education models worldwide, exporting its expertise in operational excellence, academic rigor, and scalable systems. CGV is dedicated to creating scalable, high-quality education solutions and driving long-term value for students, families, and communities globally.

#### **About Falcon Academy, Inc.**

Falcon Academy is a new, independent K–12 private school in Northern Virginia, founded to meet the growing demand for culturally grounded, academically rigorous education. Founded on principles of academic excellence, Middle Eastern values and ethics, Arabic proficiency, and cultural grounding, it aims to provide an inclusive and inspiring learning environment for students in the DMV region.