KAUST Innovation — Saudi Arabia's University-to-Market Deep-Tech Spinout Engine

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 2009, Saudi Arabia's KAUST has spun out close to 120 deep-tech companies via its Innovation Fund and Capital K vehicle; by late 2025 they had raised over $1bn, generated $925m in revenue and created 6,661 jobs, per KAUST and Global Venturing.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-09-03

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