



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Copenhagen Science City is one of Europe's strongest innovation districts. It is located in the heart of Copenhagen – one of the world's most liveable cities. It has a unique concentration of some of the best and brightest minds, highly educated students from all continents and a cluster of innovative companies based in inspiring co-working spaces and innovation hubs. Access to state-of-the-art research and transport infrastructure is abundant. Some of Denmark's most attractive residential areas and recreational activities are nearby. Everything and everyone is within easy reach on foot or by bike.

These are the central components of Copenhagen Science City's innovation ecosystem which has a truly exceptional potential to make a positive impact on those within the ecosystem and on society as a whole.

In 2011, we established the Development Council of Copenhagen Science City – a high-level, strategic partnership of knowledge institutions, companies, innovation hubs and public authorities – to further develop the innovation ecosystem and bring it into play.

Copenhagen Science City has come a long way to fulfil its potential.

Several companies, talents and innovation hubs have joined and reinforced the innovation ecosystem, networks for collaboration have been created and new buildings and transport infrastructure have been built.

Building on past results, this strategy sets out the objectives for the development of Copenhagen Science City towards 2024.

We invite you to join us.

On behalf of the Development Council of Copenhagen Science City

Henrik C. Wegener

Chairman of the Development Council of Copenhagen Science City Rector, University of Copenhagen.

### OUR VISION

By 2024, Copenhagen Science City is a world class innovation district where people develop their full potential and where bright ideas are transformed into growth, jobs and new solutions to national and global challenges

### OUR MISSION

Together with our collaborators we will:

- Attract companies, talent and investments that reinforce our innovation ecosystem
- Facilitate collaboration between knowledge institutions, innovation hubs and companies to promote knowledge-sharing and commercialisation
- Strengthen transport infrastructure and create space for urban life, companies and other relevant actors to make the innovation district even more attractive

## THE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF

### DRGANISATION

The development of Copenhagen Science City is led by the Development Council. The Council is supported by a management team and operational working groups.



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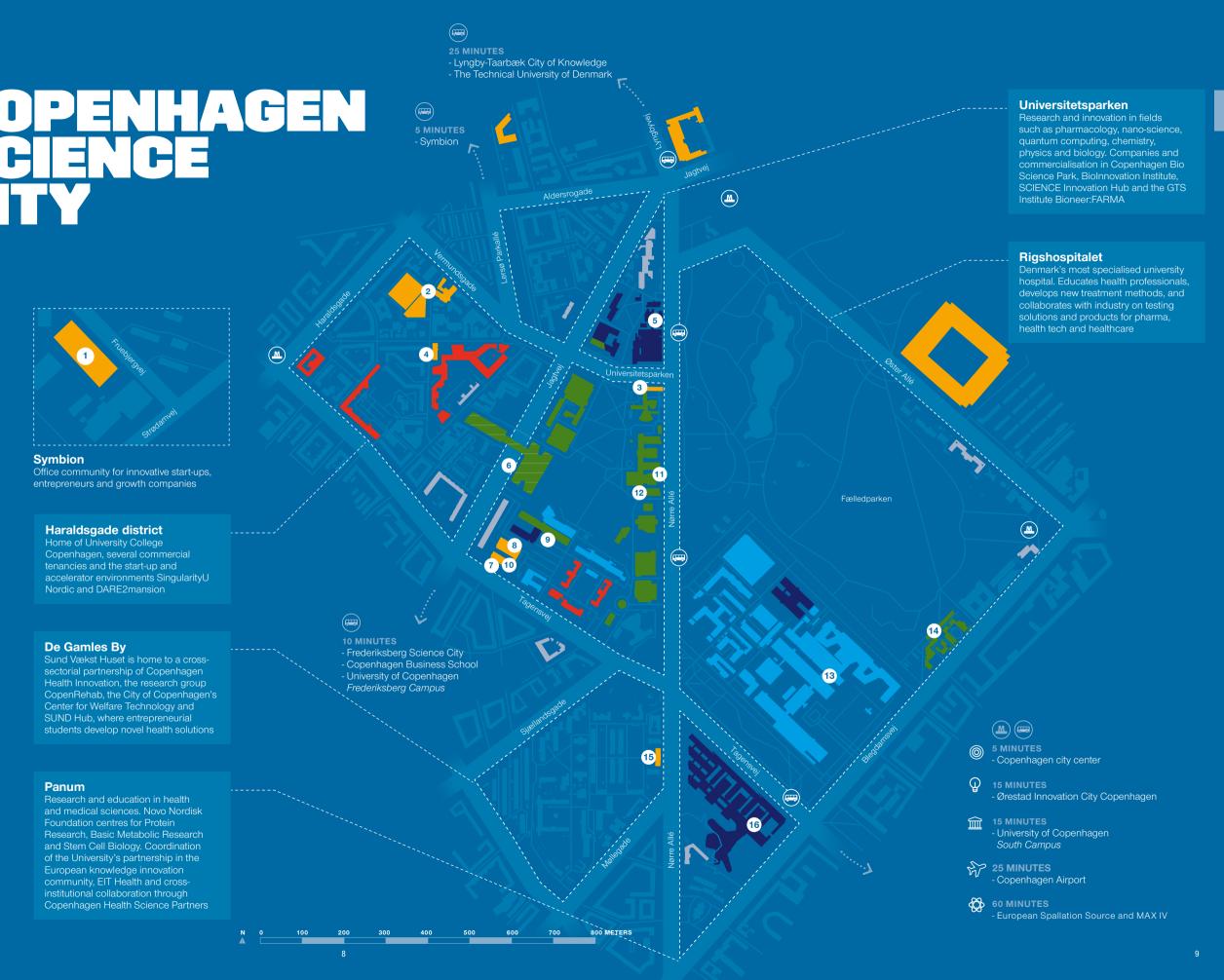
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### INNOVATION DISTRICT

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- FACULTY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN
- FACULTY OF SCIENCE
- UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COPENHAGEN
- RIGSHOSPITALET
- UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN
- SCIENCE PARKS, HUBS AND OFFICE HOTELS
- STUDENT RESIDENCIES
- 1 Symbion
- 2 SingularityU Nordic campus with DARE2mansion
- 3 SCIENCE Innovation Hub
- 4 House of Practice and Innovation
- 5 Pharma Science Building
- 6 Niels Bohr Building *Under construction*
- 7 Copenhagen Bio Science Park
- 8 ESS Data Management & Software Centre
- 9 Copenhagen Biocenter
- 10 BioInnovation Institute
- 11 Nano-Science Center
- 12 Station Q and Qubiz
- 13 Clinical Research
- 14 Niels Bohr Institute
- 15 Sund Vækst Huset
- 16 Basic Biomedical Research

# SCIENCE CITY











Three leading knowledge institutions: The University of Copenhagen, the University Hospital Rigshospitalet and the **University College Copenhagen** 





















Attractive residential areas, parks, cafés and restaurants in one of the most liveable cities in the world



**CO-CREATE** - Where knowledge







40,000 students, researchers and staff



**Highly specialised** test facilities and research infrastructure



One point access to university and hospital intellectual property



**Leading business** accelerators and mentoring programmes



### CONNECT

- Where inventors meet investors World-class research with international investment potential\*



**BACTERIOLOGY** Biofilm build-up prevention and antibiotics resistance



**METABOLISM AND DIABETES** Drug discovery, prevention, hormones and functional foods



**PROTEIN AND BIOINFORMATICS** Drug design, structural analysis, preclinical testing, medicine and glycomics



**CANCER** Diagnostics development, clinical testing and novel therapies



**NANO-SCIENCE** Molecular electronics, catalytic compounds, advanced materials and surfaces



**QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY** Manufacture and design of photonic and electronic quantum components

\*IRISgroup & Lauritsen Consulting, Research strengths of Greater Copenhagen with investment prospects, November 2016

### Strategic focus area

# Lo ATTRACTION

The number of innovative companies in Copenhagen Science City has grown to more than 350 in recent years. Many recruit from and co-create with the knowledge institutions in the area. All in all these have 34,000 researchers, students and staff and state-of-the-art test facilities.

We have established excellent relations with a number of collaborators who proactively use the value propositions of Copenhagen Science City to attract even more companies and talent to the area.

Beijing Genomics Institute, the European Spallation Source Data Management & Software Centre and SingularityU Nordic are all examples of companies and institutions that have joined our innovation ecosystem and created new jobs. Estimates show that over the next 15-20 years, Copenhagen Science City will need an additional 100,000 m² for commercial purposes, corresponding to 5,000 jobs, in order to meet the demand, including

from international companies and research and innovation centres.

Our innovation ecosystem has also stirred the interest of international research parks, knowledge institutions and other relevant actors, who wish to establish a presence in Denmark.

In order to realise our potential we need to expand our network with relevant collaborators and increase awareness of what Copenhagen Science City has to offer.

#### Goal 2024

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- Copenhagen Science City is home to one of Europe's strongest clusters of innovative companies
- Copenhagen Science City is known locally, nationally and internationally as a world-leading innovation ecosystem

### WE WILL:

- Further develop the narrative about the unique strengths and value propositions of Copenhagen Science City
- Strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders involved in attracting companies, talent and investments
- Ensure that the development of Copenhagen Science City is aligned with the development of Greater Copenhagen and other innovation districts within the region

SEE CASE ABOUT **QUANTUM COMPUTERS**ON NEXT PAGE



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David Pritchard, Microsoft

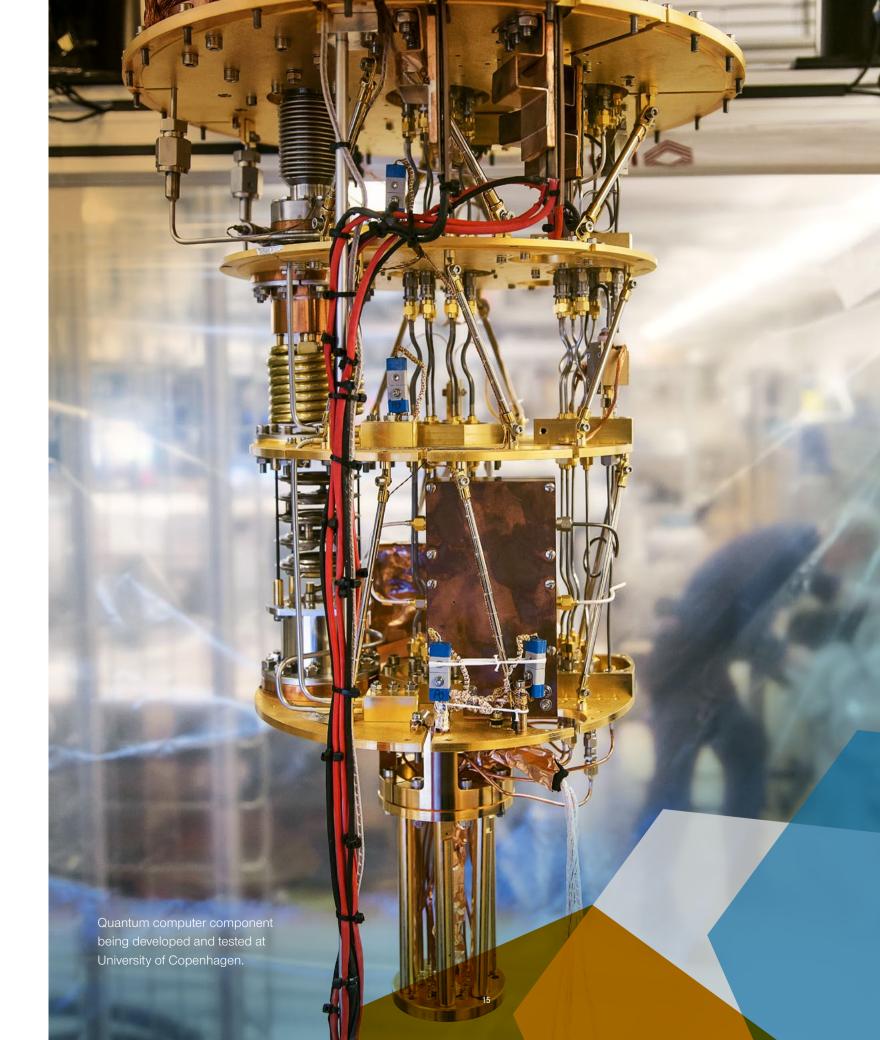
### DUANTUM COMPUTERS: RESEARCH HOTSPOT ATTRACTED MICROSOFT

In 2017, Microsoft and the University of Copenhagen signed a long-term collaboration agreement to develop and build the world's first quantum computer. Microsoft employees will be working closely with researchers at the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen Science City in a multimillion dollar project which opens up tremendous new opportunities for science and technology.

"The critical pillars for successful and productive quantum research already exist at the University of Copenhagen (...) an exceptional team of top quantum researchers, a broad and deep pool of post doctorate and student talent, and a solid baseline of facilities and equipment dedicated to quantum research. We look forward to harnessing this to make impressive advancements in the research and development of a useful, scalable quantum computer capable of transforming the global economy and solving the world's hardest problems".

David Pritchard, Chief of Staff for the Artificial Intelligence and Research division at Microsoft





### Strategic focus area

# INNOVATION, DUCATION AND INTREPRENEURSHIP

Copenhagen Science City is a thriving environment for the commercialisation of knowledge. The innovation district houses strong research capacities with extensive experience in collaborating with businesses. Many of the area's innovative companies have been established by or in collaboration with entrepreneurial researchers and students from the knowledge institutions in the area.

Students, graduates and researchers are often employed by the companies in Copenhagen
Science City. Most of these are housed by some of Denmark's leading innovation hubs and research parks located in the innovation district: Copenhagen
Bio Science Park, DARE2mansion, University College Copenhagen's House of Practice and Innovation,
SingularityU Nordic, Symbion and two student innovation hubs at the University of Copenhagen. The innovation district is also home to BioInnovation
Institute, a €52 million research, acceleration and incubation centre for life science businesses, funded by Novo Nordisk Foundation and to Accelerace −
Europe's number one seed-accelerator.

Copenhagen Science City is optimally suited to become a world class innovation district with a leading cluster of innovative companies. But we need to make it easier to find and use research and test facilities within the area and to support networks between knowledge institutions, companies and innovation hubs. We also need to strengthen the incubation environment for researchers who wish to work with the maturation of ideas in a commercial environment. For this purpose we need a better physical framework where investors can arrange events and meetings with young companies and promising inventors.

### Goal 2024

- Our innovation ecosystem includes all functions needed for the successful commercialisation of knowledge and is one of the best places in Europe to start or grow an innovation-based company
- Collaborating and sharing knowledge between companies, students and researchers across knowledge institutions is easy and attractive in Copenhagen Science City
- Our strong internal partnership makes us attractive to external collaborators
- The innovation district is part of a shared identity and is used by local stakeholders to promote their interests

### WE WILL:

- Identify and attract relevant functions to support the commercialisation of knowledge
- Identify potential synergies and connect collaborators including students, researchers and companies
- Increase awareness of the area's innovation and test facilities and the opportunities for collaboration they offer
- Establish a network for local innovation hubs and science parks to facilitate knowledge-sharing, joint events, co-branding and the development of joint projects

SEE CASE ABOUT **THE INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM IN ACTION** ON NEXT PAGE



We've created new jobs in Copenhagen Science City thanks to a close collaboration between research and industry

Lars Nannerup, CEO, INFUSER

THE INDOMATION ECOSYSTEM IN ACTION

Air purification company INFUSER takes full advantage of the innovation ecosystem in Copenhagen Science City. Their founding technology is a University of Copenhagen patent. They have employed researchers, graduates and students from the innovation district, and INFUSER works in close collaboration with the University College Copenhagen and the University Hospital Rigshospitalet to further develop their air purification solutions. INFUSER has been awarded the City of Copenhagen's Innovation Prize.





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We support researchers with knowledge, expertise and risk capital at an early and decisive time.

Birgitte Nauntofte, CEO, Novo Nordisk Foundation

# BIOINNOVATION INSTITUTE: BOOSTING LIFE

### BUUSTING SCIENCE BUSINESS

Research and ideas from the life sciences have the potential to combat disease, improve health or conserve natural resources to benefit people and society as a whole. In order to help more ideas make it from lab to market, the Novo Nordisk Foundation established the BioInnovation Institute in January 2018 with an initial grant of €52m to cover the 3-year establishment phase. It is a nation-wide discovery, acceleration and incubation initiative with an international outreach that will help the most talented researchers and entrepreneurs in developing and maturing research projects to a point at which they can attract capital from Danish and international investors on market terms. Located at Copenhagen Bio Science Park, the BioInnovation Institute is a central component of the innovation ecosystem in Copenhagen Science City.

"Our role will be to help to build the bridges between research and new discoveries and solutions that can benefit people. We support researchers with knowledge, expertise and risk capital at an early and decisive time"

Birgitte Nauntofte, CEO, Novo Nordisk Foundation



### Strategic focus area

# TOPHYSICAL FRAMEWORK

The physical framework underpinning the innovation ecosystem in Copenhagen Science City is exceptionally strong.

#### Research and educational facilities

Over the last few years, more than €one billion has been invested in award-winning state-of-the-art research and educational facilities most of which are already in use by the three knowledge institutions.

The buildings and their facilities are an important part of the value propositions of Copenhagen Science City.

### Co-working spaces and networking facilities

Companies looking to co-locate can choose from among 160,000 m² of offices, co-working spaces, start-up communities and lab-facilities. We need to accommodate the growing demand from a range of companies that wish to join our innovation ecosystem. We also need a broader range of facilities for networking and meetings as well as temporary accommodation for international talent on short stays.

#### Transport infrastructure

Getting around in Copenhagen Science City is easy. We have connected the area with bicycle and pedestrian paths, tunnels and bridges and a new rapid bus service has been established.

The innovation district will soon be linked to Copenhagen's driverless metro system and Copenhagen Airport is a mere 25 minutes away.

We need to ensure that our new buildings, innovation hubs and metro stations are well connected to our transport infrastructure and continue to promote easy access to external collaborators and facilities.

#### Urban life

Copenhagen Science City is alive and buzzing. Situated in the heart of the Danish capital, around 40,000 students, researchers and other employees enjoy the area. Parks, recreational areas, eateries and cafés are abundant in and near the innovation district and form an attractive backdrop for meetings, networking, relaxation and sport activities. We need to increase awareness of what is already on offer and strengthen the urban qualities of the area to further enhance its appeal.

### WE WILL:

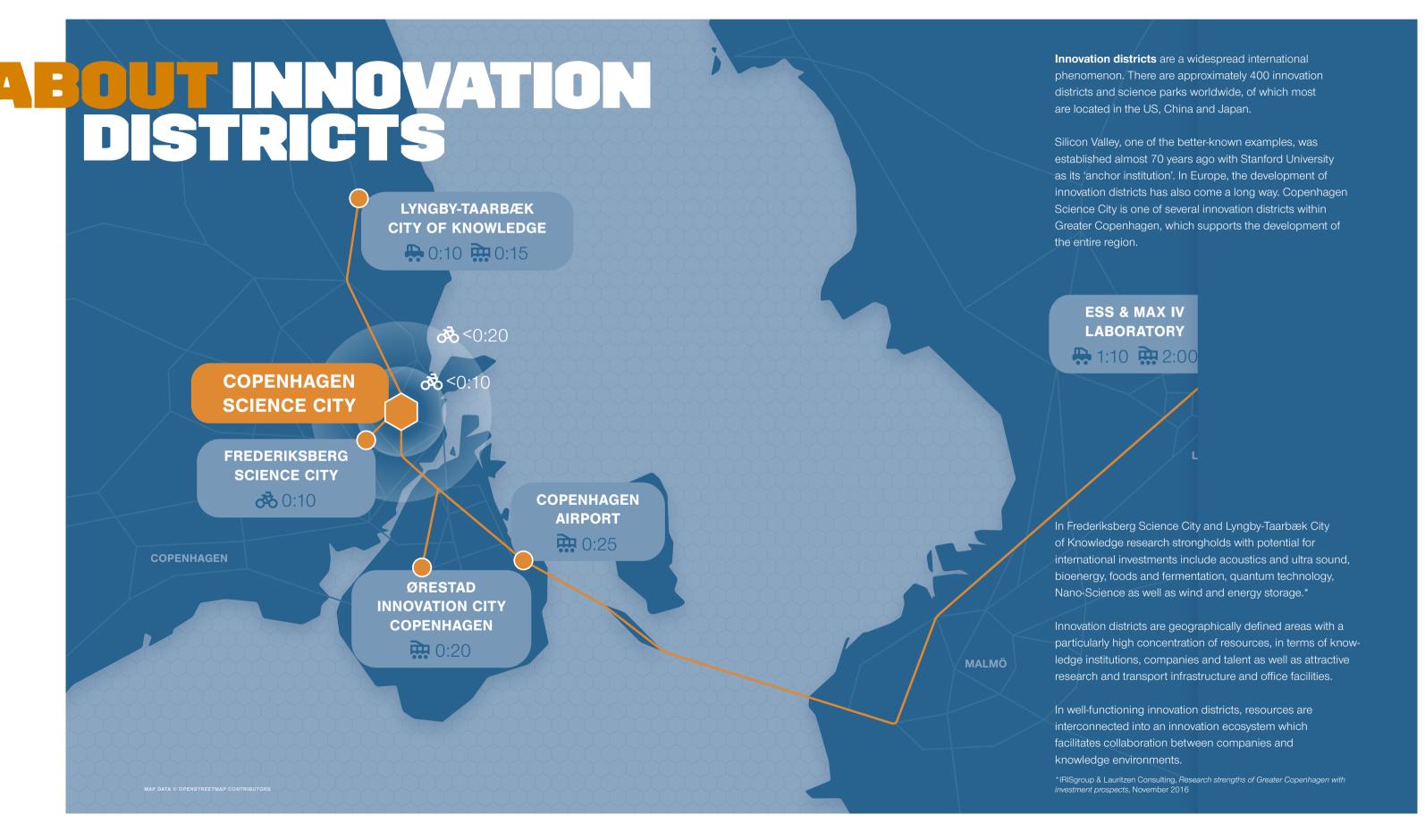
- Establish a network for stakeholders involved with developing the physical framework of Copenhagen Science City
- Further strengthen the area's urban qualities and transport infrastructure
- Create more space for companies and other actors who can strengthen our innovation ecosystem

### Goal 2024

- Copenhagen Science City is a cohesive, vibrant and open innovation district with excellent connections to surrounding areas. The new metroline, "Cityringen", is up and running and new urban functions have emerged around the central transport infrastructure anchored in a knowledge city network
- The area's physical framework promotes knowledge-sharing and cross-sectorial

- collaboration among the local knowledge institutions, hubs and companies
- The buildings, facilities and urban spaces are beacons branding the innovation district both locally and internationally
- Copenhagen Science City has the capacity to accommodate innovative companies of varied sizes as well as other stakeholders who can reinforce our innovation ecosystem









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