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Dr Arthur (Art) Morrish is Chief Executive Officer at ASPIRE, the dedicated technology programme management pillar of Abu Dhabi's Advanced Technology Research Council (ATRC), which was set up in May 2020 to shape the Emirate's R&D strategy.

An experienced senior executive with deep knowledge of the advanced tech sector, Dr Morrish brings more than 30 years of professional experience in developing and managing innovative, technical solutions to a wide array of commercial challenges, in addition to overseeing multi-million-dollar, cross-business programmes from inception to advanced prototype then transition to internal and external customers.

In his current role, Dr Morrish will be responsible for leading ASPIRE, which drives the creation of future transformative technologies by working with cross-sector industry stakeholders, universities and research institutes to frame problem statements, and which also launches grand challenges and international competitions to solve some of the world's most pressing issues.

Before taking up his role to lead ASPIRE, Dr Morrish was the vice president for Advanced Concepts and Technology with the Raytheon Intelligence and Space Systems (RIS), a leading US-based provider of integrated sensor, communication and electronic systems and space systems. He led a group of scientists, engineers, and support staff in seven key locations for the McKinney, Texas-based RIS business where his management portfolio included development and implementation of emerging system concepts, products, and strategic technologies.

In prior roles, Dr Morrish served as vice president and chief technology officer for the Electronic Systems Group business segment of L-3 Communications in Arlington, Virginia, and prior to that, he was director of the Tactical Technology Office at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) in Arlington.

Dr Morrish holds a doctorate in analytic chemistry from the University of Maryland. He had also earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Science from Michigan State University.