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Mohammed Ashour is the co-founder and CEO of Aspire, a company that develops some of the most advanced insect farming technology in the world. Aspire targets markets that utilize insects for applications in nutrition, biomedicine and agrochemicals with a vision to alleviate global food insecurity.

Aspire was launched in 2013 after Mohammed led a team of five students from McGill University to defeat over 10,000 teams from around the world to win the prestigious US$1 million Hult Prize presented by President Bill Clinton. With expertise in business development, finance and strategic partnerships, Mohammed leads Aspire's operations and growth in the United States and Ghana.

A Forbes 30 under 30 honoree, Mohammed is widely regarded as a leading voice in social enterprise. He is the recipient of the 2018 Leadership Award from the Specialty Food Association, the Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Award, and the Top MBA Impact Maker Award from McGill University. He has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, the Economist, Bloomberg Businessweek, Forbes and Fortune publications and is a frequent speaker at global conferences including the Clinton Global Initiative.

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