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The system allows for the hygienic disposal of residential, commercial and public waste through the use of a plastic container as opposed to the typical underground concrete setup. By extending its storage capacity up to five cubic metres underground, the frequency of the waste collection is reduced compared to traditional and smaller bin systems. averda is constantly improving the carbon footprint of its operations in KSA and the wider region.

The underground waste containers are also designed with the aesthetics of the architectural style of the site in which it is based and are equipped with sensors that update the collection team regarding the status of its capacity and when ready to be collected.

"The underground waste solution provides cities with maximum storage capacity while utilising minimal space. This effective clean technology solution will provide KSA neighbourhoods with cleaner environments and more cost effective solutions for cities in Riyadh, Jeddah and Jubail," stated Jeroen Vincent, chief operating officer of the GCC for averda. "averda continues to work closely with the Saudi government and partners to achieve a clean and green environment for the Kingdom."

Semi-underground containers were designed for on-site reloading and collection. The ability to store waste underground has a natural cooling effect that lessens odour and bacterial formation.

In addition to the underground containers system, averda provides integrated waste management services in Riyadh, Jeddah and Jubail, including cleaning, collection, disposal, treatment and recovery. The company also supports the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology's (KAUST) LEED Platinum certification, delivering sustainable integrated waste and resource management services since 2010. averda has also worked with Princess Nora University to deliver similar services since 2011 and since October last year, averda is delivering city cleaning and collection to King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC).

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**About averda:**

averda International is the largest environmental solutions provider in the MENA region, specializing in integrated resources management. averda is at the forefront of innovation in the regional market, providing sustainable solutions and more than 35 years of experience in the effective management of waste for both private and public sector clients across pedestrian, residential, commercial and industrial areas.

averda's extensive portfolio of services ranges from street cleaning through to waste collection, treatment, disposal and recycling. The company's capabilities also include the development of solutions for water, wastewater and solid waste of public, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors, all within a sustainable framework that respects the natural environment. averda also designs and implements full-scale solutions to recover valuable and recyclable resources like paper, metals, and water.

With 10,000 employees serving millions of people every day, averda operates in full compliance with international standards for quality control throughout Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, Morocco and Angola. averda is supported by GrowthGate Capital Corporation since 2008.

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