

The United Arab Emirates space agency announced plans to launch a mission to study asteroids of the main asteroid belt with plans for a launch in 2028. The mission would utilize Venus and Earth flybys in 2028 and 2029 for gravitational assists to gain velocity to reach the main asteroid belt in 2033. After flying by seven asteroids, they will attempt a landing on a still to be specified asteroid.

The payload is still in the planning stages and mission has yet to be named. As in the case for the Hope mission that orbited Mars in 2021 and is still operating, the UAE will partner with the University of Colorado.