



Dubai International
Financial Centre

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Welcome to DIFC

DIFC is the leading and first International Financial Centre and global Future of Finance Hub in the MEASA region, connecting regional markets to the economies of the world.



Dubai & UAE: A Global Hub

TRADE



AVIATION



TOURISM



FINANCE





Pivotal Global Economic Hub

Filling the time-zone gap between the leading financial centres of London and New York in the West, and Hong Kong and Tokyo in the East, DIFC stimulates trade and investment flows along the South-South economic corridor.



A World Class Legal & Regulatory Environment

JULY 2003

UAE constitution amended to allow creation of financial free zone

SEPTEMBER 2004

Dubai law exempts the Centre from rules and regulations otherwise applicable in the Emirate

MARCH 2004

Federal law exempts Centre from certain laws, focus on wholesale market

DECEMBER 2004

Dubai law establishes DIFC Courts, our independent, English common law judicial system



Financial Free Zone – The Advantages

0%

TAX RATE
ON PROFITS

NO RESTRICTION
On Foreign Talent Or Employees

INDEPENDENT
Judicial System

0%

PERSONAL
INCOME
TAX

NO RESTRICTION
On Capital Repatriation

INTERNATIONAL
Regulatory Environment

100%

FOREIGN
OWNERSHIP

CENTRAL LOCATION
For Key Regional Activities

NO CURRENCY
Restrictions



Independent Centre Bodies



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Provides independent legal framework & world class business infrastructure. Built the capability to enable the growth of Future of financial, develops the laws and regulations other than those relating to the regulation of financial services.



The independent regulator of all financial services and related activities carried out in and from DIFC. DFSA also enables regulations for FoF.



Administers a unique English-language common law system. Applying international standards of justice within the Centre





Focused Business Activities

With a strategic focus on key areas of business, DIFC supports a successful ecosystem across sectors including Banks & Capital Markets, Insurance and Reinsurance, Wealth & Asset Management, FinTech & Innovation, and Corporate Offices & Professional Services.



World Leading Financial Centre

25,000+

workforce

US\$6.2m

Invested in FinTech

821

financial firms

US\$178bn

balance sheet

2,500+

active registered firms

4.8m+ sq.ft

of occupied space





Global Business Authority

Since its establishment in 2004, DIFC has solidified its position as a top global business destination attracting **17** of the world's top 20 banks, **6** of the top 10 asset managers, **3** of the top 5 global insurance companies, and **8** of the 10 leading global law firms.



3x Growth Strategy

DEEPENING THE CORE

30% of the overall growth

BUILDING GLOBAL RELEVANCE

20% of the overall growth

BECOMING THE HUB FOR SOUTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR

50% of the overall growth





Enhancing the DIFC Experience

The Gate Avenue at DIFC, a seamless walk-way, connecting all buildings in the DIFC, provides a fully connected year-round walkable destination including an outdoor promenade to ensure greater levels of accessibility and connectivity for the Centre's community.

Home to more than just retail, Gate Avenue showcases an eclectic mix of homegrown concepts, established regional brands, and food and beverage offerings.

Gate Avenue connects the district's elements together into one seamless collective.



Promoting Regional Thought Leadership

The Exchange, is the new state of the art home to NASDAQ Dubai and the premier arena for financial markets and business thought leadership. In addition, the **DIFC Academy**, is a regional centre of excellence for executive education & training for the financial industry.

DIFC provides a platform to deliver professional development and higher education courses by partnering with providers of top-ranked educational resources.



Promoting Financial Sector Development

DIFC continues to drive financial sector development by facilitating industry collaboration through initiatives such as the Wealth Management Working Group, the DIFC Insurance Association, as well as a number of knowledge sharing events and webinars.

By increasing the breadth and depth of the industry, DIFC is playing a key role in shaping the future of finance.



Pushing the Boundaries for the Future of Finance

DIFC is a founding member of the Global Blockchain Council, and launched the first crowd funding platform in the region.

Earlier in 2020, DIFC has also announced the region's first blockchain data sharing platform to support licensed businesses and corporates opening digital bank accounts instantly.

The **DIFC FinTech Hive** is the region's first FinTech accelerator in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) region.

First FinTech Accelerator and Regulatory Sandbox ("Innovation Testing License") in the region.

DIFC maintains innovative Prescribed Companies regime, and was the first to market REITS.





Thriving and Diverse Community

DIFC is a thriving community with unique lifestyle offerings including an outstanding commercial and residential environment. This includes **7** residential towers, **Three** 5-Star hotels, **7** renowned art galleries, **310** active retail outlets.





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