

COMMERCIAL PACKAGE ACTIVE ENTERPRISE

Unlock the benefits of the DIFC Active Enterprise, a unique and attractive company structure that includes an option to have employees.

**Flexible and easy-to-use structures
offered by the region's leading financial centre.**



- **Option to have employees:** In the case that the Active Enterprise or its affiliate has an office in the DIFC.
- **Reduced licensing fees:** : USD 100 Application Fee (one time) and an annual commercial licence fee of USD 1000 (Data protection fees USD 750 - if applicable)
- **Flexible registered address:** An Active Enterprise can have its own DIFC office space, co-working desk, share office space with its DIFC affiliate or, if the entity has no employees, use an appointed corporate service provider's registered address in DIFC.
- **Common law jurisdiction with independent DIFC Courts**
- **Quick and easy, fully digital registration process:** In-principal approval may be granted within three business days from the application submission.
- **No attestation required for corporate document**
- **Globally competitive and attractive tax regime**
- **Zero currency restrictions and 100% foreign ownership**
- **Zero restrictions on capital repatriation**

Who can establish an Active Enterprise?

An Active Enterprise is a private company which can be established by a Qualifying Applicant:



DIFC Registered Entity other than a Prescribed Company, NPIO or Foundation



Controlling shareholder or UBO of a DIFC Registered Entity (other than a Prescribed Company, NPIO or Foundation)



UAE/Emirate Government Entity, an entity 25% owned (directly or indirectly) by a UAE/Emirate Government Entity, or an entity otherwise controlled by a UAE/Emirate Government Entity



Ultimate beneficial owner that controls a DIFC registered entity



Family Operated Business

Definitions:

Government entity:

- a. the Federal Government, the government of Dubai or the government of any Emirate;
- b. a person in which a government entity listed in (a) above owns (directly or indirectly) an interest of at least twenty five percent (25%) (or such other percentage approved by the Board of Directors of DIFCA); or is otherwise Controlled by a government entity listed in (a) above.

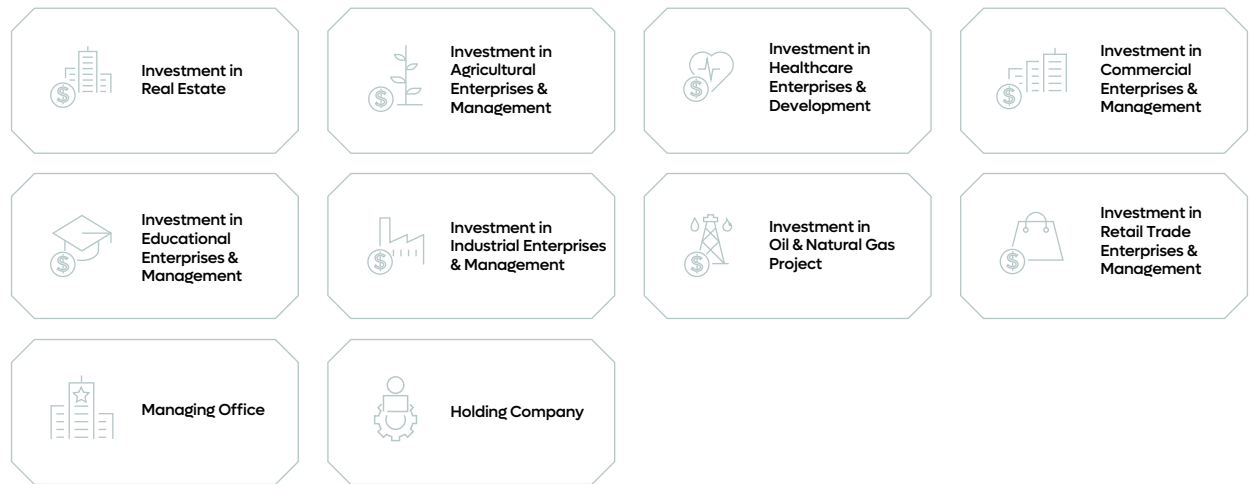
Family Operated Business with a large presence in the UAE:

means a business that meets the definition of a Family under the Family Arrangement Regulations and has a large presence in the UAE, that meets at least 2 of the following criteria:

1. total asset value of at least USD10 million;
2. at least 100 employees;
3. at least 30,000 sq. ft. of space in the UAE (including offices, retail, schools, manufacturing, etc.); or
4. all the shareholders are UAE nationals or the common ancestor for the business is a UAE national.

What business activities can an Active Enterprise carry out?

The Active Enterprise can be used for Holding Companies, Managing Office and/or Proprietary Investment activities



Two easy steps to start setting up your business

