

# DIFC – A global hub for structuring business



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



## DIFC offers structures to efficiently manage your business

- Quick and easy set-up.
- Competitive licensing and registration fees.
- Ability to conduct business without the need to appoint an auditor.
- Ability to conduct business without the need to rent a DIFC office space.
- Accommodates commercial initiatives that do not require heavy or onerous governance framework.
- An ideal structure for succession planning, managing business continuity and ring fencing assets.
- World-class legal and regulatory framework.
- Globally competitive and attractive tax regime.
- Zero currency restrictions and 100% foreign ownership.
- Zero restrictions on capital repatriation.

## Who can establish a prescribed company?

Under the Prescribed Company Regulation, a prescribed company can be established by a qualifying applicant or for a qualifying purpose pursuant to the regulations.

### Qualifying applicants

 DIFC-registered entity	 Authorised firm
 DIFC FinTech entity	 Fund
 UAE government entity	 Family-operated business
 Shareholder or an ultimate beneficial owner that controls a DIFC-registered entity	 Affiliate of a DIFC-registered entity

### Qualifying purposes

 Aviation structure	 Maritime structure
 Intellectual property structure	 Structured financing
 Crowdfunding structure	 DIFC holding structure
 Innovation holding structure	



## Benefit from a future-focused platform

**#1** global financial centre

**#1** green financial centre

**#1** city in the region for sustainable finance and responsible investing

- Engage in consultations, future legal and regulatory enhancements.
- Company structures (prescribed company regime) for structured transactions.
- International standards for netting and insolvency laws.
- Industry collaboration through Dubai Sustainable Finance Working Group, a DIFC-chaired initiative.
- Advance your innovation agenda with the support of the DIFC Venture Studios and FinTechs in the DIFC Innovation Hub.

Dubai in Global Financial Centre Index rankings vs. other MEASA cities.



## Licensing process

- 1 Submit letter of intent. [Click Here](#)
- 2 Process application and obtain in-principle approval.
- 3 Register your entity.

