

# FinTech and innovation

The FinTech and innovation capital  
of the Middle East, Africa and South Asia



## DIFC – the most popular choice for FinTech and innovation companies

- The region's most comprehensive end-to-end FinTech and innovation proposition.
- Chosen by over 900 active FinTech and innovation companies – start-ups, growth stage firms and unicorns.
- Over 60 per cent of GCC based FinTech firms based in DIFC.
- Enabling legal and regulatory framework.
- Over 5,500 financial and financial related companies to do business with.
- Access 72 countries across the Middle East, Africa and South Asia.
- Over USD 2.5bn VC funding raised by DIFC based innovation firms up to January 2024.
- Trusted by the market with high levels of funding from the private sector.

## The most supportive environment to help you succeed

- Future economy focused training through the DIFC Academy.
- Accelerator programmes at the DIFC FinTech Hive.
- Mentoring and networking from the region's deepest cluster of financial services companies.
- Cost effective licenses to operate in the DIFC Innovation Hub.
- Enabling regulatory sandbox and licensing from the DFSA.
- Grow with the support of leading venture studios, backed by an enabling framework.
- World class IP laws.
- A range of funding opportunities.
- Partners/Clients who need your solutions.



## Benefit from a future focused platform

### #1 global financial centre

- Engage in consultations for future legal and regulatory enhancements.
- Digital Asset regimes – including investment tokens, crypto currencies and non-fungible tokens.
- Industry collaboration with partners including the MENA FinTech Association and Dubai Sustainable Finance Working Group, a DIFC chaired initiative.
- Home of the Dubai FinTech Summit.
- A vast range of events, seminars and workshops to participate in.

### #1 green financial centre

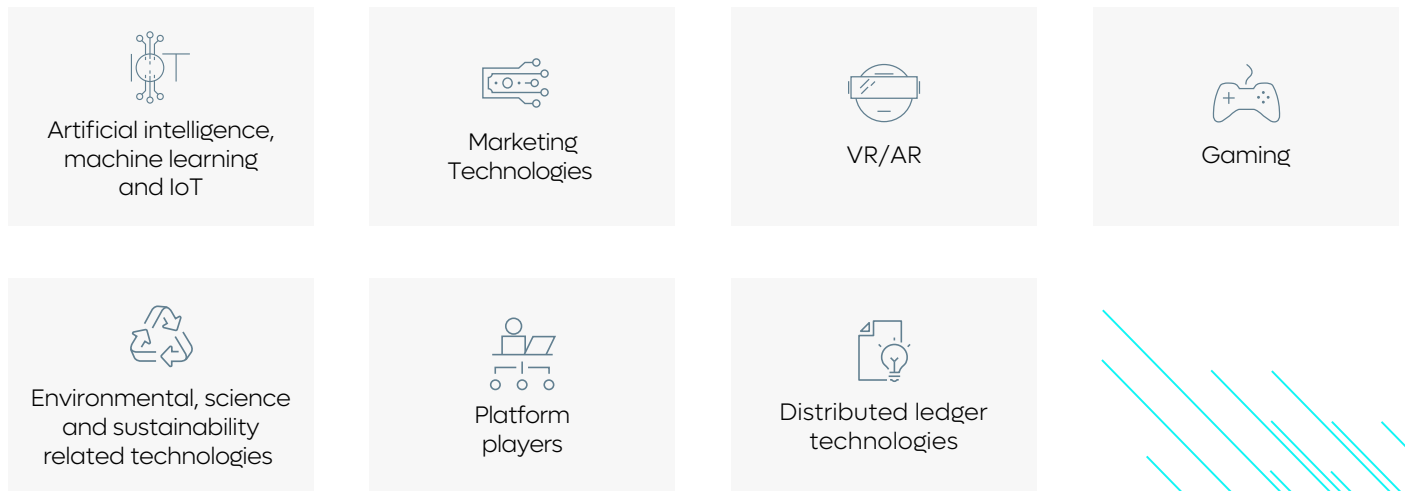
## Access all important funding



## Welcoming the broadest range of FinTech and innovation firms

We attract firms across all stages whether start-ups, growth stage firms and global unicorns. Firms are welcome from across the world, covering all industries.

**Beyond FinTech, InsurTech and RegTech companies, here are a few examples of the innovation sectors that are represented in DIFC:**



## Licencing process

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

