

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 700 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 4,300 financial and financial related companies to do business with.
- Access 72 countries across the Middle East, Africa and South Asia.
- Over USD 615mn funding raised by DIFC based innovation firms in 2022.
- 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

#1 green 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.

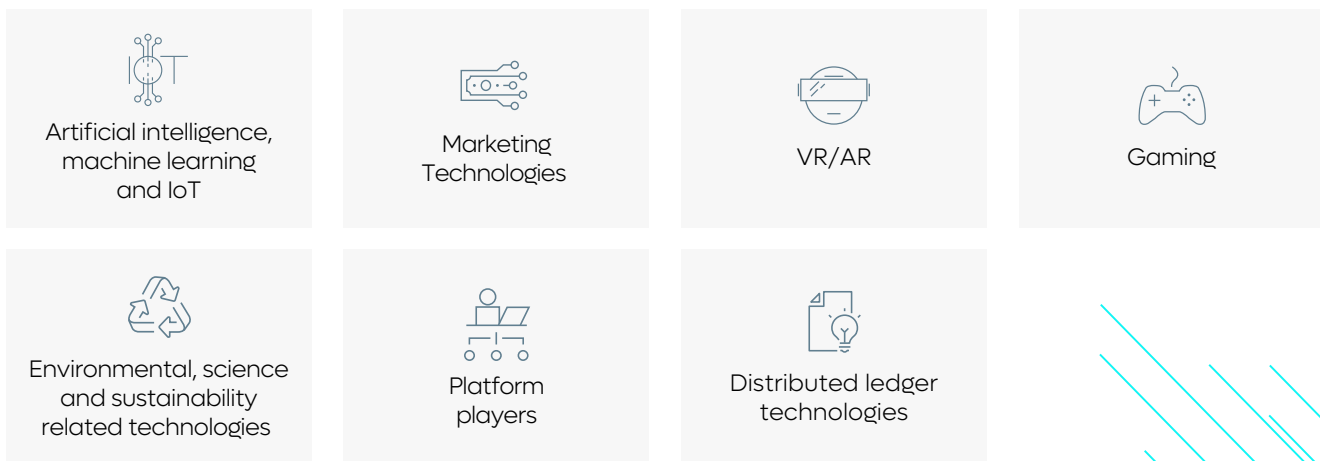
Access all important funding



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:



Licensing process

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

