

The new jurisdiction of choice for hedge funds



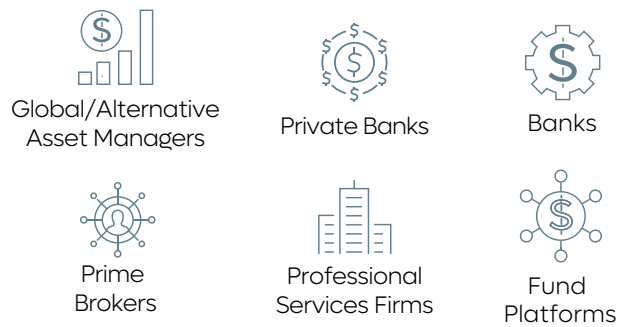
A global hub with vast opportunities



Why hedge funds are choosing DIFC

- 20+ years of driving the future of finance.
- World class legal and regulatory framework.
- Favourable tax regime.
- Collaborative approach to regulation.
- Optimal time zone for trading between eastern and western markets within 1 business day.
- Deepest regulated financial market in the region.
- Flexible legal structures and product offering for fast expansion into Dubai.
- Waived registration fee and discounted commercial license fee options.
- Access to the region's large pools of private and sovereign capital.
- Flexible market entry options through the DIFC Funds Centre.
- High quality of life and safe place to live.
- 75 hedge funds, including 48 'billion-dollar club' organisations.

Be part of the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) region's largest financial ecosystem



Benefit from a future focused platform

- #1** Regime for domiciled funds in MEASA
- #1** Global financial centre in MEASA
- #1** Green financial centre in MEASA
- #1** City in region for sustainable finance and responsible investing

- Industry collaboration through Dubai Sustainable Finance Working Group, a DIFC-chaired initiative.
- Progressive regimes for digital assets – investment and crypto tokens.

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

Vast opportunities from large pools of wealth

USD 3.5trn+
of HNWI's private wealth in Middle East

USD 4.8trn+
of financial capital managed by 40 Middle Eastern State-Owned Investors and **USD 300bn+** of Dubai-based sovereign wealth



USD 517bn
of wealth concentrated in Dubai, the highest in any Middle Eastern city

0.9mn+
of HNWI population in Middle East

USD 700bn+
Assets Under Management (AUM) within DIFC

72,500+
HNWIs and UHNWIs in Dubai (highest in MENA)

A range of market entry options

Portfolio management (regulated)

Category 3C

- Managing a collective investment fund.
- Managing assets.
- Providing trust services as a trustee of an express trust.
- Providing custody (other than for a fund).

Asset raising, full client relationship management (regulated)

Category 4

- Arranging credit or deals in investment.
- Advising on financial products.
- Arranging custody.
- Providing fund administration.
- Providing trust services other than as a trustee of an express trust.

Representative office (regulated)

General marketing referral model

- Providing information on one or more financial products or financial services.
- Engaging in promotions.
- Making introductions or referrals in connection with the offer of financial services or financial products.



Licensing process

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

