

The new location of choice for hedge funds



A global hub with vast opportunities



Why hedge funds are choosing DIFC

- World class legal and regulatory framework.
- Favourable tax regime.
- Flexible regulations.
- 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.
- High quality of life and safe place to live.

Waived/discouted fees for setting up/domiciling a DIFC domestic fund

Be part of the MEASA's largest financial ecosystem



#1 Regime for domiciled funds

#1 Global financial centre

#1 Green financial centre

#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.

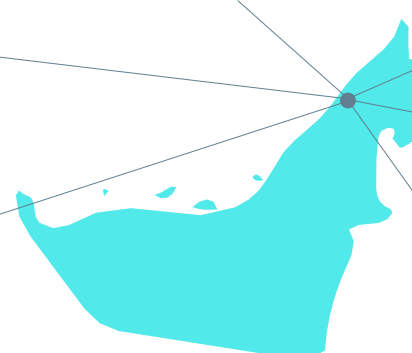
Vast opportunities from large pools of wealth

USD 3trn+
of HNWI's private wealth in GCC (<1 hour flight)

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

USD 8tn
of HNWI's private wealth in MEASA (5 hours flight)

USD 3.3trn+
of Sovereign Wealth Funds in the GCC and **USD 300bn+** of Dubai-based sovereign wealth



USD 445bn
total WAM size in the DIFC with **USD 164bn managed** from DIFC

55,000
HNWI's and UHNWI's in Dubai (highest in MENA)

A range of market entry options

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.

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.

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).



Licensing process

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

