

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.



Licencing process

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

