

# DIFC - A global hub for professional services providers



Access high-growth opportunities and new clients from DIFC



## Join the #1 global financial centre in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) region

- World-class legal and regulatory framework.
- Globally competitive and attractive tax regime.
- 100 per cent foreign ownership and no restriction on currency or capital repatriation.
- Strategic location and access to regional and global markets.
- State-of-the-art business infrastructure and lifestyle destination.
- Global talent hub used by 46,000+ professionals from 150+ nationalities.
- 6,900+ active firms.
- 900+ DFSA regulated and supervised entities.

## DIFC serves as a gateway for professional services providers to access high-calibre talent and fast-growth markets

- One of the region's largest and deepest business hubs for professional services providers.
- A comprehensive financial and non-financial ecosystem covering a broad base of economic activities.

### Key activities:



Accounting  
& Audit



Management  
& Strategy Consulting



Legal  
& Compliance



Risk  
Management



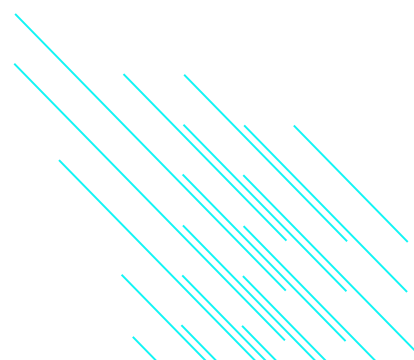
Education  
& Training



Market Information  
& Research



Human  
Resources



## Benefit from a future focused platform

**#1** global financial centre in MEASA    **#1** green financial centre in MEASA    **#1** city in region for sustainable finance and responsible investing

- 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.



## Two easy steps to start setting up your business

**1**

### APPLY FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

An application for initial approval is completed through DIFC portal. Information required will vary depending on the qualifying requirement.

\*External approvals will be required for certain activities.

**2**

### REGISTER WITH DIFC

Once Initial Approval application is submitted you may proceed with filling out the Register with DIFC application to speed up your onboarding process. However, please note that you can only submit it after the Initial Approval has been granted.

