

Unlock Wealth & Asset Management Opportunities



Access the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) region from DIFC



DIFC – the preferred choice for Wealth & Asset Management firms

- 20+ years of driving the future of finance.
- World class legal and regulatory framework.
- Collaborative approach between clients, regulator and authorities.
- 410+ Wealth & Asset Management firms.
- USD 700bn+ in Assets Under Management (AUM).
- Access to the region's large pools of private and sovereign capital.
- Flexible market entry options through the DIFC Funds Centre.

The MEASA's largest and deepest Wealth & Asset Management related cluster



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 the 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+ Bn 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 on the ground (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.

