

Brief on the Participating UAE Authorities/Institutions

Khalifa Industrial Zone (KIZAD)

KIZAD is an integral part of the Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030. It is intrinsically linked to Khalifa Port; one of the world's most advanced deep-sea ports and the region's first semi-automated port. Having Khalifa Port at the doorstep of your business – served by 20 major shipping lines connected to over 60 destination ports – enables the convenient domestic and international shipment of products to and from Abu Dhabi to anywhere in the world. KIZAD added the new Khalifa Port Free Trade Zone (Khalifa Port FTZ) to its world-class infrastructure portfolio. Khalifa Port FTZ offers a competitive operating cost environment and a meticulously designed setting that makes it easier than ever to do business. Investors choosing the Khalifa Port FTZ are provided with an array of business set-up services that streamline their registration and licensing processes, while offering them executive offices and flexible workstations/dedicated desks, as a complementary offering to the overall value proposition of the industrial zone. Khalifa Port FTZ boasts a wide portfolio of investment sectors including aluminum, automotive, engineered metals, port logistics, food processing, pharmaceuticals, packaging, polymer converting and other industries that rely on Khalifa Port. Also in place is a flexible master plan that is capable of accommodating more industries in the future from a land-use perspective. Combining the legacy and success of KIZAD's onshore structure with the traditional benefits of an offshore free zone, Khalifa Port FTZ is set to become the future hub for trade, logistics and manufacturing, and is primed to change the way business is done in the region.

Dubai Land Department (DLD)

Dubai Land Department is a government-run entity founded in 1960 to establish real estate sector in the Middle East and for international real estate investors. DLD provides outstanding services to all its customers whilst developing the necessary legislation to propel the real estate sector in Dubai, organizing and promoting real estate investment, and spreading industry knowledge. DLD has active organizations that include: RERA, the regulatory arm, Real Estate Investment Management & Promotion Center, Dubai Real Estate Institute, the educational arm, and Rental Dispute Center, and the judicial arm.

Sharjah Investment and Development Authority (Shurooq)

Over the years, Sharjah has grown into a centre for arts and culture as well as a leading industrial hub. As the Investment and Development Authority of Sharjah, Shurooq is leading the continued transformation and economic diversification of the emirate. It strives to create a business friendly environment in Sharjah by identifying new investment opportunities across different sectors, developing breathtaking destinations and managing some of the emirate's most recognizable landmarks. InvestInSharjah (Sharjah FDI Office) is committed to guiding foreign investors through a bespoke step-by-step facilitation process. Leveraging its superior market knowledge and intelligence, InvestInSharjah guides investors to the right opportunities in Sharjah and provides advice and guidance that help individuals and organizations establish successfully in the emirate across all sectors, with a focus on Travel and Leisure, Transport and Logistics, Healthcare, Environment, Education and Light Manufacturing.

Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ)

Situated in the heart of Ras Al Khaimah, RAKEZ is a powerhouse business and industrial hub in the UAE that uniquely offers customizable solutions to free zone and non-free zone businesses. From freelancers and startups to SMEs and industrialists, RAKEZ's multinational community is flourishing in over 50 industries. RAKEZ places its clients at the heart of everything that it does, providing them with cost-effective set-up packages, modern facilities and first-class services to help them reach their full potential. Blessed

with a strategic location, RAKEZ connects investors to growing markets in the Middle East, North Africa, Europe as well as South and Central Asia. It is a gateway to international trade where companies undertake activities in a safe and responsible manner, consistent with all applicable laws and international best practice.

Dubai Chamber

Established in 1965, Dubai Chamber is the largest organization representing Dubai's private sector and home for more than 245,000 members. It continually streamlines its processes to make it easier for companies to set up their business in the Emirate, furthering Dubai's mission to be an international business hub. By coping with the economic changes worldwide, Dubai Chamber takes a pioneering position not only in the UAE and in the GCC, but globally too, by acting as an information and research centre, providing business documentation, offering legal services, facilitating networking opportunities and delivering almost every conceivable business solution. One of the Chamber's featured arms is Dubai Startup Hub which empowers entrepreneurs through programs, workshops, trainings, marketing, promotion, and advocacy efforts, with a commitment to support both overseas startups expanding to the Emirate, and local startups wanting to scale their business globally. With its international reach, the Dubai Startup Hub facilitates startup trade missions, cross-border mentorship programs and connection support to better equip entrepreneurs for success.

Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM)

Since opening for business in late October 2015, ADGM quickly gained global recognition for its robust, progressive and responsive business-friendly ecosystem. Through collaboration, and by focusing on understanding business needs, ADGM introduced many 'firsts' both regionally and globally. As a catalyst of growth, ADGM delivers value to its clients and its peers and contributes to Abu Dhabi's ambitious growth plan and strategy. Setting up your business within ADGM will offer your organization an opportunity to grow and scale in a supportive business environment with the advantage of operating in a tax-friendly environment, under the English Common law, with an entitlement of dual licensing and an independent jurisdiction. ADGM offers a comprehensive ecosystem and transparent process that cater to the transformational and logistic needs of all kinds of organizations, be it a start-up or a globally well-established player. It offers end-to-end support for setting up a business, be it the various applications, visas, government-related activities, office space allocation, and much more. It also acts as an advisor and to help your business grow and succeed. As an international finance centre, ADGM, via its affiliated network and a wide spectrum of services, can help your business gain to the growing economies of the Middle East, Africa, and Asia to forge partnerships.

Dubai Culture and Arts Authority

The Dubai Culture & Arts Authority (Dubai Culture) was launched on March 8, 2008 by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President & Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai. Dubai Culture plays a critical part in achieving the vision of the Dubai Strategic Plan 2021 of establishing the city as vibrant, global Arabian metropolis and a thriving hub for talent that shapes culture and arts in the region and the world.

Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)

DIFC is the leading financial hub for the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA), which comprises 72 countries with an approximate population of 3 billion and a nominal GDP of US\$ 7.7 trillion. With a 15-year track record of facilitating trade and investment flows across the MEASA region, the Centre connects these fast-growing markets with the economies of Asia, Europe and the Americas through Dubai. DIFC is home to an internationally recognized, independent regulator and a proven judicial system with an English common law framework, as well as the region's largest financial ecosystem of more than 25,600 professionals working across over 2,500 active registered companies – making up the largest and most diverse pool of industry talent in the region. The Centre's vision is to drive the future of finance. Today, it offers one of the region's most comprehensive FinTech and venture capital environments, including cost-effective licensing solutions, fit-for-purpose regulation, innovative accelerator programs, and funding for growth-stage start-ups. Comprising a variety of world-renowned retail and dining venues, a dynamic art and culture scene, residential apartments, hotels and public spaces, DIFC continues to be one of Dubai's most sought-after business and lifestyle destinations.

Dubai Free Zone Council (DFZC)

The Council aims to study and liaise work between free zones in Dubai, the Government of Dubai and other relevant bodies. Its tasks include proposing a comprehensive strategy for the free zones while taking into consideration the objectives and specifics of each area, proposing policies and rules for registration, licensing and monitoring activities within free zones, proposing necessary rules for promoting the investment opportunities within the free zones, coordinating with the concerned authorities in the emirate to create an integrated database that also cover performance rates and economic indicators to serve the free zones and companies operating within, reviewing and proposing laws & legislations, and orders & policies that govern and affect the operation of free zones; as well as proposing the necessary recommendations. representing the free zones among local, federal and international authorities, as well as serving as representative body of the free zones in local, regional and international conferences and exhibitions in cooperation with the relevant authorities, providing advice, consultation, necessary proposals, and recommendations on local and federal laws referred by relevant authorities in relation to free zones or investment, providing studies and proposals that help the government in the formulation of economic and investment strategies when necessary, organizing conferences, seminars and panel discussions on topics related to free zones or investment.