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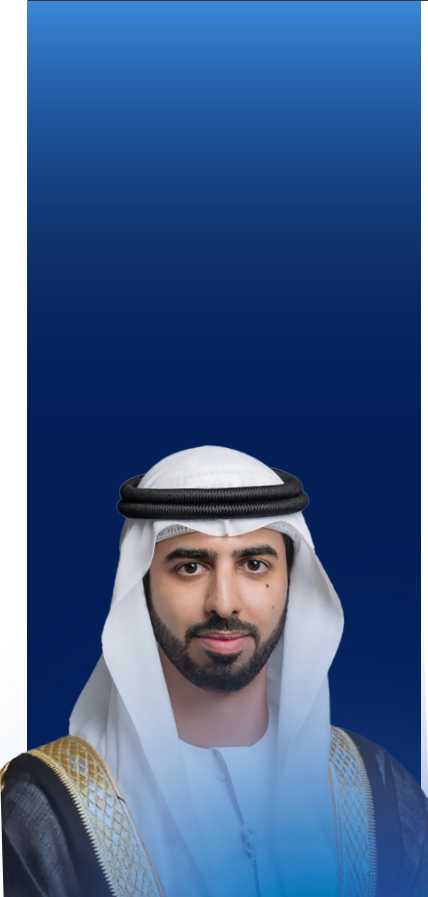




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**His Excellency Omar Sultan Al Olama**  
Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy and Remote Work Applications, and Chairman of Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy

# FOREWORD

Dubai’s rise as a global capital of the digital economy isn’t an accident of geography, it’s the product of grit, guts, and a willingness to get ahead of the game. In line with the Dubai Economic Agenda D33, our city is investing in transformative technologies, from artificial intelligence and Web3 to gaming, fintech, and green industries, ensuring that Dubai is not simply keeping pace with global trends, but setting the pace, defining the frontier.

Our startup ecosystem has sprinted forward in leaps and bounds. Initiatives such as the Dubai Universal Blueprint for AI, Dubai AI Campus, Sandbox Dubai, and the Dubai Program for Gaming 2033 exemplify our role as a testbed for breakthrough ideas. These programmes build upon Dubai’s long-standing strength - a world-class infrastructure that saw the city ranked 4th globally in the IMD Smart City Index in 2025.

We are equally proud of the diversity and calibre of talent that drives this growth. Dubai’s population continues to grow, supported by an education system that now embeds AI across its curriculum. At the same time, the Dubai Quality of Life Strategy 2033 ensures we remain one of the most

dynamic and desirable cities to live, work, and create. As more founders, scale-ups, and investors choose Dubai, the ecosystem continues to sustain and amplify its own growth, momentum feeding momentum, success breeding success.

Our investment landscape is deepening. DFDf has supported over 190 portfolio companies, both through direct investments and 12 FoF initiatives, as of end of 2024. At the same time, future-ready regulations are giving startups unprecedented room to innovate and grow. Looking ahead, the AED 25 billion FDI Development Programme is designed to attract AED 650 billion in new foreign direct investment by 2033, cementing Dubai’s role as a magnet for ideas and a marketplace for imagination.

This Startup Guide reflects that vision. It offers more than practical steps for establishing a business in Dubai — it presents a roadmap of opportunities. It highlights a city that is open to new ideas, a community that celebrates bold thinkers, and an ecosystem built to transform entrepreneurial ambition into global impact and success.







**What is this guide?**  
It's a handy guide that helps you understand how to start and grow a business in Dubai, covering legal considerations, funding, setup options, and more.

**Who is this Guide for?**  
Made for entrepreneurs, startups, small business owners, and even investors or consultants looking at Dubai.

**Why do I need this?**  
Because Dubai offers big opportunities for startups, but the process can be complex — this guide makes it easier.

**How does this help?**  
By offering step-by-step tips, links to useful resources, contacts, and practical advice to help you get started smoothly.





# WHY DUBAI?

Why Dubai is the Perfect Launchpad to Transform Bold Ideas into Global Success

## 1 Highly Investment Friendly

Dubai continues to prioritize being an open and efficient marketplace for dynamic investors and hungry entrepreneurs. Dubai has been built to become one of the best places in the world to live, work and play.



Foreign Direct Investment Law  
**100% ownership**



Bilateral investment protection agreements  
**117 countries**



Bilateral double taxation avoidance agreement  
**142 countries**



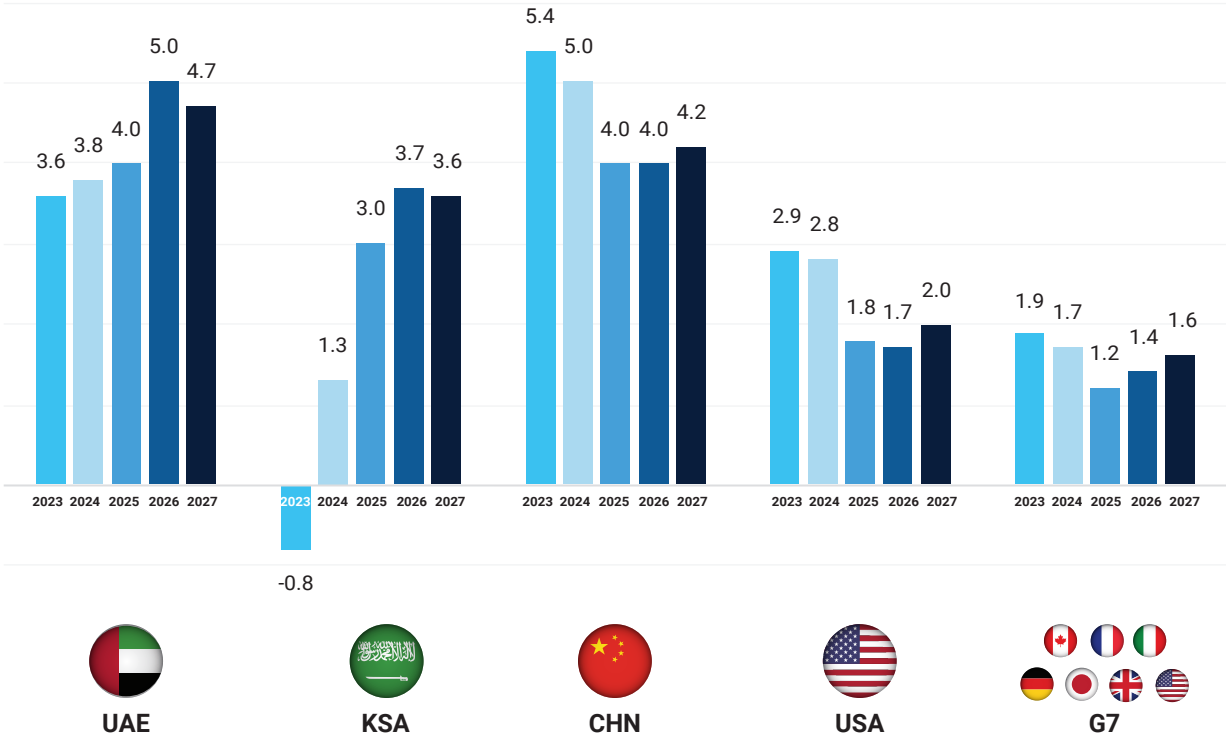
Golden visas program for talents and entrepreneurs  
**309,666\***

\*Note: cumulative number of Golden Visas issued across all categories in Dubai from the program's inception (2019) through the end of 2023.  
Source: GDRFA Dubai

## 2 Among Fastest Growing Economies

The UAE is projected to grow consistently above 4% year on year, surpassing the growth of the USA, China, Saudi Arabia, and even the G7 economies.

GPD Growth - Historical and Forecast in %

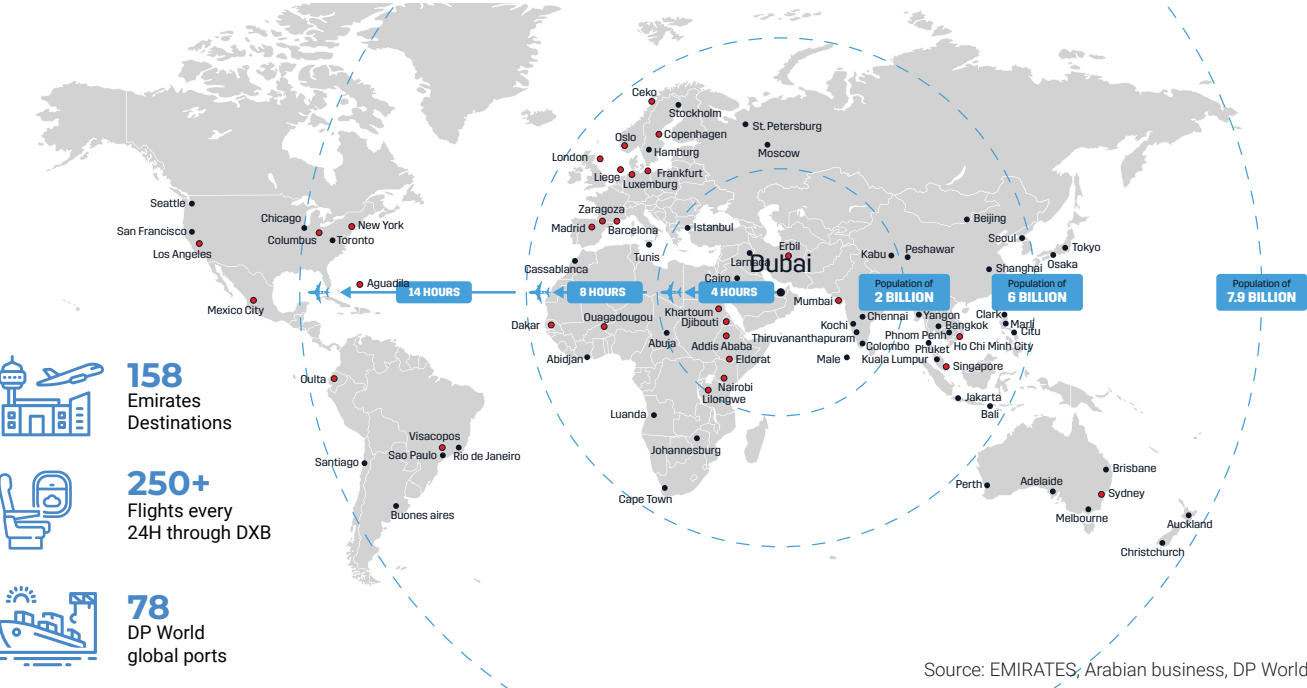


Source: IMF  
G7 economies include Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States



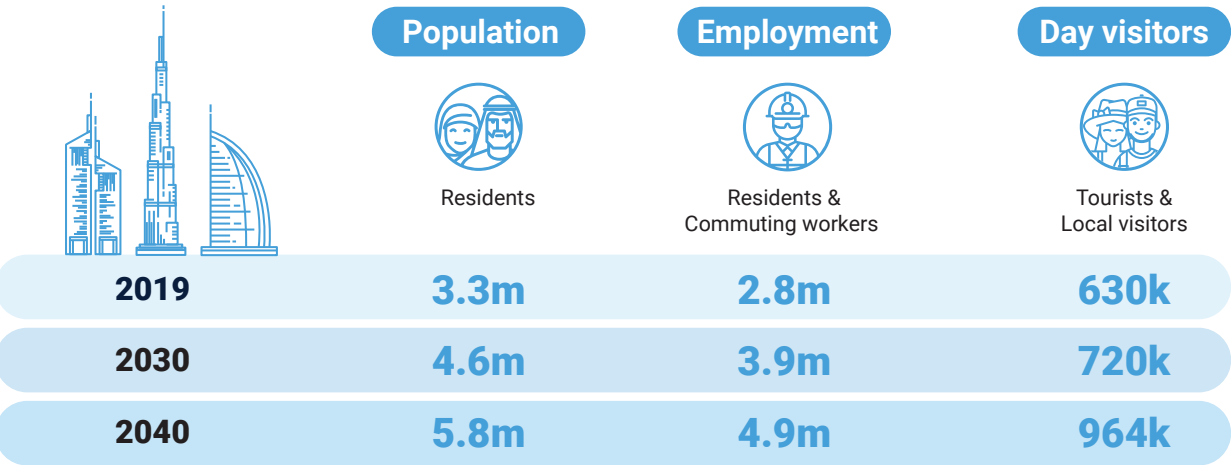
# 3 Hyper-Connected to the World

Dubai links up to all major global markets by land, sea and air. Within an 8hr flight, a business in Dubai can reach 3/4th of the world's population. It's central location has also made it a hub for remote workers.



# 4 A Dynamic and Growing City

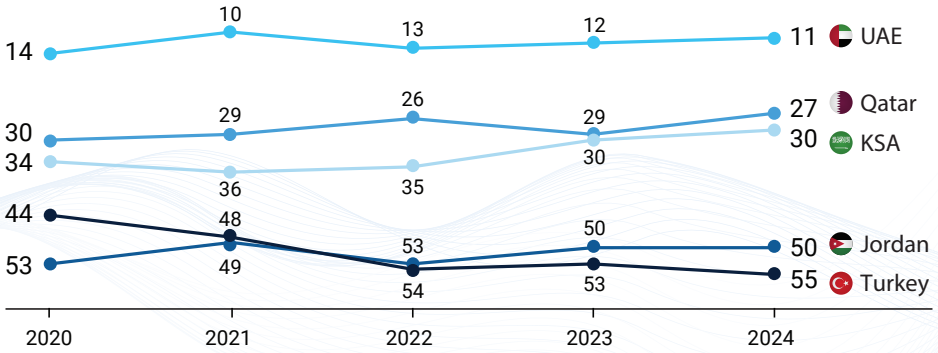
Dubai's population is set to increase by 75% to reach 5.8M by 2040. Most employment will be driven by growth in high-tech and knowledge focused sectors.



Source: Dubai 2040 Urban Master Plan

# 5 Best in Regional Digital Competitiveness

Dubai consistently ranks highest in the region for digital competitiveness, ranking 11th in the world, and several rankings ahead Saudi Arabia (27th).



Source: IMD's World Digital Competitiveness Ranking 2024  
Lower indicates better ranking

**Digital Economy**

National digital economy expected to grow from US\$ 62 billion in 2021 to over US\$ 140 billion in 2031

# 6 A Magnet for Top Talent

Dubai ranks #3 in the Global Study on International Mobility Trends by BCG, The Network and the Stepstone Group. 73% of respondents cited the quality of job opportunities as the main reason to be drawn to the UAE.

## #17 in 2024

Highest ever ranking in the last 5 years IMD World Talent Ranking

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- 1 London
- 2 Amsterdam
- 3 Dubai
- 4 Abu Dhabi
- 5 New York
- 6 Berlin
- 7 Singapore
- 8 Barcelona
- 9 Tokyo
- 10 Sydney

The UAE's tax-free income, high quality of life, and abundant career opportunities make it an attractive destination for professionals worldwide.

Other Relevant Rankings Include:

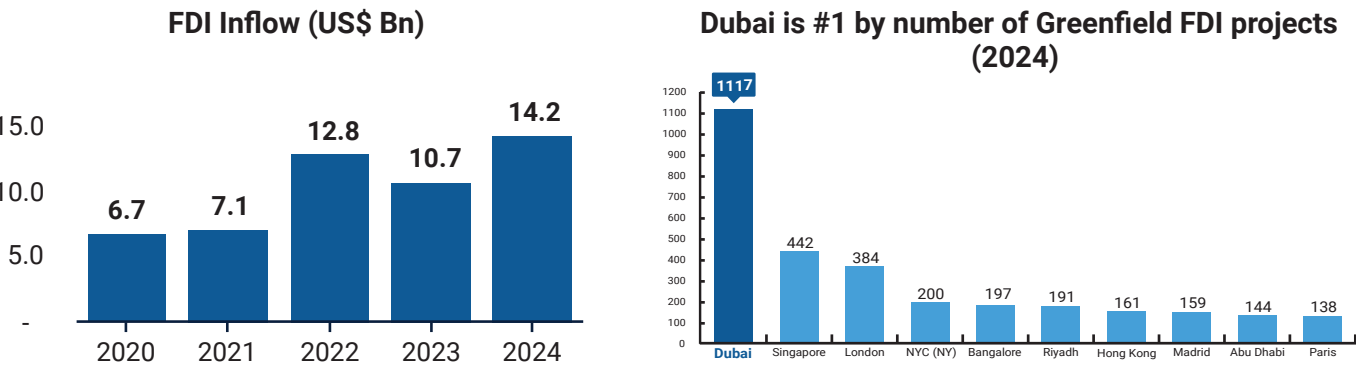
- Ranks 27th globally in Innovation Cities Index 2023
- Ranks 20th globally in Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2024

Global Power City Index 2023  
Power to attract people, capital, and enterprises



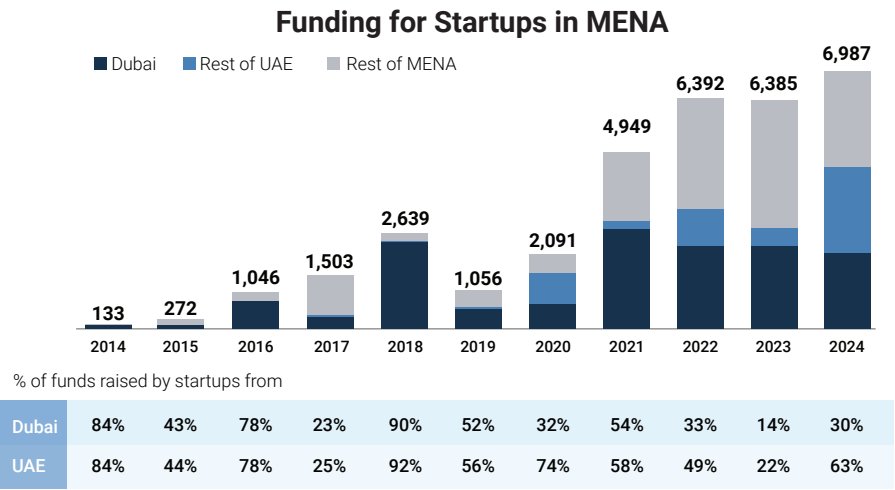
# 7 Ease of Access to Capital

UAE is the center of capital when it comes to the Middle East and Africa, and often has reaches into South Asia. FDI remains the strongest out of any country across the region, as capital flows in globally. Nearly half of all startups in MENA that have successfully fundraised in any given year, are based out of Dubai - making it a hot spot for many startups to relocate to when they begin expanding their regional footprint.



Source: Financial Times Ltd. "fDi Markets" data

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Source: Lucidity Insights Research & Analysis using data from Crunchbase and Pitchbook. Considers firms which have established since 2000 in the MENA region, excluding Israel. Funding data only considers equity and debt funding rounds. In 2024,Tabby split its regional HQ between Riyadh and Dubai.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**36%**  
Account for Dubai-based startups vs the rest of MENA\*

**18**  
The number of Dubai-based startups that have raised more than US\$ 100 million each

**\$13.6 billion USD**  
Total cumulative funding for Dubai-based startups considers funding data from 2010 onwards

**64%**  
Top 15 startups' funding as a % of UAE cumulative funding. Considers only startups which got funded till December 2024

\*excluding Israel

# 8 The Healthiest Startup Ecosystem in the Arab World

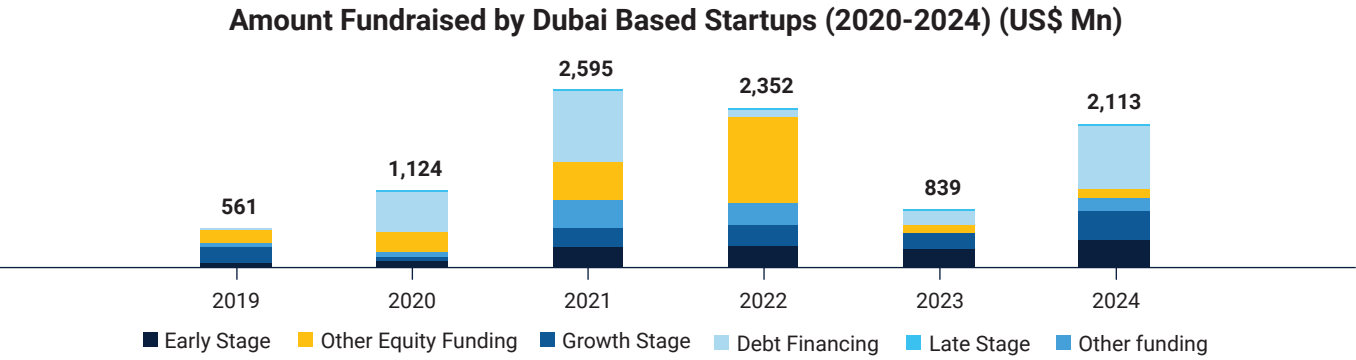
With over 5,600 startups, nearly a quarter have received funding and of these, Dubai-based startups account for the lions share, having received over US\$ 13 billion in funding.

**>5,600**  
startups in the UAE

Dubai is home to **86%** of all Startups that have successfully fundraised in the UAE

**41%** of Dubai-based firms have raised over **US\$ 1** million in funding

Dubai based startups have raised **US\$ 13.6 Bn** till December 2024



**20%**  
20% of Startups Advance to the scaling-up phase, and raise a Series A

Out of these 20%,  
**1 in 4**  
Successfully raise a Series B

20% of Dubai startups raise a Series A, and of these Series A startups, 1 in 4 go on to raise a Series B round.

| All Time Most Funded Dubai-based Startups (as of Q1 2025) US\$ Mn                     |                           |   |                    |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                               |        |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----|
|                                                                                       |                           |   | US\$ Mn            |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                               |        |     |
|  | Telegram                  | 1 | Telegram Messenger | 3,240                                                                                 |  | 8                             | Cadena | 258 |
|  | Kitopi                    | 2 | 804                |  | 9                                                                                     | Swvl                          | 243    |     |
|  | Careem – acquired by Uber | 3 | 772                |  | 10                                                                                    | Property Finder               | 232    |     |
|  | Aleph Holding             | 4 | 495                |  | 11                                                                                    | Beehive                       | 152    |     |
|  | Dubizzle Group            | 5 | 479                |  | 12                                                                                    | Fenix Games                   | 150    |     |
|  | Souq – acquired by Amazon | 6 | 460                |  | 13                                                                                    | Eyewa                         | 130    |     |
|  | Pathfinder                | 7 | 325                |  | 14                                                                                    | iMile                         | 106    |     |
|                                                                                       |                           |   |                    |  | 15                                                                                    | Channel VAS –formerly OptAsia | 104    |     |



Source: Lucidity Insights Research & Analysis using data from Crunchbase and Pitchbook.



# 9 Quality of Life

Dubai ranked the highest in the Mercer Quality of Living Index 2024. Dubai further focused on quality of life with the new announcement of **Dubai Quality of Life Strategy 2033**, focused on recreational opportunities, entertainment options and cultural preservation and inclusivity.

### Did You Know💡

Over the next 10 years, Dubai plans to build 200+ parks, open women-only beaches, construct 115+ km of pedestrian and cycling tracks, plant 3,000+ trees and more.

|                                                                                   | City          | Safety Index (2024) | Global Rank |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|
|  | Dubai         | 83.1                | Top 10      |
|  | Singapore     | 62.4                | ~#100       |
|  | Zurich        | 77.3                | ~#30        |
|  | Tokyo         | 71.8                | ~#50        |
|  | Doha          | 83.4                | Top 10      |
|  | Kuwait City   | 80.2                | Top 15      |
|  | Riyadh        | 76.5                | Top 30      |
|  | New York City | 51.2                | ~#250+      |
|  | London        | 46.3                | ~#300+      |

Source: Numbeo

## HIGHLIGHT



### Socially Stable

Ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> in the World Happiness Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the region behind Kuwait. UAE is a safe place to live and invest in.



### Extremely Safe

CEOWorld Magazine reports 4 of the top 10 safest cities in the world are from the UAE, with Dubai placed at #5.



IFA

#1 City for Expats



InterNations  
connecting global minds

2023 Ranking for Quality of Life



KEARNEY

Ranks #1 on the Ease of Entry metric in Kearney's Global Cities Index (2024) ranking.

# 10 Proactive Government Vision for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Dubai's government has made entrepreneurship a national priority through bold initiatives like the D33 Agenda, which targets 30 unicorns and a doubled economy by 2033. Innovation hubs such as DIFC, AREA 2071, In5 and Dubai Founders HQ provide infrastructure, funding, and regulatory access. With over 310,000+ Golden Visas issued and AED 2.4B+ committed to startup programs, Dubai offers unmatched state-backed support for founders.



### Strategic Agendas & Investment

- Dubai Economic Agenda (D33): Aims to double GDP to AED 32T (~\$8.7T) by 2033; targets 30 unicorns and 400 startups in scale-up phase. – more information on next page
- Dubai Future Foundation: Set up to institutionalize foresight, innovation labs, and public-private startup collaboration.
- Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy: Launched in 2021 to attract 300+ digital startups annually and support 100 tech unicorns.

### Innovation-Driven Ecosystems

- 30 freezones across Dubai providing workspaces, easy business registration and platforms to connect startups to other regulators and corporates
- Subsidized office spaces are also provided with visa support, mentorship and prototype labs
- Freezones are also focused on developing certain sectors, such as in the case of DIFC, which is focused on fintech and Web3 having an Innovation Hub, with a \$100M fund.



### Talent & Founder-Friendly Policies

- Golden Visa Program: 10-year residency for entrepreneurs, investors, scientists – over 310,000+ visas issued since 2019.
- Startup Visa (Free Zones): Streamlined incorporation and residence visa options within days in zones like DMCC, IFZA, DIFC.

### Global Recognition

- Ranked #1 in MENA for government support in entrepreneurship (Global Entrepreneurship Monitor 2023).
- #5 globally in attracting foreign entrepreneurs (Startup Genome 2023).





In January 2023, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed announced the approval of the Dubai Economic Agenda - D33.

A key goal of the D33 is to double the size of Dubai's economy over the next decade and consolidate its position among the top three global cities. D33 includes 100 transformational projects, of which the first package of transformational projects for the next decade includes:

- 1 Double size of Dubai's foreign trade and adding 400 cities to Dubai's foreign trade map
- 2 Launch plan for green and sustainable manufacturing
- 3 Launch Dubai's Future Economic Corridors 2033 with Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia
- 4 Launch a scale-up programme for 30 companies to become unicorns
- 5 Integrate 65,000 young Emiratis into the job market
- 6 Launch Dubai Traders project to empower the new generation of traders in key sectors
- 7 Launch Dubai's unified licence as a unique commercial identity for all companies all over Dubai
- 8 Launch 'Sandbox Dubai' to allow testing and commercialisation of new technologies and making Dubai a major innovation hub
- 9 Launch a programme to attract the world's best universities, making Dubai a global pioneering hub for higher education
- 10 Develop a SME scale-up programme by identifying 400 high-potential companies, supporting their capacity building, and supporting them to grow globally.

# UPDATES SINCE THE D33 AGENDA WAS UNVEILED



## 2024 Boosting Local Manufacturing through ICV

Dubai introduced the ICV program to bolster local manufacturing by prioritizing government contracts for Dubai-based manufacturers and Emirati-owned businesses, aligning with the D33 Economic Agenda's goal to double the economy by 2033.



## 2024 Scaling Events to Drive GDP Growth

Dubai aims to double its annual large-scale events to over 600 by 2033, with the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) sector projected to triple its GDP impact to AED 54 billion, supporting D33's economic diversification goals.



## 2024 AED 1.7B Invested in Key Sectors

In 2024, Dubai Industrial City attracted over AED 1.7 billion in investments across sectors like food and beverage, heavy equipment, energy solutions, automotive, and light industries, reinforcing Dubai's position as a manufacturing and logistics hub.



## April 2025 Noon & DET Join Forces to Empower SMEs

A collaboration between the Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism (DET) and e-commerce platform Noon, was announced, with an aim to empower local SMEs by providing digital tools and channels to scale operations and expand customer reach.



## Q1 2025 Family Business Guidebook Launched

A new guidebook has been launched to support family businesses in Dubai, providing resources on governance, succession planning, and wealth preservation, ensuring their sustainability and contribution to the economy.



## Feb 2025 Dubai Reinforces Tech Hub Position

Sheikh Hamdan emphasized Dubai's commitment to technological advancement during a visit to Google's Dubai offices, highlighting the city's role as a regional hub for global tech leaders.



## Mar 2025 AED 25 Bn FDI Development Program Launched

Launched a FDI Development Programme, allocating AED 25 billion over 10 years to attract AED 650 billion in investments.



## Early 2025 Sustainability-Focused Policy Approved

Dubai approved a policy targeting a 25% reduction in power consumption, 15% in water use, and 20% in operational costs for buildings, promoting sustainability and improved quality of life, aligning with the theme of Sustainability & Green Economy under D33 Agenda.



## April 2025 Resolution Issued to Expand Free Zone Operations

The Dubai Executive Council issued Resolution No. 11 of 2025, allowing free zone establishments to expand their operations to onshore Dubai, aiming to increase investment and promote growth in the region.



## May 2025 Showcasing Dubai's Manufacturing Strength

Dubai showcases its innovative manufacturing ecosystem at the 'Make it in the Emirates' forum, highlighting the city's dynamic industrial sector and commitment to economic growth.



## Jun 2025 DFDF has committed over \$1.65 Bn in capital

Over \$1.65 Bn in capital commitments has been raised by DFDF supported funds. DFDF has supported over 190 portfolio companies, both through direct investments and 12 FoF initiatives, as of end of 2024.



## Jun 2025 DET x Amazon Accelerator Launch

Under the D33-aligned Dubai Traders initiative, the DET x Amazon Accelerator debuted, providing SMEs with digital tools, mentorship, and access to Amazon.ae to scale their online presence regionally and globally.



## Oct 2025 Dubai Founders HQ Launch

Inaugurated by HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Dubai Founders HQ is the first-of-its-kind "phygital" platform combining a dynamic physical campus with a comprehensive digital ecosystem. It empowers entrepreneurs with workspace, mentorship, and community programmes—strengthening Dubai's position as a global hub for founders.



# DUBAI STARTUP ECOSYSTEM CHATS

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Season 2



Scan and tune into this thoughtful interview podcast series of fire-side chats with some of Dubai's most active startup ecosystem players.







# CHATS HIGHLIGHTS

## Season 2



“What Dubai Chamber places a lot of importance on is how we can support ideas. Even if the market in Dubai is too small for an entrepreneur, how do we allow you to use Dubai as a launchpad to service global markets? If you are in Agritech, we can help find a way to service the African continent. If you are in restaurant tech, how can you use Dubai to service Europe and other markets? Ultimately it's about how can we ensure that all the different industries use Dubai one way or another.”

**Saeed Al Gergawi**  
Vice President DCDE



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“The government couldn't have been more supportive—it's an exceptionally innovative and welcoming administration, eager to embrace anyone aiming to create value for the city and the country. My advice to aspiring entrepreneurs: Book a ticket, come here, and just make it happen. Dubai offers an unmatched energy that's extremely welcoming to anyone in any sector, whether you have an idea or not.”

**Amira Sajwani**  
Founder and CEO PRYPCO



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“We're in a country where I believe all entrepreneurs and startup founders have to be thinking globally from the start. We've got one of the most international demographics right here as a consumer base. Friends from university and all over the world are reaching out to me saying they want to move to Dubai. Here, I've found that the appetite to do business and the openness to partner is much easier than in other countries. And so I see Dubai and the UAE being that ideal test bed to launch and test your startup ideas prior to expanding into new global markets - all over the world.”

**Omar Almheiri**  
Co-Founder LetsWork



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“In Dubai’s dynamic ecosystem, the biggest mistake founders make is rushing the business legal structure—wrong choices lead to costly restructures and banking roadblocks. Do it right from day one to save time, money, and headaches.”

**Asma AlQaseer**  
Founder FirmFox

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“I’ve been in Dubai since 2017 and it’s been an incredible place to build a business. On the ground, it’s efficient, internationally connected and well regulated – a combination that attracts entrepreneurs and investors. But it’s also much more than a business hub. Dubai is safe, diverse, and offers world-class schools, healthcare and culture. For me, that balance of opportunity and quality of life is wh’t makes Dubai unique. It’s a place where you can do business at the highest level while raising a family in a truly grounded community.”

**Muhammed Yesilhark**  
Chief Investment Officer NOIA Capital

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“In Dubai, you’ll find plenty of early adopters unafraid to try new things—that’s amazing for tech developers. The global challenge is convincing investors to fund hardware startups due to delayed gains and high risks, but securing early clients here isn’t difficult.”

**Adnane ElSoussi**  
Co-Founder and CEO Defuzzy Labs

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“I think one of the factors that has made Dubai so successful in attracting Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses from all over the world, is that Dubai is a “Yes” place; Dubai is a place where everyone is open to collaborating, open to trying out new things, open to supporting each other. There is a very positive hustle and growth mindset here; and it has the excitement of a growing place.”

**Rhea Patel**  
Co-Founder The Bureau

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“In Dubai’s ecosystem, ideas don’t just grow, they accelerate. At DUBDEV, we harness that pace to deliver AI and simulation-driven solutions that create smarter, more sustainable futures.”

**Abdulla Al Gaz**  
Co-Founder DUB DEV

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“There is so much opportunity here in Dubai, especially if you want to start something on your own, and there is such a dynamic audience and consumer base here, that really allows you to scale - not just here in Dubai but beyond the country and region as well.”

**Nikita Bhojani**  
Co-Founder The Bureau

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# SETTING UP A BUSINESS IN THE UAE

Here's the A to Z guide on how to start and set up a business in Dubai, updated with the most recent information from 2025, equipped with direct links and resources to start you on your entrepreneurial journey.





# SETTING UP A BUSINESS IN DUBAI

## SETTING UP A BUSINESS IN DUBAI IS A SIMPLE PROCESS

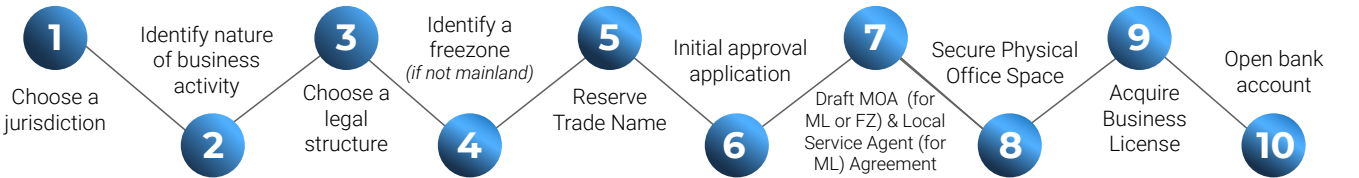
The process of establishing a company in Dubai involves only a few simple steps. You can apply in person at the Department of Economic Development. Additionally, digital platforms are available to obtain a commercial license and establish a company online.

**Did you know**  
setting up a business in the UAE can be done in minutes?

  
**10 Days**  
in high-income countries, according to the World Bank

  
**4 Days**  
In the UAE through the Department of Economic Development

  
**15 Minutes**  
Via the Basher online platform



Know some of the main differences to make the right decision when choosing how and where to setup your business

Learn more on the Ministry of Economy's website [here](#)

|                  | Mainland Company                                                                                                                                                                 | Freezone Company                                                                                                        | Offshore Company                     |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ownership        | 100% foreign ownership in more than 1,000 activities. Exclusions apply to economic activities with strategic significance (e.g. security and defence, banks, telecommunications) | 100% foreign ownership                                                                                                  | 100% foreign ownership (outside UAE) |
| Business Scope   | No territorial restrictions in the UAE including freezones & GCC                                                                                                                 | Primarily focus on activities outside the UAE. 6 specific freezones offer dual licenses allowing on/offshore activities | Only outside the UAE                 |
| Govt Authorities | DED, Ministry of Human Resources & Emiratisation, Dubai Municipality, etc.                                                                                                       | Freezone authority only                                                                                                 | RAK, JAFZA freezone authorities      |
| Cost of Setup    | High                                                                                                                                                                             | Medium                                                                                                                  | Low                                  |
| Emiritisation    | At least 2% of skilled workforce for offices with 50+ employees                                                                                                                  | No requirements                                                                                                         | No requirements                      |

The process of setting up a business in Dubai varies with regulations and requirements differing based on your business and the specific jurisdiction and free zone selected.

**Did you know**  
there are more than 2,000 economic activities in the UAE?

Browse the various business activities [here](#)

The activity's nature determines the license type that will be issued.



# THE DIFFERENT LEGAL STRUCTURES PER JURISDICTION

| Definition                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Mainland | Free zone    | Offshore                     |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Free Zone Establishment (FZE)              | A legal entity incorporated/registered by a single shareholder, who can either be an individual or a corporate entity.                                                                                                   |          | ✓            |                              |
| Sole Proprietorship (Sole Establishment)   | A business owned by one person, who is personally liable for all financial obligations and liabilities incurred by the business.                                                                                         | ✓        |              |                              |
| Public Joint Stock Company                 | A corporate entity with multiple shareholders that can offer its shares to the public for trading on the stock exchange.                                                                                                 | ✓        | Only in DIFC |                              |
| Branch of a Local or International Company | An extension of an existing local or international company, allowing it to conduct business in Dubai while remaining legally dependent on its parent company.                                                            | ✓        | ✓            |                              |
| Free Zone Company (FZCO)                   | A legal entity incorporated/registered with a minimum of two shareholders, who can be either individuals or corporate entities.                                                                                          |          | ✓            |                              |
| Limited Liability Company (LLC)            | A corporate entity with limited liability, formed by a minimum of two and a maximum of 50 shareholders, not open to public subscription or trading of shares.                                                            | ✓        | ✓            | No traditional LLC, only IBC |
| Private Joint Stock Company                | A company of this type has up to 200 shareholders with an equal division of capital into nominal value shares. It can be established and owned by one legal person (company), and its shares cannot be publicly offered. | ✓        |              |                              |
| Limited Partnership (LP)                   | A company formed of one or more general partners who have joint and separate liability, or one or more limited partners who have limited liability proportional to their capital shares.                                 | ✓        |              |                              |
| General Partnership (GP)                   | This involves two or more partners who are jointly and separately liable for the company's obligations using their personal funds.                                                                                       | ✓        |              |                              |
| Civil Company                              | This is a company owned by two or more partners practising a professional activity such as tailors, beauty salons, consultancy or training, etc.                                                                         | ✓        |              |                              |
| Offshore Company (IBC)                     | A corporation established in certain jurisdictions as tax-free but barred from conducting business within those jurisdictions.                                                                                           |          |              | ✓                            |

- Most Free Zones (except for DIFC):
- Do not typically support PJSC structures
  - They focus on FZEs, FZCOs, and LLCs
  - Public share issuance and listing is not within their licensing scope

# THE DIFFERENT TRADE LICENSES

| License Type            | Definition                                                                                                         | Mainland | Free Zone                                                                | Offshore               |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Commercial License      | For businesses involved in trading, retail, import/export, general trading, software, construction and real estate | ✓        | ✓                                                                        | ✓ (international only) |
| Professional License    | For service-based businesses: consulting, design, legal, education, etc.                                           | ✓        | ✓                                                                        | ✗                      |
| Industrial License      | For manufacturing, production, packaging, processing.                                                              | ✓        | ✓ (with facilities) such as JAFZA, DIC, Dubai South, DSO, DMCC and DAFZA | ✗                      |
| Tourism License         | For travel agencies, tour operators, hospitality-related activities.                                               | ✓        | ✓ (in select FZs, including DWTC, DMCC, Dubai South, TECOM and DSO)      | ✗                      |
| E-commerce License      | For online selling and digital commerce                                                                            | ✓        | ✓                                                                        | ✗                      |
| Freelance Permit        | For individuals working independently (e.g., media, tech, education)                                               | ✗        | ✓ (in specific FZs like DMC, TECOM, DIC, DKP, d3, DPC and DSC)           | ✗                      |
| Holding Company License | For owning shares/assets in other companies; no operational activity                                               | ✗        | ✓ (e.g., DMCC, DIFC, Dubai South, JAFZA and DSO)                         | ✓                      |
| Commercial License      | For media production, publishing, broadcasting (e.g., in Dubai Media City)                                         | ✗        | ✓                                                                        | ✗                      |
| Commercial License      | For training centers, schools, educational services                                                                | ✓        | ✓ (KHDA-linked such as DKP, DIAC, DMCC, DSO and Dubai South)             | ✗                      |

## Free Zones which allow Dual License



## Benefits of setting up your business in a free zone as a foreign investor



100% Foreign Ownership



100% Repatriation of Capital and Profits



Fast and Easy Business Set-up Procedures



Developed Business Communities



Numerous Options at Competitive Costs



100% Exemption\* from Corporate and Income Taxes



100% Exemption from Customs Duty



Independent Laws and Regulations



Easy Regional, Global Market Access



Modern and Sophisticated Infrastructure

\*More details on 100% exemption on next page

Please note that for proprietorship, LLC or for other business structures, (such as public joint stock company, private joint stock company, branch or free zone company, certain documents are required to be furnished of which some would be notarised, a month or two before setting up business.



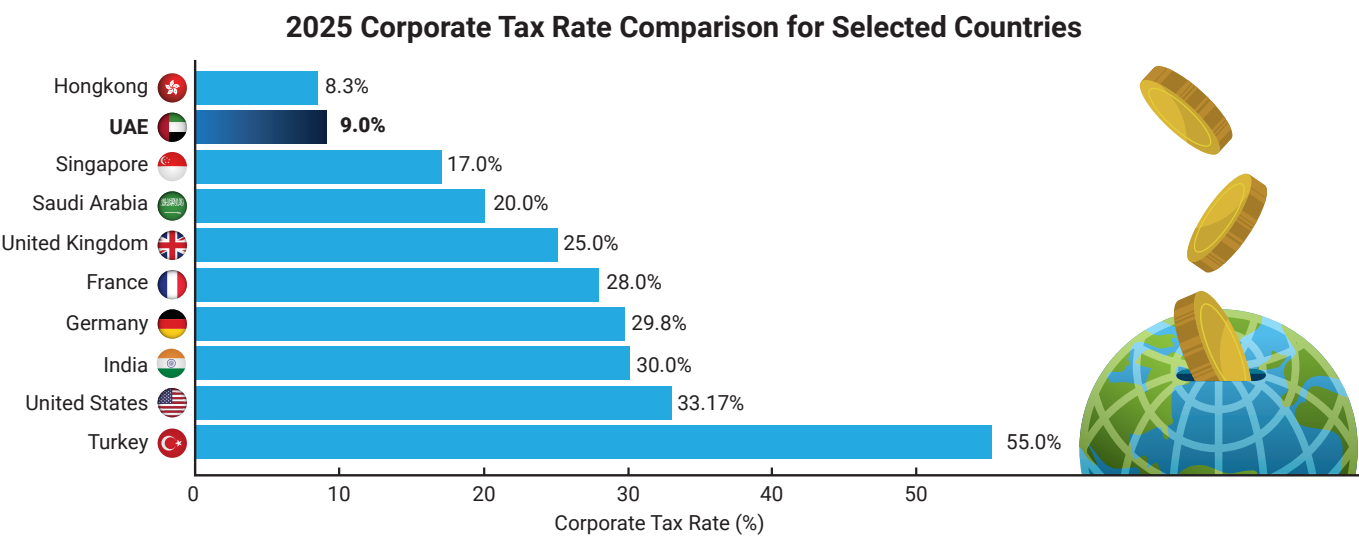
# UNDERSTANDING TAXATION IN DUBAI

Dubai offers one of the most competitive corporate tax regimes in the world, supported by a simple, transparent framework. Business benefit from a **low 9% corporate tax rate** on profit above **AED 375,000** and **no personal income tax**, making it an attractive base for entrepreneurs, SMEs, and multinationals alike.



**Did you know**  
With **over 62% of countries worldwide taxing corporate profits at 20-30%**, the UAE's 9% rate sets it apart as one of the most pro-business destinations globally-combining low taxation with world-class infrastructure and market access.

For more information on taxation, visit the government's official **website**.



|                                                                                                                        |  Mainland |  Free Zone (FZ)                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <b>Corporate Tax</b>               | 0% ≤ AED 375k; 9% above                                                                      | 0% on Qualifying Income (QFZP); 9% on non-qualifying income                                                                                                                                                |
|  <b>Small Business Relief (SBR)</b> | Eligible if not revenue < AED 3M (only until 2026)                                           | Eligible if not QFZP and Revenue < AED 3M (only until 2026)                                                                                                                                                |
|  <b>Qualifying Activities</b>       | Not applicable                                                                               | Manufacturin; trading qualifying commodities; holding sahres/securities; reinsurance; fund/wealth management; HQ services; treasury/financing to realted parties; qualifying distribution; logistics, etc. |
|  <b>De minimis Rule</b>             | Not applicable                                                                               | Non-qualifying income taxed at 9% unless ≤ AED 375k (mandatory registration)                                                                                                                               |
|  <b>VAT</b>                         | 5% if turnover > AED 375k (mandatory registration)                                           | 5% if turnover > AED 375k (mandatory registration)                                                                                                                                                         |
|  <b>Personal Income Tax</b>         | None                                                                                         | None                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  <b>Capital Gains Tax</b>           | None                                                                                         | None                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  <b>Withholding Tax</b>             | None                                                                                         | None                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  <b>Substance Requirements</b>      | Not applicable                                                                               | Required for QFZP status (adequate staff, assets, operations in UAE)                                                                                                                                       |
|  <b>Loss of QFZP Status</b>         | Not applicable                                                                               | if conditions not met: current + 4 years                                                                                                                                                                   |

For investors and entrepreneurs, this structure means **lower effective tax burdens**, greater clarity, and an environment built to support growth.

# THE VARIOUS RESIDENCE VISAS

There are different types of visa and majority are eligible to be issued through free zones.

| Visa Type                                                                                                      | Applicable for                           | Validity        | Eligible in Free Zones?                                                                                      | Notes                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <b>Investor / Partner</b>  | Business owners / shareholders           | 2–10 years      |  Yes                      | Applicable across any freezone Can be facilitated via an incubator as well                                                    |
|  <b>Employment</b>          | Employees of Free Zone companies         | 2–3 years       |  Yes                      | Applicable across any freezone                                                                                                |
|  <b>Freelance</b>           | Independent professionals                | 1–2 years       |  Only select zones        | Only applicable in select freezones including d3, DMC, DIC, DKP, Studio City, DPC Can be facilitated via an incubator as well |
|  <b>Golden Visa</b>        | Investors, entrepreneurs, high achievers | 10 years        |  Although FZ not required | Applicable across any freezone but qualification includes AED 2M+ public investment or equivalent business asset              |
|  <b>Green Visa</b>        | Skilled freelancers, self-employed       | 5 years         |  Yes                    | Issued directly via UAE immigration and not tied to any specific FZ or employer Min income AED 360K/year (AED 30K/month)      |
|  <b>Dependent Visa</b>    | Family members of visa holders           | Same as sponsor |  Yes                    | Applicable across any freezone                                                                                                |
|  <b>Property Investor</b> | Real estate investors                    | 2–5 years       |                         | Min property value AED 750K–1M; fully paid or 50% equity; issued via Dubai Land Dept; self-sponsored                          |

For details on residence visa requirements and the application process, visit the UAE Government's official **website**.



**Did you know**  
Most Free Zone authorities in Dubai impose a quota or limit on the number of visas that can be issued to each business; but companies can increase their visa quota, either by relocating to larger offices or by applying for an increase in the visa quota.

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# OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

The final step of the process is opening a corporate bank account. Come prepared with the right documents to strengthen your application. While international banks typically do not have a proposition for SMEs with annual turnover of less than AED 50 million, some regional and local UAE banks offer more startup-friendly propositions

To open a Business Account, you will need the following documents:

- Valid trade licence
- Memorandum of association (MOA) and amendments (if applicable)
- Certificate of incorporation
- Board resolution
- Shareholders’ Emirates IDs and passport copies
- Proof of address
- Bank statements, etc.

Note:

- Time for setting up a bank account may vary depending on the bank
- Banks may require attested and notarized original documents as part of the process
- It is recommended to contact the bank as early as possible in the process to ascertain which documents they requires.



## KEY PROGRAMS CATERED TO UAE NATIONALS

There are multiple programs and funds which provide perks for UAE nationals. Key programs include:

- 1. Mohammed Bin Rashid Establishment for SME Development aka Dubai SME**
  - Provides advisory, training, incubation, market access, policy, and enterprise development services to all qualifying SMEs
  - Also operates a fund (Mohammed Bin Rashid Fund for SME) which provides loans, guarantees and business support
- 2. National Program for Small and Medium Enterprises and Projects, by Ministry of Economy**
  - Designed to support, empower, and develop SMEs owned by UAE nationals
- 3. Dubai Government Procurement Programme**
  - Gives access and exclusive benefits to UAE nationals such as 10% quota allocation in government purchases, fee exemptions for registration on procurement platforms and discounts and benefits

# DUBAI ECOSYSTEM ENABLERS

## Key Government Entities

The government entities and institutions which are a key part of the ecosystem in Dubai

**Programs:**

- Create Apps in Dubai
- Business in Dubai

**Sectors:**

Technology and technology-enabled

**Programs:**

- MBRIF Accelerator
- Guarantee Scheme

**Sectors:**

Tech, Education, Clean Energy, Water, Transport, Health, Space

**Programs:**

- Humanitarian Accelerator

**Sectors:**

Social impact

**Programs:**

- Intelak Idea Hub (UAE nationals)

**Sectors:**

Aerospace, air transportation, hospitality, tourism, travel

**Programs:**

- AccelerateHer
- National Digital Talent Incubator Programme
- Metaverse Accelerator
- Women in Tech
- Dubai AI Campus

**Sectors:**

FinTech, InsurTech, RegTech and Islamic FinTech, AI, Web3

**Programs:**

- Dubai Future Accelerators
- Dubai Centre for Artificial Intelligence
- Dubai Future Solutions
- Dubai Future Labs
- Dubai Design Lab
- Dubai Future Fellowship
- Dubai 10X

**Sectors:**

Disruptive technologies

**Programs:**

- Using Robots in Smart Cities
- Securing Smart Cities

**Sectors:**

Disruptive technologies

**Programs:**

- Innovation Accelerator Program
- Hackathons
- Dubai 10X

**Sectors:**

Transport

**Programs:**

- GeoHub

**Sectors:**

Geospatial

**Programs:**

- Sustainability & Innovation Centre (Training programs for UAE Nationals)
- Cleantech Youth Program

**Sectors:**

Clean Technology

**Programs:**

- Pitch@Gov

**Sectors:**

Public sector

**Certified Incubators**

Hamdan Innovation Incubator (HI2), under the Department of Economic Development is established by the Mohammad Bin Rashid establishment for SME and has a list of certified business incubators under it.

**Sectors:**

Technology

Note: Information is indicative and non-exhaustive. Government entities, their associated programmes, and supported sectors may evolve over time in line with national strategies. Readers should verify the latest details directly with the relevant authority or programme operator before making decisions.



# DUBAI ECOSYSTEM ENABLERS

## Other key private accelerators and incubators (non-exhaustive)

|                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>R&amp;D &amp; innovation center; Production and logistics zones; Business setup &amp; support services; Business park; Academy</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Foodtech, Agritech</p> | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Mentorship; Coaching; Capital injection</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Agritech, Artificial Intelligence, Digital Assets, Fintech, Gaming, Healthtech, PropTech, Software/SaaS</p> | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Web3-focused venture studio &amp; accelerator</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Web3</p>                                                               | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>FINX Connect, FINX Comply, myFINX, FINX Business</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Fintech, Digital Assets</p>        |
| <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Majid Al Futtaim Launchpad Programme; The Global Startup Program; Game Changers; Fast Pilot Program; Mega Green Accelerator</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Technology</p>            | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Project Incubation; Technical; Consulting Investments and Crowdfunding</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Metaverse, Web3, AR/VR</p>                                                   | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Antler in MENAP Accelerator</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>AI, Fintech, Agtech, Construction Tech, Healthtech, Consumer Tech, B2B Software etc.</p> | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>C3 Social Impact Accelerator</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Impact</p>                                             |
| <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Launchpad X</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Technology, fashion and lifestyle, leisure, climatetech</p>                                                                               | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Local Business Incubator</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Metaverse, Web3, AR/VR</p>                                                                                                 | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Accelerator</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Retail &amp; Hospitality</p>                                                                             | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Wamda X</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Technology and technology-enabled</p>                                       |
| <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Women in Tech Accelerator</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Technology</p>                                                                                                              | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Venture Studio; VCaaS</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Technology and technology-enabled</p>                                                                                         | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Incubation; Marketing/Advisory</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Web3, Token Management</p>                                                            | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Investment readiness acceleration program</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>AI, Sustainability, and Blockchain</p>    |
| <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Sandbox</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Technology</p>                                                                                                                                | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>CoFounder+ Programme</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>EdTech, HealthTech, HRTech, PropTech, RetailTech</p>                                                                           | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Antler in MENAP Accelerator</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Smart city solutions, fintech</p>                                                        | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>in5 Tech; in5 Media; in5 Design; in5 Science</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Technology, media, design, science</p> |
| <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Startup Studio; Entrepreneur in Residence; Yearly Accelerators</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Retail</p>                                                                             | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Idea to product program; Tech co-founder program; Grow your startup program; Raise capital program</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Technology</p>                                   | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Sustaintech Xcelerator Programt</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Sustainability</p>                                                                   | <p><b>Programs:</b><br/>Accelerator</p> <p><b>Sectors:</b><br/>Fintech, Smart City, Transport and Clime Tech</p>                       |

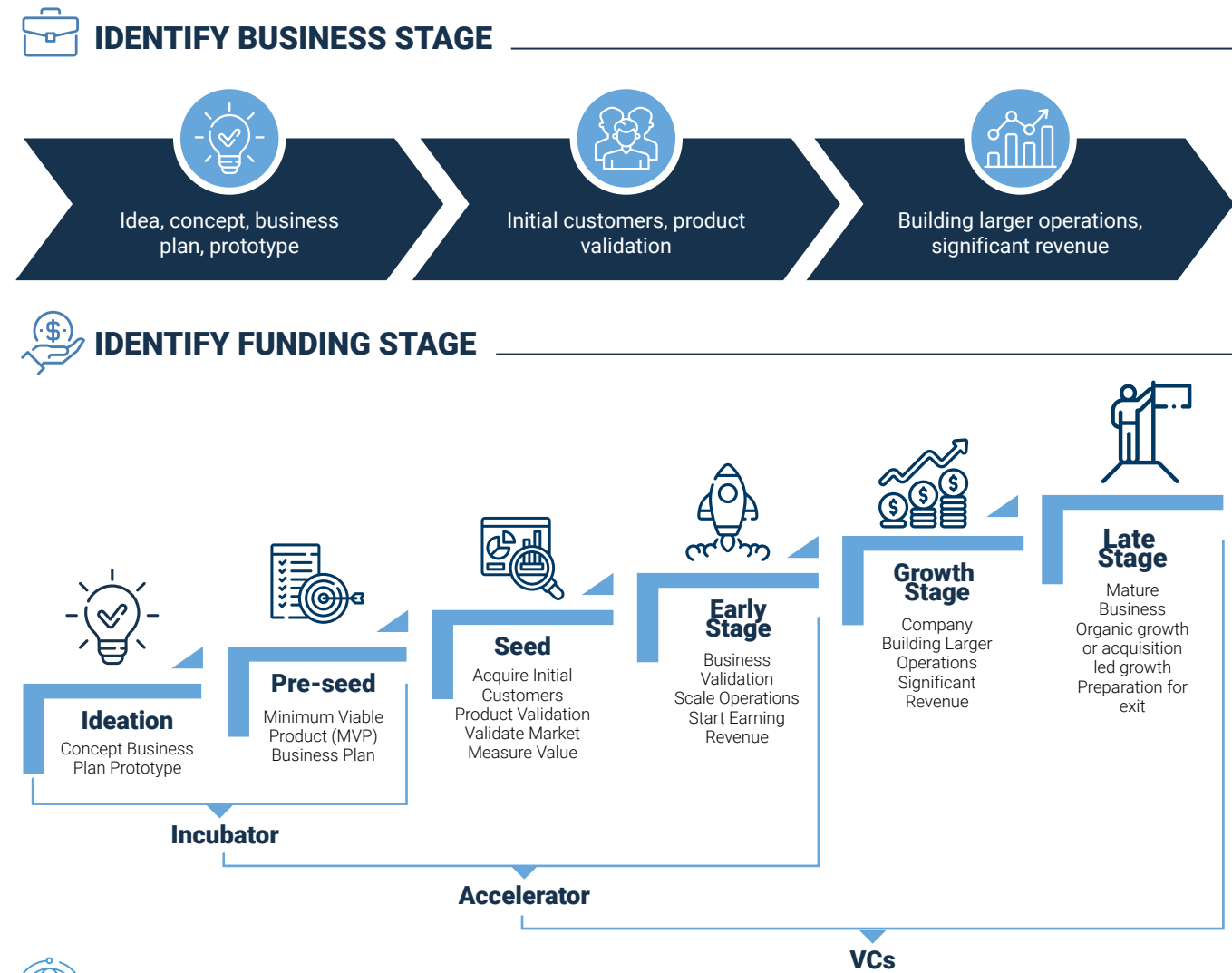
| Pre-Seed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Seed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Series A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Series B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Growth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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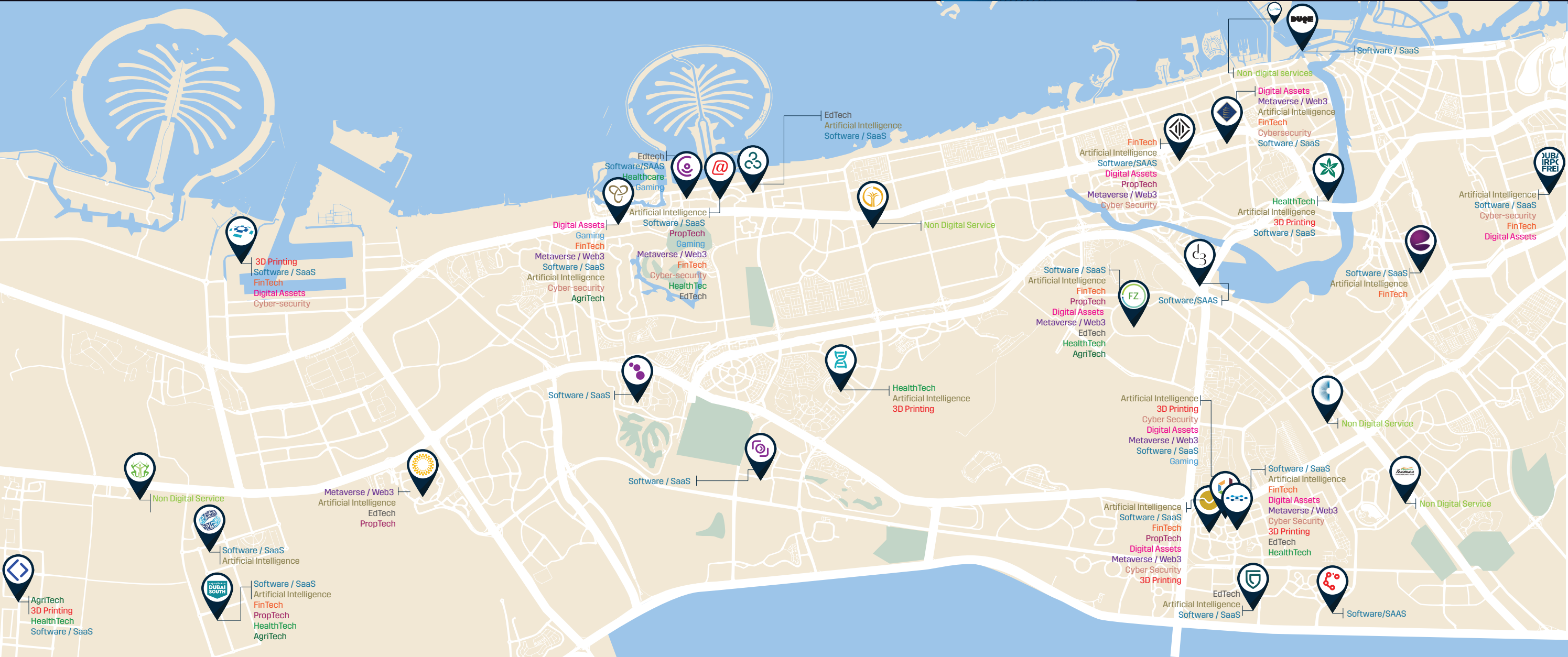


# CHOOSING BETWEEN, INCUBATORS, ACCELERATORS AND FREE ZONES

Dubai offers a plethora of free zones, as well as accelerators and incubators for a business to consider before setting up, however based on business stage and funding stage, a startup can consider where it would make sense to get a business license from. Please refer to the appendix on page 66 for a list of the multiple free zones available in Dubai.







DIGITAL SECTOR

- FinTech
- Digital Assets
- Metaverse / Web3
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cyber-security
- Non Digital Service
- Software / SaaS
- HealthTech
- 3D Printing
- Edtech
- Gaming
- AgriTech
- PropTech

FREE ZONES

- Dubai Academic City
- Dubai Airport Free zone
- Dubai Car and Automotive City Free Zone (DUCAMZ)
- Dubai Design District
- Dubai Gold and Diamond Park
- Dubai Healthcare City
- Dubai Industrial City
- Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)
- Dubai Internet City (DIC)
- Dubai Knowledge Park
- Dubai Logistics City
- Dubai Media City
- Dubai Outsource City
- Dubai Silicon Oasis (DSO)
- Dubai Technology Entrepreneur Campus (DTEC)

- Meydan Free zone
- Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)
- Dubai South
- Dubai Studio City
- International Free Zone Authority (IFZA)
- Dubai Production City
- Jebel Ali Free Zone
- Dubai Science Park

- Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)
- Dubai CommerCity
- Dubai Maritime City
- International Humanitarian City
- Expo City Dubai
- Dubai Textile City
- DUQE



# PRIORITY SECTORS AT A GLANCE

## Sectors and sub-sectors aligned with national and Dubai’s strategies

Dubai’s ambitions are guided by national strategies such as the Dubai Economic Agenda (D33), the UAE Digital Economy Strategy, and the National AI Strategy. These roadmaps define a set of priority sectors where the UAE is investing in regulatory clarity, infrastructure, and capital to drive global competitiveness and build future-ready industries.

The following sector guides focus on key sectors aligned with these strategies, though the list is not exhaustive. Some sectors, such as SaaS and PropTech, act as enablers, driving growth across other verticals. Others, such as AI, cut across nearly every sector and are embedded in multiple national agendas.

All Time Funding Raised By UAE Startups By Key Sectors (USDm)

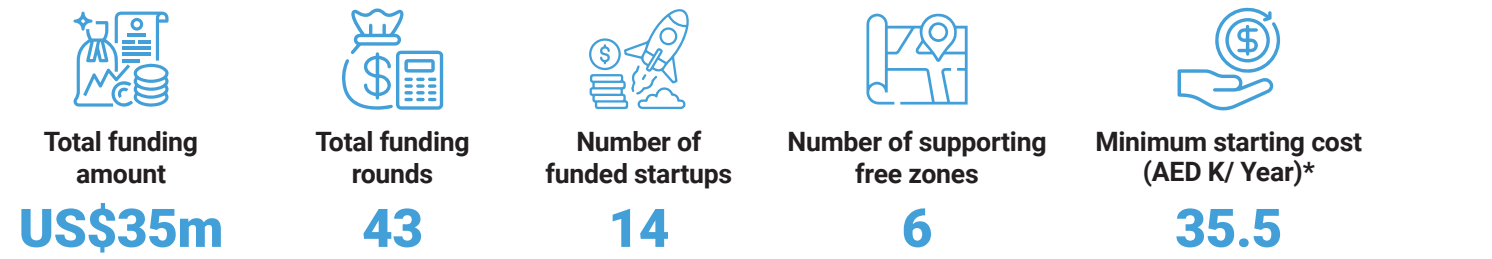


Source: Lucidity Insights  
Note: Number of companies that have raised a funding round. One company can be categorised across several sectors.



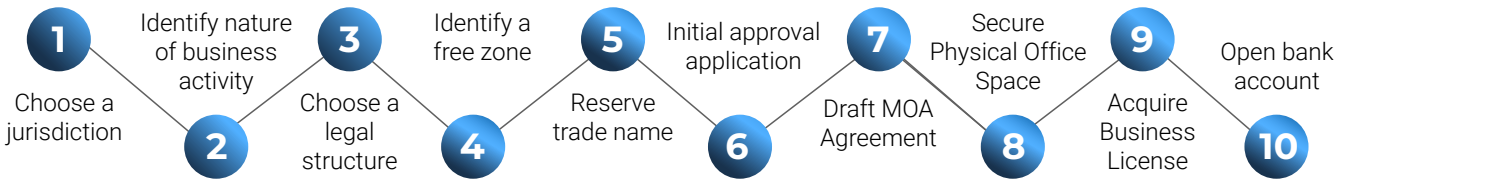


Key Stats & Recent News



- Dubai Municipality aims for **25% of all new buildings to be constructed via 3D printing by 2030**, part of the city's **3D Printing Strategy** to become a global AM leader.
- Nakheel received Dubai's first official licence to **build 3D-printed structures** (Al Furjan Hills), approved by the Trakhees authority in February 2024.
- UAE 3D Bioprinting Market generated **USD 20.5 million revenue in 2023**; projected to grow at 15.5% CAGR to **USD 56.2 million** by 2030, led by medical and dental applications.

Setup journey



*\*Prices shown are entry-level desk-plus-visa bundles in zones that actively back each sector. Licence fees, deposits and special approvals (e.g., VARA crypto, MOHAP health) are extra. A zone is deemed "supportive" if it has a core mandate, a dedicated programme/licence, or markets a general licence to the sector. Packages, visa quotas and minimum office sizes change often, always request an up-to-date quote.*

Compliance Requirements

- ESMA Product Standards: Conform to Emirates Authority for Standardization & Metrology rules (e.g., RoHS, Emirates Quality Mark) for each printed product category.
- Building & Construction Standards (Admin Decision No. 203/2019): Ensure any 3D-printed structural elements meet Dubai Municipality's regulatory specifications.
- Environmental Guidelines (Cabinet Resolution No. 12/2017): Follow mandated practices for material waste management, recycling, and energy efficiency in additive manufacturing.
- Medical Device Regulations (Federal Law No. 4/2019): Register and obtain MOHAP approval for any 3D-printed medical devices, adhering to Health Products Regulation requirements.

Licence & Approval Obligations

- Industrial/Manufacturing Licence: Obtain from DED (mainland) or your chosen free-zone authority (e.g. DMCC, DDA) under the "Manufacturing" or "Industrial" activity code.
- Factory/Facility Approval: Secure Dubai Municipality's site inspection and building permit sign-off for your production premises.

Main Regulators



Accelerators, Incubators & Sandboxes



Events & Conferences



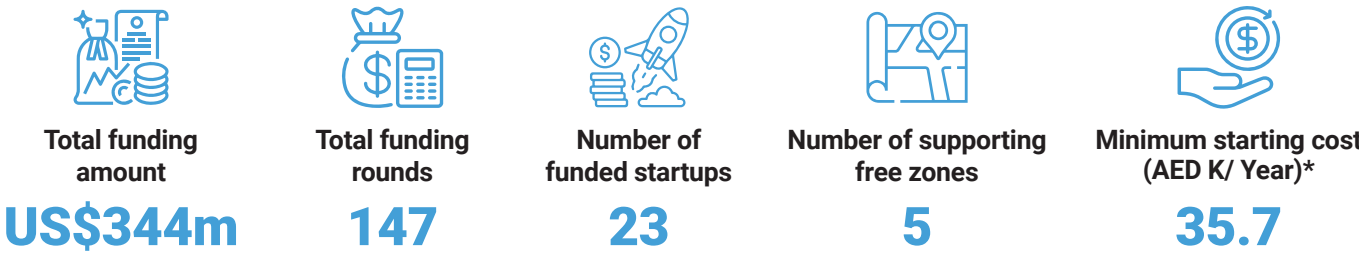




# AGRITECH GUIDE

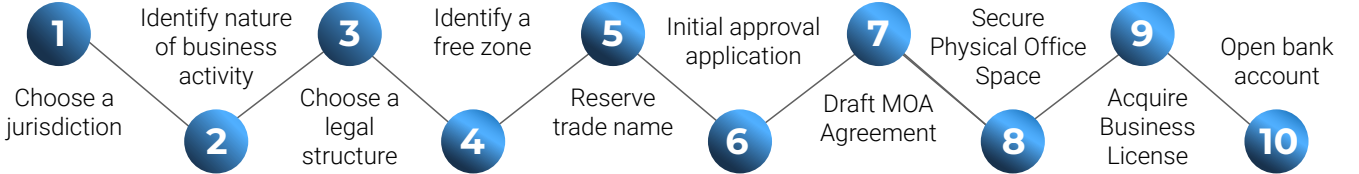
Setting Up A Business In Dubai

### Key Stats & Recent News



- His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum inaugurated “**Plant the Emirates,**” a UAE-wide initiative under the **National Strategy for Food Security 2051** to advance agricultural development.
- **Food Tech Valley** (a UAE government–led agri-innovation zone) signed a 27-year strategic partnership with **Badia Farms** to deploy hybrid indoor farming models for year-round cultivation of premium fruits and vegetables within the UAE.
- As part of UAE Food Tech Valley’s rollout, strategic collaborations were forged with international and local agritech firms to co-develop climate-smart production technologies, bio-innovation labs, and a circular-economy greenhouse campus in Dubai’s Al Qudra region.

### Setup journey



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### Compliance Requirements

- Registration of Inputs: Fertilisers, soil conditioners, and similar products require a Registration Certificate issued by MOCCAE under Cabinet Decision No. 112/2020.
- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Applies to any customer, supplier, or R&D data collected, stored, or processed by your platform.
- Cybercrime Law (Federal Decree-Law No. 5/2012): Covers protection of your IT systems against unauthorised access, data breaches, and malicious software.

### Licence & Approval Obligations

- Agricultural Activity Permit (MOCCAE): All agritech ventures—whether crop cultivation, hydroponics or vertical farming—must obtain an annual Permit for Agricultural Activity Practice from the Ministry of Climate Change & Environment.
- Mainland Commercial Licence (DED): Select “Agricultural Technology” or “Farming Services” under the Professional/Commercial category.
- Free-Zone Trade Licence: Available in zones such as Dubai Science Park (for biotech & agri-innovation) and Dubai Industrial City (agri-production).

### Main Regulators



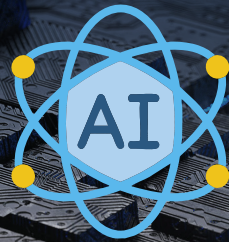
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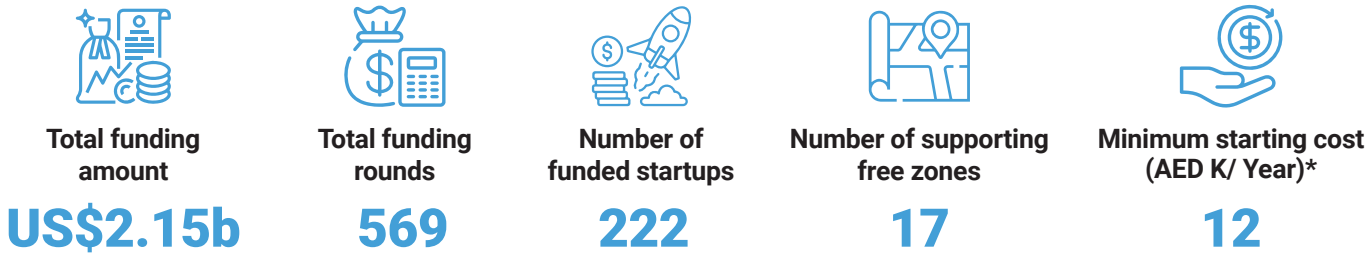




# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GUIDE

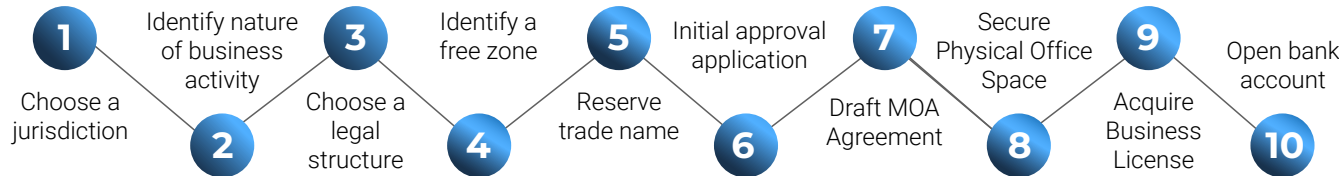
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### Key Stats & Recent News



- UAE's AI market is projected to grow from **US \$3.47 billion** in 2023-2024 to **US \$46.33 billion** by 2030.
- His Highness Hamdan bin Mohammed appointed **22 Chief AI Officers** in Dubai government entities to lead AI initiatives.
- The Ministry of Education will include AI as a subject in public schools from kindergarten to Grade 12 starting in 2025-2026.
- The UAE Cabinet approved the world's first **AI-powered regulatory intelligence ecosystem**, enabling real-time impact tracking and cutting legislative drafting times by up to 70%.
- Dubai inaugurated the **Dubai AI Campus** at DIFC's Innovation Hub – the region's largest AI and Web3 centre – to host over 500 tech firms, create **3,000 jobs by 2028**, and offer supercomputing resources alongside pro-innovation regulations.

### Setup journey



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### Compliance Requirements

- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Mandatory for any personal or sensitive data processed by AI applications, including clear consent, data-subject rights, and cross-border transfer controls.
- Cybercrime Law (Federal Decree-Law No. 5/2012): Criminalizes unauthorized access, data breaches, and malware distribution—applying equally to AI models and their training data.
- AI Ethics Guidelines (2024): Though non-binding, these national principles (fairness, transparency, accountability) set the expected standard for all AI development and deployment.

### Licence & Approval Obligations

- Mainland Commercial Licence (DED): Choose "Professional" or "Technology" category with AI-specific activity codes. Certain licences require a Local Service Agent or National Service Agent.
- Free-Zone ICT Licence: Issued by zones such as Dubai Development Authority (DDA), Dubai Internet City or DMCC for AI R&D and services.
- DIFC "AI & Coding" Licence: Co-issued with the UAE AI Office, grants access to the DIFC Innovation Hub and specialised sandbox environments.

### Support & Sandbox Programmes

- DUB.AI Blueprint: Registration on the Dubai Universal Blueprint portal unlocks access to government pilot projects, data-sharing APIs and funding opportunities.
- Regulatory Sandboxes:
  - DIFC Innovation Testing Licence (ITL) for AI fintech and insurtech use-cases.
  - ICT Regulatory Sandbox (DDA) for proof-of-concept trials under relaxed compliance.

### Main Regulators



### Accelerators, Incubators & Sandboxes



### Events & Conferences



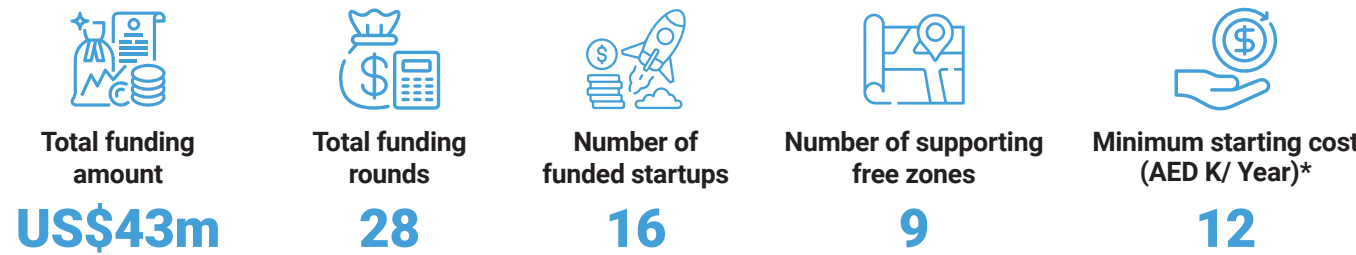




# CYBERSECURITY GUIDE

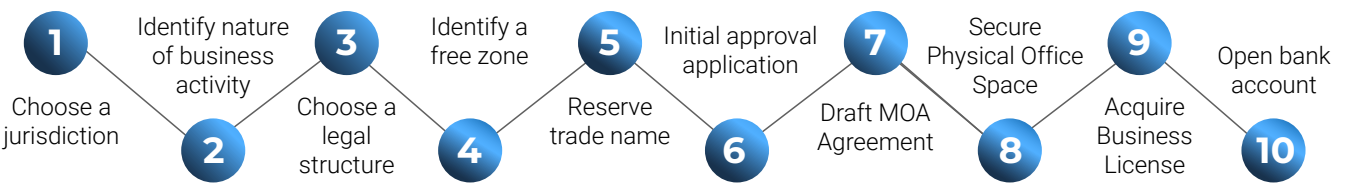
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## Key Stats & Recent News



- The Middle East market was **USD 16.75 billion** in 2025 and is projected to hit **USD 26.04 billion** by 2030 (CAGR 9.2%), positioning the UAE as a key market.
- UAE Cabinet chaired by HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid endorsed the **National Cybersecurity Strategy 2025–31** and an API-First Policy, setting out five strategic pillars and 60 initiatives to mobilise government, industry, and society in securing the digital economy.
- Central Bank of the UAE issued Circular CBUAE/BIS/2024/3109 mandating all Licensed Financial Institutions to comply fully with the UAE Information Assurance Regulation amid rising cyber-attack risks

## Setup journey



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## Compliance Requirements

- Cybercrime Law (Federal Decree-Law No. 34/2021): Defines offences—hacking, unauthorised access, data breaches—and applies to all cybersecurity operations. Cybercrime Law (Federal Decree-Law No. 5/2012): Criminalises malware distribution and related cyber-offences against networks and data.
- Information Security Regulations (ISR) 2021: Issued by the Dubai Electronic Security Center (DESC), these mandate controls over confidentiality, integrity and availability for any organisation operating.
- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Governs all personal or sensitive data processed by cybersecurity tools (e.g. logs, threat-intel feeds), requiring consent, subject-access rights and transfer safeguards.

## Licence & Approval Obligations

- Cybersecurity Trade Licence (DED + DESC): Issued in collaboration between Dubai’s Department of Economic Development and DESC. Activity codes include: Cyber Security Consultancy, Encryption, Equipment Trading, Jamming Equipment/Software Trading, etc.
- CREST Cyber Force Accreditation: Required for firms offering penetration testing or incident-response services to government and CII. Organisations must hold a valid UAE trade licence and CREST accreditation; individual consultants need CREST certifications and Dubai Police security clearance.

## Main Regulators



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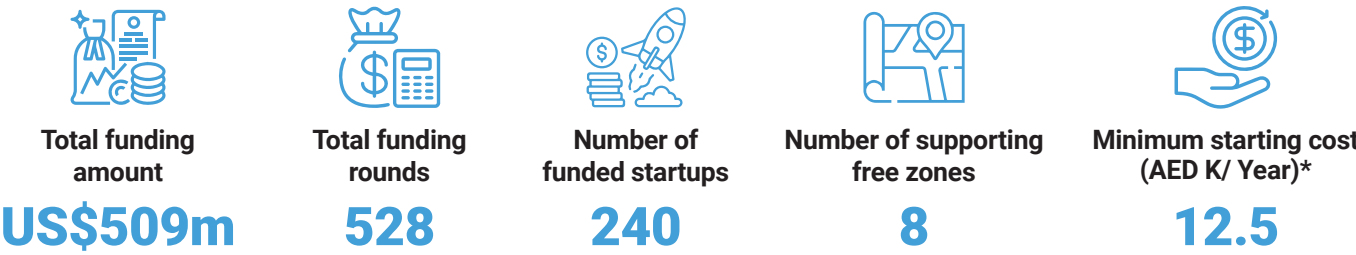




# DIGITAL ASSETS GUIDE

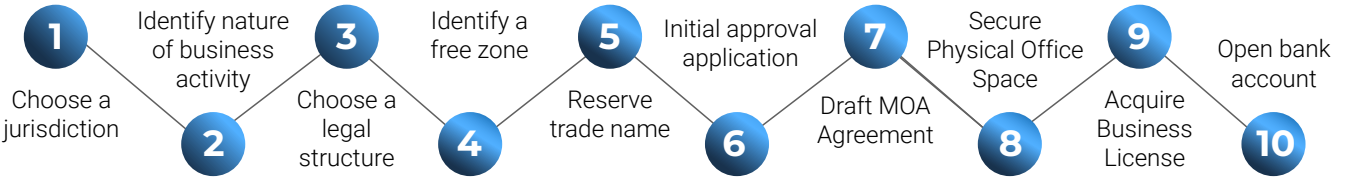
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### Key Stats & Recent News



- Under new SCA rules, all UAE merchants (outside financial free zones) must only accept **licensed Dirham Payment Tokens** for crypto-payments.
- Emirates NBD added Chainalysis (blockchain analytics) and later Chainlink (oracles) as council members of its **Digital Asset Lab**, strengthening its institutional support for blockchain-based financial services in Dubai.
- **VARA** maintains a transparent **public register** of **licensed VASPs** and **In-Principle Approvals**, facilitating market-wide visibility into authorised digital-asset providers in Dubai.
- **The Virtual Assets Regulatory** Authority unveiled a compliance-hosting framework wherein **licensed VASPs** can onboard unlicensed firms as “appointed representatives,” extending their **AML and capital adequacy infrastructure** to foster regulated growth.

### Setup journey



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### Compliance Requirements

- Virtual Assets and Related Activities Regulations (2023): VARA’s primary rulebook, establishing permissible VA activities and general obligations for all VASPs in Dubai (outside DIFC)
- Federal AML/CFT Framework: Federal Decree-Law No. 4/2002 (AML), Cabinet Decision No. 112/2020 (VA regulation), and FATF standards, including transaction monitoring and Suspicious Transaction Reporting to UAE FIU via goAML
- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Applies to any individual or KYC data processed during VA services—mandates consent, data-subject rights, and cross-border transfer safeguards.
- Marketing Regulations (2024): From 1 Oct 2024, all marketing of VA activities must comply with VARA’s “Regulations on the Marketing of Virtual Assets and Related Activities 2024,” including mandatory risk disclosures and pro-consumer messaging

### Licence & Approval Obligations

- VARA VASP Licence (Dubai Mainland): Required for issuance, trading, custody, transfer, or exchange of virtual assets.
- Sponsored VASP Regime: Enables smaller firms to operate under a fully licensed “Regulated Sponsor.” Sponsor and sponsored entity must sign a compliance-governance agreement and obtain VARA approval before commencing activities
- DIFC Digital Assets Licence: For VA activities within DIFC, obtained under DIFC’s Digital Assets Law and regulated by DFSA.
- SCA Approval (Federal-Level): Required for VA activities outside VARA jurisdiction (federal markets, fundraising via tokens).

### Main Regulators



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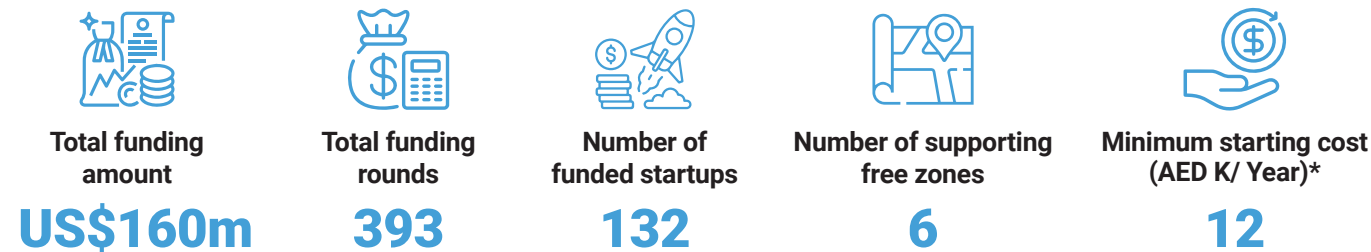




## EDTECH GUIDE

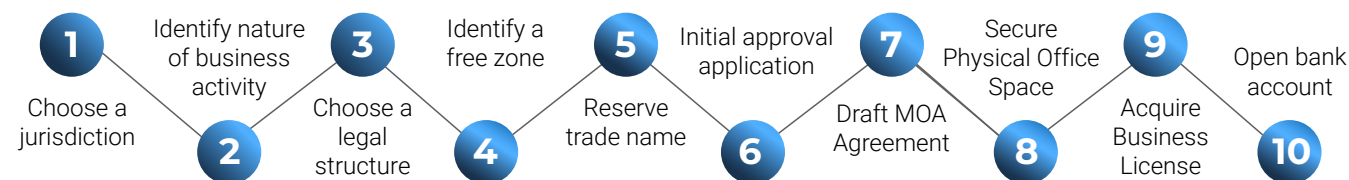
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### Key Stats & Recent News



- UAE's Edtech market size reached **US \$1.2 billion** in 2024 and is projected to reach **US \$3.31 billion** by 2033, rising at a CAGR of **11.88%**.
- The **Ministry of Education** will include AI as a subject in public schools from kindergarten to Grade 12 starting in 2025-2026, **requiring 20 hours/year of AI instruction**, covering ethics, prompt engineering, and critical evaluation of AI outputs.
- The Ministry of Education partnered with Microsoft's OpenAI to integrate **generative-AI tools** into **UAE curricula**, focusing on teacher support, personalised tutoring, and adaptive-assessment deployment by H2 2025.
- Dubai-based GEMS Education launched a **Global Education AI Hub**, inviting AI innovators to co-develop next-gen learning tools across its 90+ schools (200,000 students).

### Setup journey



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### Compliance Requirements

- Federal Law No. 2/2015 (Commercial Companies Law) – Article 11(1): All online and technology-enabled education providers must secure the relevant approvals and licences before operating in the UAE.
- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Governs the collection, storage, and processing of student, staff, and user data—requires clear consent, data-subject rights mechanisms, and cross-border transfer safeguards.
- KHDA Advertising & Content Review: The Knowledge and Human Development Authority reviews all marketing materials aimed at student recruitment, including digital ads, websites, and social media campaigns.
- Intellectual Property & Copyrights: Ensure all curriculum, software, and multimedia content is properly registered with the Ministry of Economy to protect your proprietary materials.
- Cybercrime Law (Federal Decree-Law No. 5/2012): Criminalises unauthorised access, data breaches, and malware distribution—applies to your e-learning platforms and IT infrastructure.

### Licence & Approval Obligations

- Mainland Commercial/Professional Licence (DED): Choose "Educational Services" or "Technology" activity codes under a DED licence. May require a Local Service Agent for certain professional service categories.
- KHDA Educational Service Permit: Mandatory for any institution offering training, courses, or certification within the Dubai mainland; obtained via the KHDA e-services portal.

### Main Regulators



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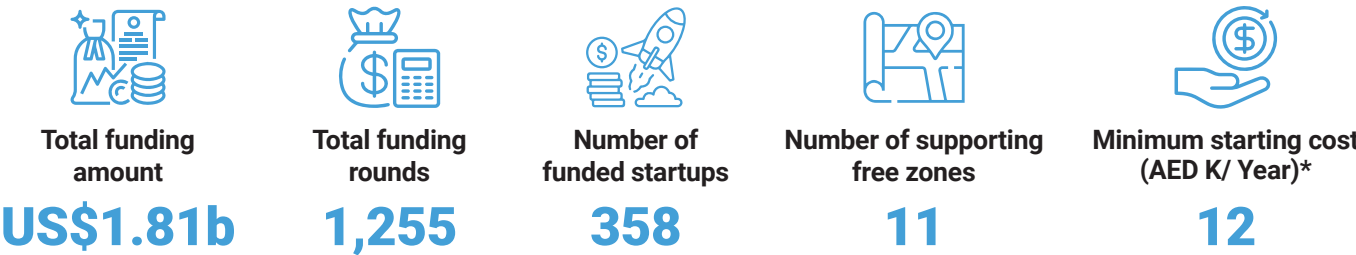




# FINTECH GUIDE

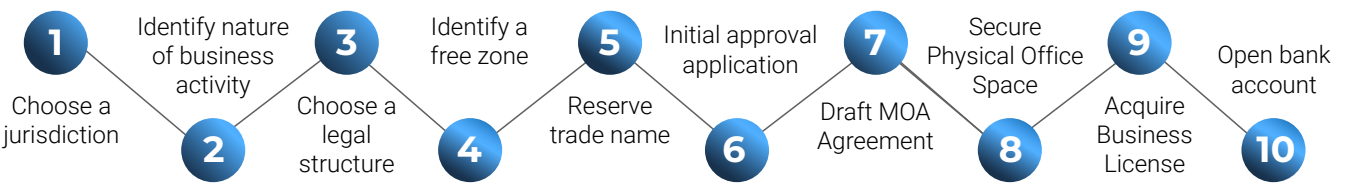
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Key Stats & Recent News



- UAE's FinTech market is projected to grow from **US \$3.16 billion** in 2024 to **US \$5.71 billion** by 2029.
- The Central Bank of the UAE gazetted the **Open Finance Regulation**, establishing an **Open Finance Framework** under its supervision, and the Sandbox Conditions Regulation, which permits exemptions from certain licensing requirements for fintech innovators under controlled conditions.
- The Dubai Financial Services Authority opened applications for its themed **Tokenisation Regulatory Sandbox**, enabling fintech firms to test innovative digital-asset solutions under tailored supervision

Setup journey



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Compliance Requirements

- AML/CFT (CBUAE AML/CFT Rulebook): Adhere to Federal Decree-Law No. 4/2002 and the CBUAE's AML/CFT guidance, including mandatory KYC, transaction monitoring and suspicious-activity reporting.
- Data Security & Open Finance Standards: Comply with NESAs ICT Security Standards and the Open Finance Regulation (15 Apr 2024) requirements for customer-consent, secure APIs and the central "API Hub."
- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Applies to all personal data handled in payments, lending or digital-finance services; mandates clear consent, data-subject rights and cross-border safeguards.

Licence & Approval Obligations

- Innovation Testing Licence (DFSA ITL): Sandbox licence for trials under regulatory supervision; now includes a Tokenisation Regulatory Sandbox launched March 2025.
- CBUAE Payment Service Provider Licence (Mainland): Required for PSPs, e-money issuers and stored-value facilities outside financial free zones.
- Open Finance Provider Licence (CBUAE): New licence category for third-party data recipients and transaction initiators under the Open Finance Framework.
- Sandbox Conditions Regulation Exemption (CBUAE): Allows time-limited testing without a full licence, subject to eligibility and supervisory conditions.

Main Regulators



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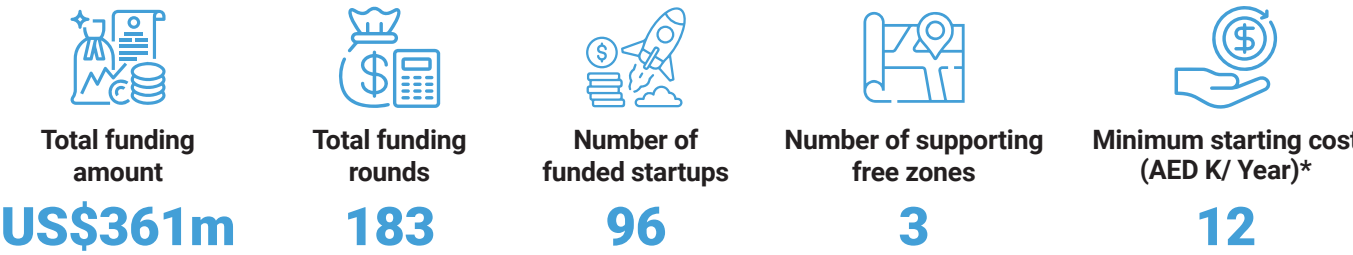




# GAMING GUIDE

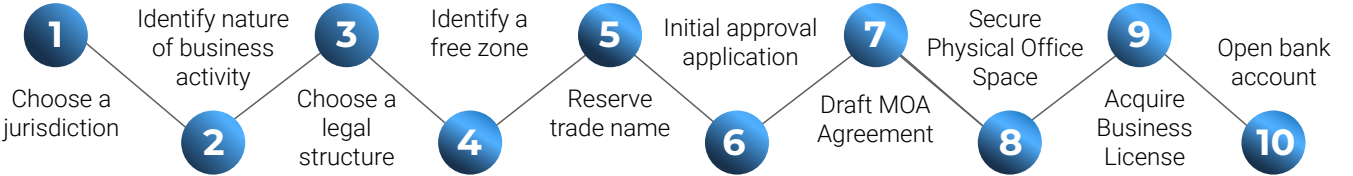
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## Key Stats & Recent News



- UAE gaming market size reached **US \$1.16 billion** in 2024 and is projected to reach **US \$2.39 billion** by 2033, rising at a CAGR of **8.34%**.
- DPG33 now counts over **350 gaming companies** in Dubai, including **260 specialised developers**, and targets a **USD 1 billion** contribution to GDP by 2033.
- As part of DPG33, Dubai introduced a dedicated **10-year visa** for experienced gaming professionals (developers, designers, content creators), granting long-term residency and work rights to boost local talent retention.
- Hong Kong's **Animoca Brands** opened its first Middle East office in Dubai, pledging to invest in regional Web3 and blockchain gaming startups.
- Government innovation zones (e.g., DIFC Innovation Hub, Dubai Internet City) are now offering dedicated workspace, funding links (Binance partnership), and NFT-economy support to **Web3 gaming** startups.

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## Compliance Requirements

- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Covers all user-data processing, including player accounts and analytics—requires consent, data-subject rights and cross-border transfer safeguards.
- Cybercrime Law (Federal Decree-Law No. 5/2012): Criminalises unauthorised access, distribution of malware and related offences against game servers or user data.
- VARA Guidance on In-Game Tokens (2023): Advisory rules for virtual-asset integration in games; mandatory full VASP licence if issuing tradeable tokens.
- Content Moderation & Media Regulations: National Media Council's standards apply to public-facing game content; ensure compliance with anti-gambling provisions under Federal Penal Code Decree-Law No. 31/2021.

## Main Regulators



## Accelerators, Incubators & Sandboxes



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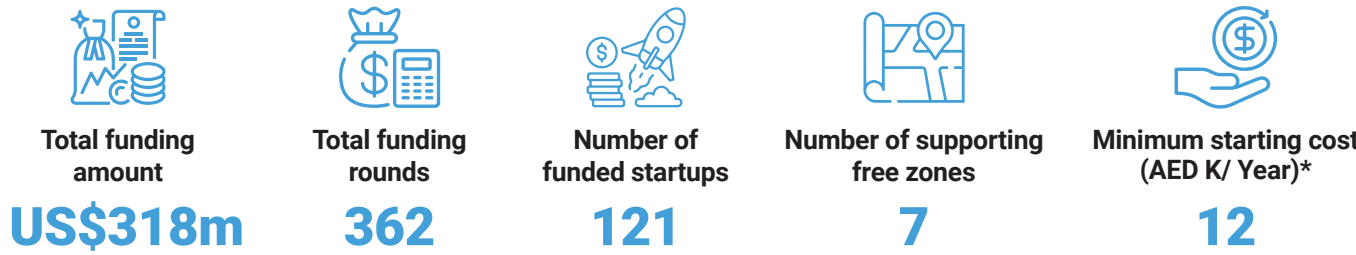




# HEALTHTECH GUIDE

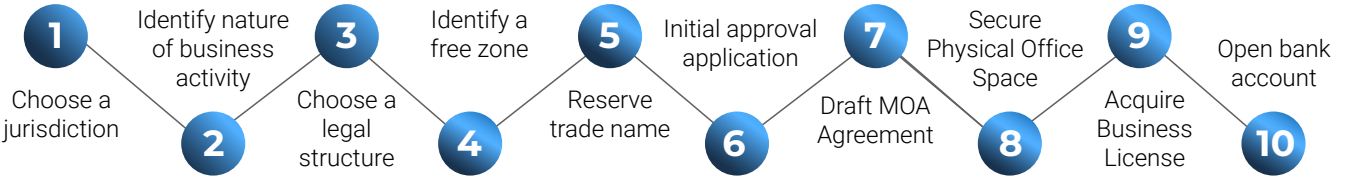
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### Key Stats & Recent News



- UAE's Healthtech market size reached **US \$745.7 million** in 2024 and is projected to reach **US \$2.62 billion** by 2023, rising at a CAGR of **23.5%**.
- DHA integrated an **AI-driven Patient Privacy Intelligence (PPI)** system into its **NABIDH health record platform** to monitor and prevent unauthorized access to patient records in real-time.
- DHA launched a six-week AI training programme in April 2025, in partnership with ESCP Business School (Paris), to upskill 30 healthcare executives in AI, cybersecurity, and data strategy.
- During **Arab Health 2025**, the UAE Health Pavilion showcased a suite of cutting-edge digital health services and initiatives, underscoring the country's push towards a fully digitalized healthcare ecosystem.
- DHA unveiled the UAE's first **AI Literacy Framework** for healthcare professionals at Dubai AI Week, standardising competency levels for AI tools, data ethics, and patient-safety protocols.

### Setup journey



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### Compliance Requirements

- Federal Law No. 2/2019 on ICT in Health Fields: Governs telemedicine and all digital health services, mandating patient-data confidentiality, consent, and secure record-keeping.
- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Applies to all personal and medical data processed by your platform—requires explicit consent, data-subject rights and cross-border transfer safeguards.
- DHA Standards for Telehealth (2021): Sets minimum quality and safety requirements for remote consultations and monitoring in Dubai Health Authority-licensed facilities.
- DHA Guidelines for Health Information Exchange (HIE) & AI in Healthcare (2022): Establish protocols for interoperable health records and safe AI-powered diagnostics in Dubai's health system.
- Cybercrime Law (Federal Decree-Law No. 5/2012): Criminalises unauthorised access, data breaches and malware deployment—applies to your IT infrastructure and patient-facing applications.

### Licence & Approval Obligations

- Dubai Health Authority (DHA) Facility Licence: Required for any health-tech service (e.g. telemedicine, AI diagnostics) offered within Dubai mainland; obtained via DHA's e-services portal.
- MOHAP Telehealth Licence: If you plan to serve patients in the Northern Emirates, secure a telehealth permit from the Ministry of Health & Prevention under its Federal Telehealth Regulations.
- Dubai Healthcare City Authority (DHCA) Licence: For operations inside Dubai Healthcare City free zone; combines clinical and digital-health approvals under DHCA's regulatory framework.

### Main Regulators



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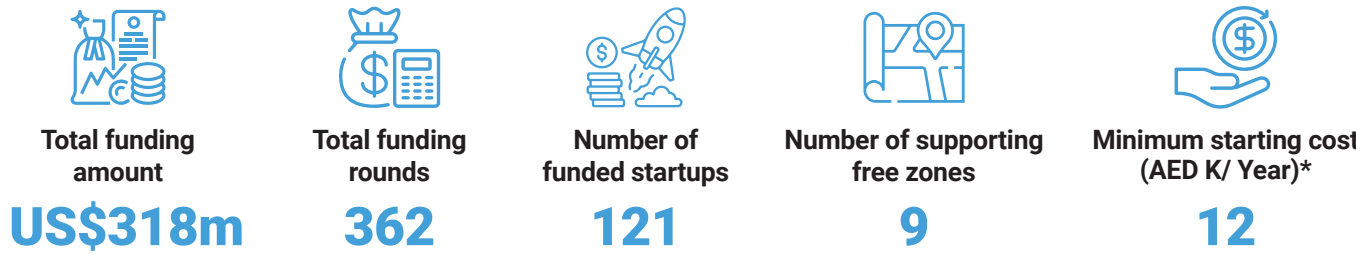




# METaverse/WEB3 GUIDE

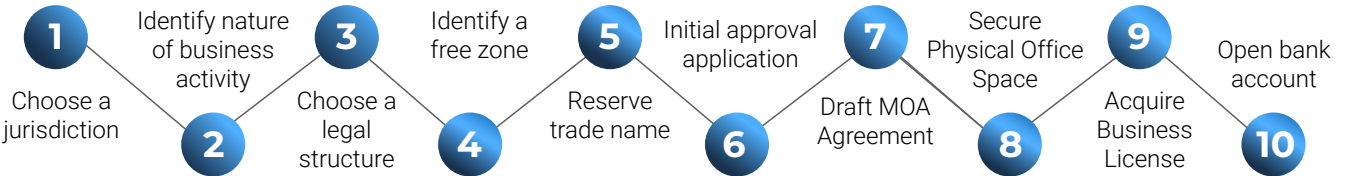
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## Key Stats & Recent News



- The Dubai Metaverse Strategy aims to attract over 1,000 metaverse companies, create 40,000 virtual jobs by 2030, and allocate AED 1 billion in incentives to support immersive technology startups.
- The UAE Government released its Metaverse Guidelines to identify high-impact use cases and provide a cohesive framework for government entities to regulate metaverse applications in public services and administration.
- VARA initiated its first Web3 pilot by authorising a decentralised-exchange (DEX) prototype, enabling token trading without intermediaries under controlled sandbox conditions.

## Setup journey



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## Compliance Requirements

- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Applies to all user profiles, interaction logs and metaverse-generated data; mandates consent, data-subject rights and cross-border safeguards.
- Cybercrime Law (Federal Decree-Law No. 5/2012): Criminalises unauthorised access, data-theft or service-disruption in virtual environments.
- VARA Virtual Assets & Related Activities Regulations (2023): If your metaverse integrates tradeable tokens or NFTs, you must comply with VARA's AML/CFT, custody and governance standards.
- Regulations on the Marketing of Virtual Assets (Oct 2024): Requires clear risk disclosures and prohibits misleading promotions of any tokenised assets.

## Licence & Approval Obligations

- Metaverse Service Provider Licence: Obtainable via Dubai Economy & Tourism (DET), Dubai Silicon Oasis Authority (DSOA), DMCC, or the Dubai AI & Web 3.0 Campus in DIFC—allows creation and hosting of 3D virtual environments.
- DIFC AI & Web 3.0 Campus Licence: A specialised innovation licence covering Distributed Ledger Technology, AR/VR development, and other Web 3.0 activities within the DIFC Innovation Hub.
- DIFC Innovation Licence: A cost-effective commercial licence for technology firms (including Metaverse, Web 3.0 & AI) with access to accelerator support and R&D facilities.
- VARA VASP Licence: Mandatory if issuing, trading or custodying virtual assets within your metaverse; requires Initial Preparatory Operational approval under Dubai's VARA framework.

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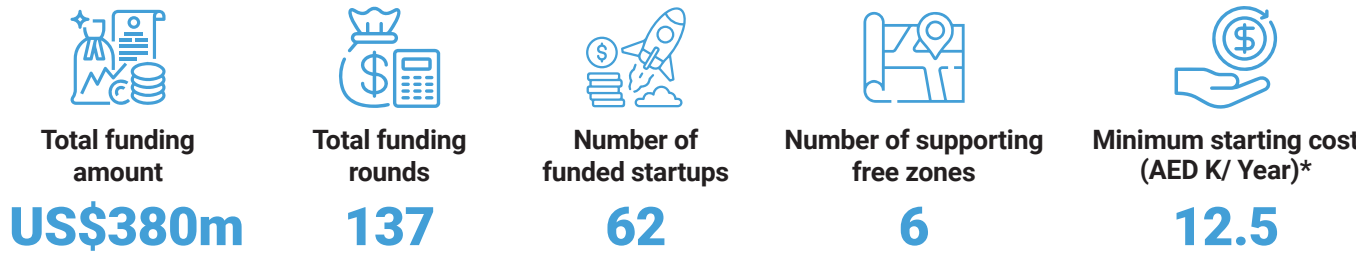




# PROPTech GUIDE

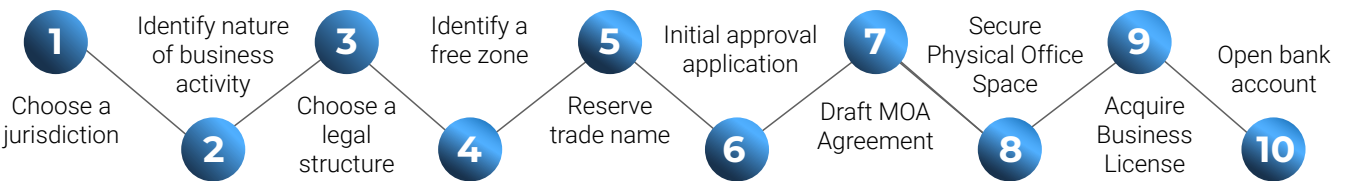
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### Key Stats & Recent News



- UAE's PropTech Market was valued at **US \$0.61 billion** in 2024, and is expected to reach **US \$1.55 billion** by 2030, rising at a CAGR of **17.49%**.
- VARA** partnered with **DLD** to develop pilot projects in **tokenized real estate** and **decentralized finance**, marking VARA's first major collaboration beyond regulatory rule-making.
- DLD followed up by launching the region's first tokenised real-estate investment project via the **Prypco Mint platform**, enabling fractional ownership and broader investor access
- DIFC and DLD unveiled the **Dubai PropTech Hub** to position the emirate as a global leader in real-estate technology, offering collaborative spaces, regulatory support, and access to DIFC's fintech infrastructure.
- DLD and DIEZ signed an MoU to boost PropTech R&D and ease of doing business, including joint hackathons and innovation challenges for real-estate tech startups.

### Setup journey



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### Compliance Requirements

- Real Estate Regulatory Agency (RERA) Regulations: All property-related platforms—brokerage, listings, management or tokenization—must comply with RERA's Real Estate Brokerage Regulations (Resolution No. 33/2021) and complete the mandatory RERA training & exam via the Dubai Real Estate Institute.
- Dubai Land Department (DLD) Rules: Digital platforms handling title deeds or escrow accounts must follow DLD's Real Estate Registration Law (Law No. 13/2020) and the Escrow Law (Law No. 8/2007).
- Anti-Money Laundering (AML/CFT): Real estate activities fall under CBUAE's AML Rulebook (2020). PropTech platforms facilitating transactions must implement KYC, transaction monitoring and STR reporting.
- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Applies to all user, broker and tenant data collected, stored or processed by your platform—requires consent, data-subject rights and cross-border safeguards.
- Cybersecurity Law (Federal Decree-Law No. 5/2012): Governs protection of your platform's data and infrastructure, including penalties for unauthorised access or data breaches.

### Licence & Approval Obligations

- VARA Sandbox Approval: For real-estate tokenization platforms, enroll in DLD's Real Estate Tokenization Sandbox (launched 2025) or VARA's Digital Assets Sandbox.

### Main Regulators



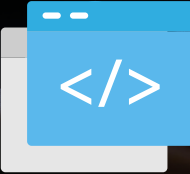
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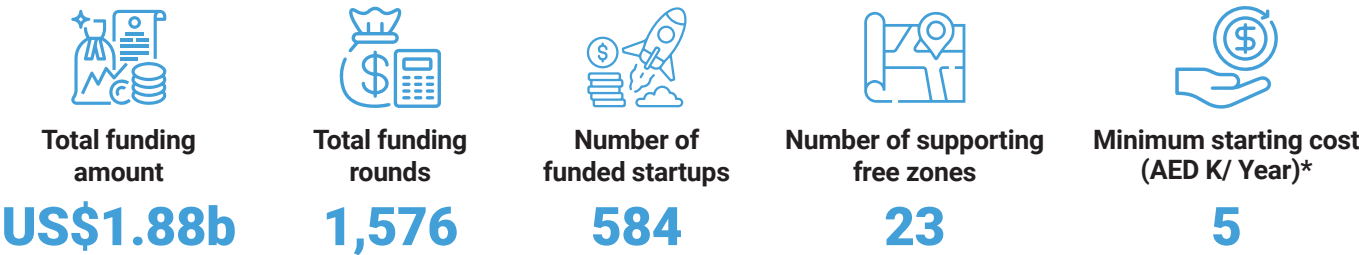




# SOFTWARE/SAAS GUIDE

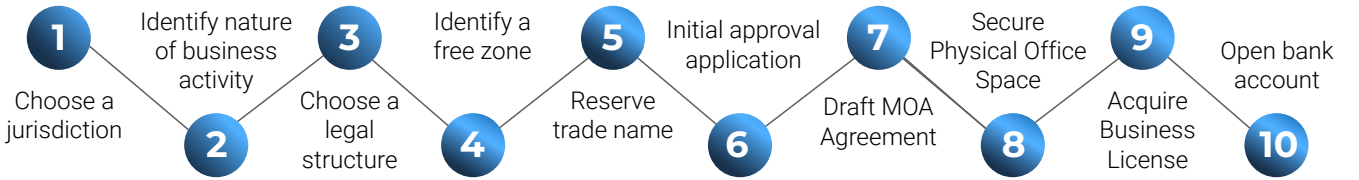
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Key Stats & Recent News



The UAE SaaS market was valued at **US \$5.49 billion** in 2022 and is forecast to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 27.9 % to reach **US \$30.5 billion** by 2029.

Setup journey



Note: While Software/SaaS is not governed by a standalone national strategy, it plays a foundational role across nearly all priority sectors, powering everything from Fintech platforms to AI applications and digital government services.

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### Compliance Requirements

- eTransactions Law (2006): Governs the use of electronic signatures and the legal validity of e-documents.
- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL 45/2021): Applies to all collection, storage, and processing of user or customer data.
- Cybercrime Law (Federal Law No. 5/2012): Criminalises unauthorised software use, data breaches, and related cyber-offences.

### Licence & Approval Obligations

- ICT Licence (Dubai Development Authority): Required for any IT-based service or product development within DDA free zones.
- Commercial Licence (DED or relevant free-zone): Mandated for trading activities: e.g., Dubai Internet City for software deployment /services.
- e-Commerce Permit: Necessary if you sell directly to consumers via an online platform.

Main Regulators



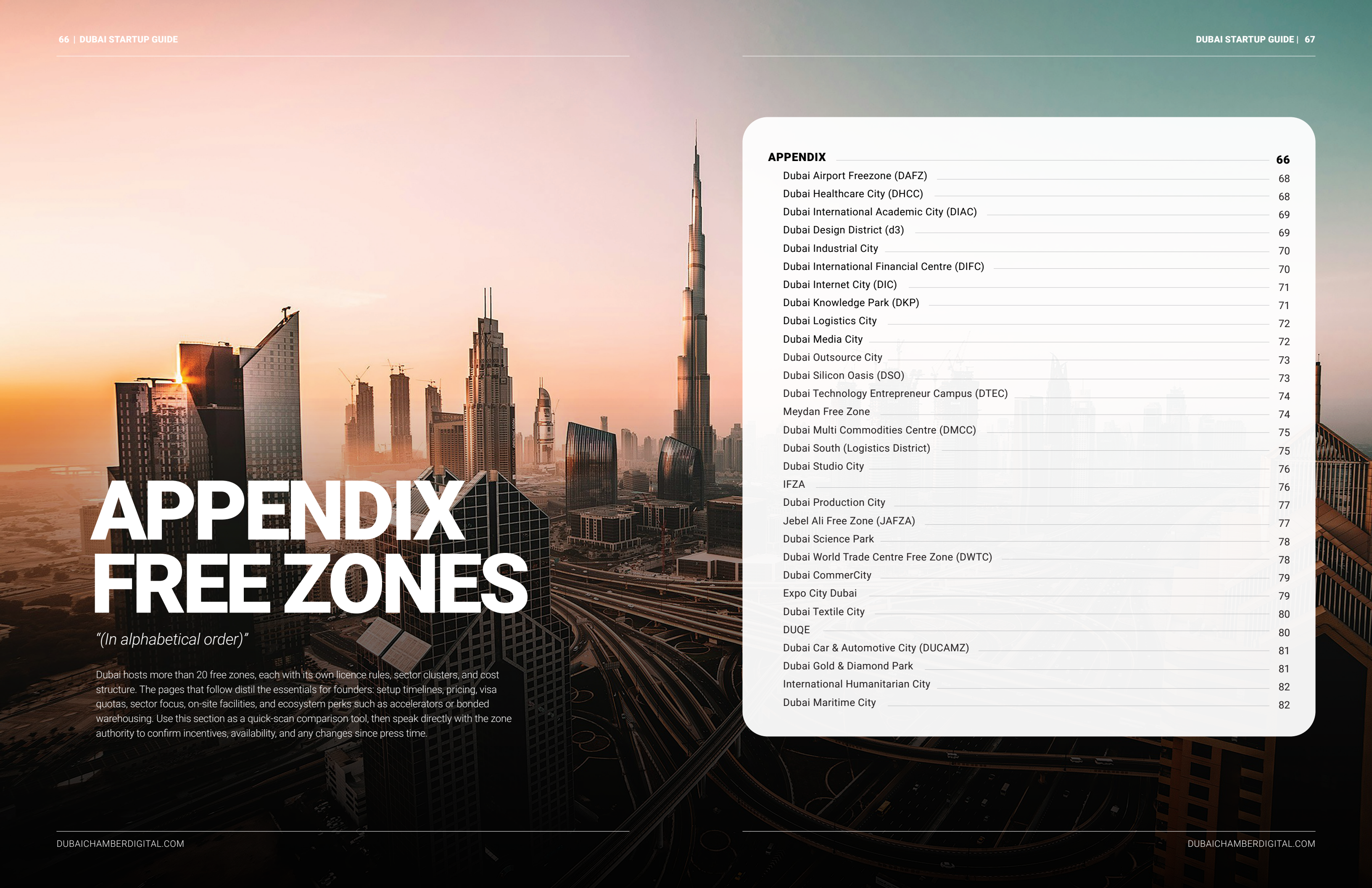
Accelerators, Incubators & Sandboxes



Events & Conferences







# APPENDIX FREE ZONES

*“(In alphabetical order)”*

Dubai hosts more than 20 free zones, each with its own licence rules, sector clusters, and cost structure. The pages that follow distil the essentials for founders: setup timelines, pricing, visa quotas, sector focus, on-site facilities, and ecosystem perks such as accelerators or bonded warehousing. Use this section as a quick-scan comparison tool, then speak directly with the zone authority to confirm incentives, availability, and any changes since press time.

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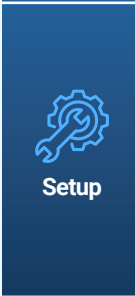
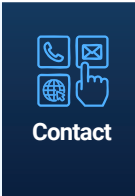




### Dubai Airport Freezone (DAFZ)

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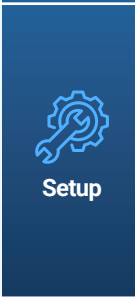
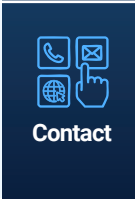
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|  <b>Facilities</b>        | <p><b>Desk options:</b> furnished flexi-desk (Business Centre)</p> <p><b>Offices:</b> fully furnished offices, executive suites</p> <p><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> standard &amp; cold-storage units</p> <p><b>Special facilities:</b> boardrooms, auditoriums, event space, reserved parking, IT services</p> <p><b>Shared amenities:</b> housekeeping, reception, on-site parking</p> |  <b>Setup</b>   | <p><b>Setup:</b> 2 – 4 weeks</p> <p><b>Presence:</b> No</p> <p><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> 6.65 m² office AED 41,790</p> |
|  <b>Support</b>           | DAFZ Incubator programmes; strategic-partner introductions; METADAFZ virtual-reality platform for client meetings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  <b>Contact</b> | Call center: +971 600 532 392<br>saleslmt@dafz.ae<br><a href="https://www.dafz.ae/en/">https://www.dafz.ae/en/</a>            |



### Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC)

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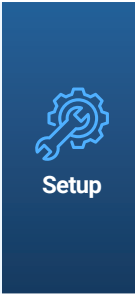
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|  <b>Supported sectors</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HealthTech</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• 3D Printing</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li></ul>                                                                                                                       |  <b>Visas</b>   | No fixed cap; visas scale with facility size (≈ 1 visa per 100–150 m²)                                                                                     |
|  <b>Facilities</b>        | <p><b>Desk options:</b> executive desks</p> <p><b>Offices:</b> clinical &amp; non-clinical suites (120 – 500 sq ft)</p> <p><b>Special facilities:</b> telemedicine suites, 3D Print medical lab</p> <p><b>Shared amenities:</b> conference centre, valet parking</p> |  <b>Setup</b>   | <p><b>Setup:</b> 4 – 6 weeks</p> <p><b>Presence:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Exec desk AED 30,000 &amp; Mid-size office AED 60,000</p> |
|  <b>Support</b>           | DHCC Accelerator; clinical-trial & patient-network access; licensing fast-track with health authorities                                                                                                                                                              |  <b>Contact</b> | info@dhca.gov.ae<br><a href="https://www.dhcc.ae/">https://www.dhcc.ae/</a>                                                                                |



### Dubai International Academic City (DIAC)

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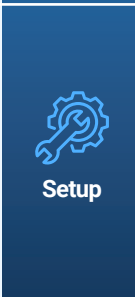
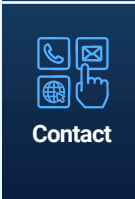
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|  <b>Supported sectors</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li><li>• PropTech</li><li>• Gaming</li><li>• Metaverse / Web3</li><li>• FinTech</li><li>• Cyber-security</li><li>• HealthTec</li><li>• EdTech</li></ul>                                    |  <b>Visas</b>   | Shared desk = 1 visa<br>Dedicated desk = 2 visas<br>Private office = 2 visas ↑ (1 employee per 80 sq ft)                                                                                  |
|  <b>Facilities</b>        | <p><b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, coworking</p> <p><b>Offices:</b> private offices, office quarters, open quarters</p> <p><b>Special facilities:</b> campus buildings, lecture halls</p> <p><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, lounges, outdoor courtyard, recreation zone</p> |  <b>Setup</b>   | <p><b>Setup:</b> 4 – 6 weeks</p> <p><b>Presence:</b> Not published</p> <p><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Shared desk AED 12,000 (1 visa) &amp; Office quarter AED 54,000 (≥2 visas)</p> |
|  <b>Support</b>           | In5 Education accelerator & incubator access; university research partnerships; mentoring & pitch events                                                                                                                                                                              |  <b>Contact</b> | Phone: +971 4 360 2060<br><a href="https://diacedu.ae/">https://diacedu.ae/</a>                                                                                                           |



### Dubai Design District (d3)

Free zone



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|  <b>Supported sectors</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Software / SaaS</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  <b>Visas</b>   | Not published (visa information not published)                                                                       |
|  <b>Facilities</b>        | <p><b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, coworking</p> <p><b>Offices:</b> private offices, shell-and-core studios</p> <p><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> light warehousing for design stores</p> <p><b>Special facilities:</b> fashion ateliers, creative studios</p> <p><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, breakout areas, F&amp;B, and retail strip</p> |  <b>Setup</b>   | <p>Setup: ≈1 week</p> <p>Presence: Not published</p> <p>Entry package &amp; cost: Flexi / shared desk AED 40,000</p> |
|  <b>Support</b>           | In5 Design incubator; 3-D-printing & equipment-rental labs; investor matching; sector networking & fashion/creative events                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  <b>Contact</b> | Phone : +971 4 433 3000<br><a href="https://dubaidesigndistrict.com/">https://dubaidesigndistrict.com/</a>           |





Dubai Industrial City

Free zone



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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AgriTech</li><li>• 3D Printing</li><li>• HealthTech</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  <div>Visas</div>   | Not published (visa information not published)                                                                                           |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <p><b>Offices:</b> private offices, showrooms</p> <p><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> prebuilt warehouses, open yards</p> <p><b>Land plots:</b> heavy- &amp; light-industrial plots</p> <p><b>Special facilities:</b> worker accommodation, food-tech hub</p> <p><b>Shared amenities:</b> logistics support, on-site utilities</p> |  <div>Setup</div>   | <p><b>Setup:</b> 5 – 6 weeks</p> <p><b>Presence:</b> Not published</p> <p><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> 650 sq ft unit AED 35,750</p> |
|  <div>Support</div>           | International Centre for 3D Printing (labs, R&D partners); In5 Industry incubator; proximity to Jebel Ali Port & Al Maktoum Airport                                                                                                                                                                                              |  <div>Contact</div> | <a href="https://dubaiindustrialcity.ae/en/">https://dubaiindustrialcity.ae/en/</a>                                                      |



Dubai Internet City (DIC)

Free zone



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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li><li>• PropTech</li><li>• Gaming</li><li>• Metaverse / Web3</li><li>• FinTech</li><li>• Cyber-security</li><li>• HealthTec</li><li>• EdTech</li></ul>        |  <div>Visas</div>   | Dedicated desk allows up to 2 visas                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <p><b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, fixed desk</p> <p><b>Offices:</b> serviced &amp; shell-and-core offices</p> <p><b>Special facilities:</b> in5 Tech centre, gaming lab, conference halls</p> <p><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, café zones</p> |  <div>Setup</div>   | <p><b>Setup:</b> 2 – 4 weeks (≤6)</p> <p><b>Presence:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Freelancer desk AED 50,000 &amp; Company desk AED 57,000</p>                                     |
|  <div>Support</div>           | In5 Tech incubator; prototyping labs; investor office hours; regular tech workshops & community events                                                                                                                                                    |  <div>Contact</div> | Phone: +971 4 391 1111<br><a href="mailto:opportunities@dubaiinternetcity.co.ae">opportunities@dubaiinternetcity.co.ae</a><br>Contact form on website<br><a href="https://dic.ae/">https://dic.ae/</a> |



Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)

Free zone



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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FinTech</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li><li>• Digital Assets</li><li>• PropTech</li><li>• Metaverse / Web3</li><li>• Cyber-security</li></ul>                                                                           |  <div>Visas</div>   | 1 visa per desk (Flexi or dedicated)                                                                                                                                                  |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <p><b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, dedicated desk</p> <p><b>Offices:</b> private offices (100 – 1,500 sq ft)</p> <p><b>Special facilities:</b> AI Campus, FinTech Hive, PropTech innovation hub, event theatre</p> <p><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, auditorium, business lounges</p> |  <div>Setup</div>   | <p><b>Setup:</b> Not published</p> <p><b>Presence:</b> Not published</p> <p><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Flexi AED 22,000 &amp; Dedicated AED 25,680 &amp; Private AED 45,500</p> |
|  <div>Support</div>           | DIFC Courts (common-law system); FinTech Hive & LEAP accelerator; VC network & frequent demo days                                                                                                                                                                                               |  <div>Contact</div> | phone : +971 4 362 2222<br><a href="mailto:coworking@difc.ae">coworking@difc.ae</a><br><a href="https://www.difc.com/">https://www.difc.com/</a>                                      |



Dubai Knowledge Park (DKP)

Free zone



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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EdTech</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li></ul>                                                                                                                              |  <div>Visas</div>   | 1 visa (shared desk)<br>2 visas (dedicated desk / office)<br>1 employee per 80 sq ft                                                                                                     |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <p><b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, coworking</p> <p><b>Offices:</b> private offices, campus classrooms</p> <p><b>Special facilities:</b> testing labs, HRD studios</p> <p><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, lounges, outdoor courtyard</p> |  <div>Setup</div>   | <p><b>Setup:</b> 2 – 4 weeks (≤6)</p> <p><b>Presence:</b> Not published</p> <p><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Flexi AED 22,000 &amp; Dedicated AED 25,680 &amp; Private AED 45,500</p> |
|  <div>Support</div>           | In5 Education accelerator; EdTech co-creation with academic tenants; industry networking sessions                                                                                                                                                 |  <div>Contact</div> | Phone: +971 4 390 1111<br><a href="https://dkp.ae/">https://dkp.ae/</a>                                                                                                                  |





Dubai Logistics City

Free zone



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|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, executive suite<br><b>Offices:</b> private & furnished offices<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> logistics warehouses, air-side facilities<br><b>Special facilities:</b> bonded logistics corridor<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, business lounge |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> 2 – 4 weeks (≤6)<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Flexi AED 22,000 & Dedicated AED 25,680 & Private AED 45,500 |
|  <div>Support</div>           | N/P                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  <div>Contact</div> | -                                                                                                                                                                 |



Dubai Media City

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|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, coworking<br><b>Offices:</b> private offices, broadcast studios<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> light production stores<br><b>Special facilities:</b> sound stages, event venues<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, outdoor courtyard |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> 1 – 3 weeks<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Flexi desk AED 5,000 & Private office AED 15,000                                                                                 |
|  <div>Support</div>           | In5 Media incubator; production-equipment rental; mentor network; media industry workshops & festivals                                                                                                                                                                           |  <div>Contact</div> | Phone: +971 4 391 4555<br>multiple contact email (for sales enquiries and client relations) : <a href="https://dmc.ae/connect/contact-us">https://dmc.ae/connect/contact-us</a><br><a href="https://dmc.ae/">https://dmc.ae/</a> |



Dubai Outsource City

Free zone



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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Software / SaaS</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                     |  <div>Visas</div>   | 1 visa (shared desk)<br>2 visas (dedicated desk / office)<br>1 employee per 80 sq ft                                                                     |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, coworking<br><b>Offices:</b> serviced offices, call-centre floors<br><b>Special facilities:</b> disaster-recovery suites<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, recreation areas |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> ≈1 week<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Flexi AED 12,000 & Dedicated AED 36,000 & Private AED 54,000 |
|  <div>Support</div>           | In5 Tech access; mentorship, talent-pool events, BPO round-tables                                                                                                                                                     |  <div>Contact</div> | Phone: +971 4 367 6666<br><a href="https://dubaiousourcecity.ae/">https://dubaiousourcecity.ae/</a>                                                      |



Dubai Silicon Oasis (DSO)

Free zone



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|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> coworking station, flexi-desk<br><b>Offices:</b> private offices (160 sq ft +)<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> light industrial units<br><b>Special facilities:</b> Technohub labs, R&D centre, robotics & 3D print zone<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, maker space |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> ≈2 weeks<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Flexi desk AED 12,000                           |
|  <div>Support</div>           | DTEC & TechnoHub incubators; venture-capital connections; corporate R&D partner labs; hackathons & tech events                                                                                                                                                                                         |  <div>Contact</div> | Phone : +971 600 59 55 57<br><a href="mailto:business@dso.com">business@dso.com</a><br><a href="https://www.dso.ae/">https://www.dso.ae/</a> |





Dubai Technology Entrepreneur Campus (DTEC)

Free zone



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| <div><div>Supported sectors</div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• 3D Printing</li><li>• Cyber Security</li><li>• Digital Assets</li><li>• Metaverse / Web3</li></ul></div>                                                            | <div><div>Visas</div></div> <div>Flexi-desk permits 2 visas</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <div><div>Facilities</div></div> <div><div><b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, fixed desk</div><div><b>Offices:</b> private offices, incubator pods</div><div><b>Special facilities:</b> start-up labs, pitch arena</div><div><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, café lounge</div></div> | <div><div>Setup</div></div> <div><div><b>Setup:</b> ≈2 weeks</div><div><b>Presence:</b> Not published</div><div><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Flexi desk AED 12,000</div></div>                                                                                                         |
| <div><div>Support</div></div> <div>Meeting spaces, lockers, advisory clinics, DTEC Sandbox, investor network and start-up events</div>                                                                                                                                                     | <div><div>Contact</div></div> <div>DTEC : +971 4 501 5656<br/>dtec@dso.ae<br/>Building A5 : +971(0)4 501 5791<br/>Technohub 1 : +971(0)4 501 5367<br/>New Clients: dtec.sales@dtec.ae<br/>Existing Clients: dtectsupport@dtec.ae<br/><a href="https://dtec.ae/">https://dtec.ae/</a></div> |



Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)

Free zone



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| <div><div>Supported sectors</div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital Assets</li><li>• Gaming</li><li>• FinTech</li><li>• Metaverse / Web3</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li></ul></div>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <div><div>Visas</div></div> <div>Standard flexi-desk: up to 3 visas<br/>Special flexi-desk: 1 visa</div>                                                                            |
| <div><div>Facilities</div></div> <div><div><b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, serviced desk</div><div><b>Offices:</b> dedicated offices, tower floors</div><div><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> light storage units</div><div><b>Special facilities:</b> AI Centre, Tech Centre, Crypto Centre, e-commerce zone</div><div><b>Shared amenities:</b> conference space, member lounges</div></div> | <div><div>Setup</div></div> <div><div><b>Setup:</b> 2 – 4 weeks</div><div><b>Presence:</b> No</div><div><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Basic “Biz” package AED 35,484</div></div> |
| <div><div>Support</div></div> <div>Sector “Knowledge Series” &amp; industry clubs; subsidised tech licences via AstroLabs and Brinc accelerator links</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <div><div>Contact</div></div> <div>Phone: +971 (0) 4 424 9600<br/><a href="mailto:setup@dmcc.ae">setup@dmcc.ae</a><br/><a href="https://dmcc.ae/">https://dmcc.ae/</a></div>        |



Meydan Free Zone

Free zone



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| <div><div>Facilities</div></div> <div><div><b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, coworking</div><div><b>Offices:</b> dedicated offices</div><div><b>Special facilities:</b> business centre, e-signature platform</div><div><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms</div></div> | <div><div>Setup</div></div> <div><div><b>Setup:</b> 1 – 2 weeks</div><div><b>Presence:</b> No</div><div><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Licence AED 12,500 (0 visa) · AED 14,350 (1 visa)</div></div> |
| <div><div>Support</div></div> <div>Meydan Plus e-commerce suite (marketplace integration, payment gateways, bonded warehousing)</div>                                                                                                                                     | <div><div>Contact</div></div> <div>phone : +971 4 777 7222<br/><a href="mailto:setup@meydanfz.ae">setup@meydanfz.ae</a><br/><a href="https://www.meydanfz.ae/">https://www.meydanfz.ae/</a></div>      |



Dubai South (Logistics District)

Free zone



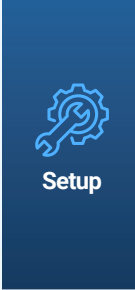
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| <div><div>Supported sectors</div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Software / SaaS</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• FinTech</li><li>• PropTech</li><li>• HealthTech</li></ul></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <div><div>Visas</div></div> <div>Not published (visa information not published)</div>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <div><div>Facilities</div></div> <div><div><b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, dedicated desk</div><div><b>Offices:</b> furnished offices, executive offices</div><div><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> modular warehouses</div><div><b>Land plots:</b> industrial &amp; commercial plots</div><div><b>Special facilities:</b> EZDubai e-commerce hub</div><div><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, business centre</div></div> | <div><div>Setup</div></div> <div><div><b>Setup:</b> ≈3 weeks</div><div><b>Presence:</b> Not published</div><div><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Licence 0-visa AED 12,500 &amp; 1-visa AED 15,950</div><div><b>Notes:</b> Office rent AED 1,300–1,600 / m²</div></div> |
| <div><div>Support</div></div> <div>EZDubai e-commerce cluster (fulfilment partners, customs-bonded zone); logistics innovation hub events</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <div><div>Contact</div></div> <div>Phone : +971 800 76884<br/><a href="mailto:info@dubaisouth.ae">info@dubaisouth.ae</a><br/><a href="https://www.dubaisouth.ae/en">https://www.dubaisouth.ae/en</a></div>                                                              |





**Dubai Studio City**  
Free zone

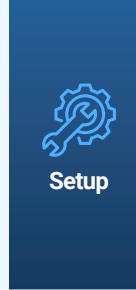
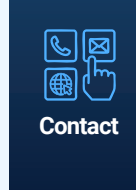


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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gaming</li><li>• Metaverse / Web3</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                       |  <div>Visas</div>   | 1 visa (shared desk)<br>2 visas dedicated desk<br>1 employee per 80 sq ft                                                                                                                                                                      |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, coworking<br><b>Offices:</b> private offices, production suites<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> sound stages, equipment storage<br><b>Special facilities:</b> post-production labs, dubbing studios<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, outdoor courtyard |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> ≈1 week<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Flexi AED 12,000 & Dedicated AED 36,000 & Private AED 54,000                                                                                       |
|  <div>Support</div>           | In5 Media & Gaming access; sound-stage discounts; production-equipment rental; mentor sessions                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  <div>Contact</div> | many contact emails available : <a href="https://dubai-studiocity.ae/connect/contact-us">https://dubai-studiocity.ae/connect/contact-us</a><br>Phone: +971 4 391 4664<br><a href="https://dubaistudiocity.ae/">https://dubaistudiocity.ae/</a> |



**Dubai Production City**  
Free zone

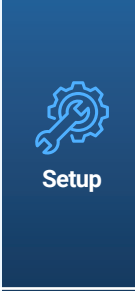
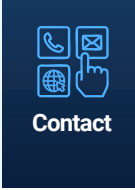


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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Software / SaaS</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  <div>Visas</div>   | 1 visa (shared desk)<br>2 visas (dedicated desk / office)<br>1 employee per 80–100 sq ft                                                                                                      |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, coworking<br><b>Offices:</b> private offices, sound stages<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> printing & packaging units<br><b>Special facilities:</b> media production suites<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, breakout areas |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> ≈1 week<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Flexi AED 12,000 & Dedicated AED 36,000 & Private AED 54,000                                      |
|  <div>Support</div>           | In5 Media incubator; equipment-rental hub; investor meet-ups; publishing & packaging sector networking                                                                                                                                                                   |  <div>Contact</div> | Many contact emails available : <a href="https://dpc.ae/connect/contact-us">https://dpc.ae/connect/contact-us</a><br>Phone : +971 4 391 1122<br><a href="https://dpc.ae/">https://dpc.ae/</a> |



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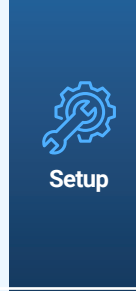
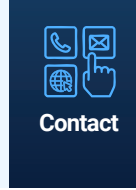


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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li><li>• FinTech</li><li>• PropTech</li><li>• Digital Assets</li><li>• Metaverse / Web3</li><li>• Cyber-security</li><li>• 3D Printing</li></ul> |  <div>Visas</div>   | Trading / Service / Consultancy licences: 0 – 4 visas                                                                   |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, virtual desk<br><b>Offices:</b> shell-and-core, unfurnished offices<br><b>Special facilities:</b> business concierge centre<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms                                      |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> ≈1 week<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Licence (0 visa) AED 12,900 |
|  <div>Support</div>           | IFZA Business Accelerator: partner network, training, marketing support                                                                                                                                                                     |  <div>Contact</div> | Phone: +971 4 228 5285<br><a href="https://ifza.com/en/">https://ifza.com/en/</a>                                       |



**Jebel Ali Free Zone (JAFZA)**  
Free zone



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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3D Printing</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li><li>• FinTech</li><li>• Digital Assets</li><li>• Cyber-security</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                          |  <div>Visas</div>   | 1 visa per 10 m <sup>2</sup><br>Workstation package: up to 2 visas                                                                                                                     |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> coworking space<br><b>Offices:</b> furnished offices, business park units<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> warehouses, light-industrial units<br><b>Land plots:</b> logistics & manufacturing plots<br><b>Special facilities:</b> 3D Printing hub, on-dock logistics<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> ≈2 weeks<br><b>Presence:</b> Yes<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> 26.88 m <sup>2</sup> office AED 52,636<br><b>Notes:</b> Visa guideline 1 visa per 10 m <sup>2</sup> |
|  <div>Support</div>           | On-dock logistics advantages; trade-facilitation services; large industrial & 3-D-printing pilot zone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  <div>Contact</div> | Phone: +971 4 4453270<br><a href="mailto:JafzaCustomerServices@Jafza.ae">JafzaCustomerServices@Jafza.ae</a><br><a href="https://www.jafza.ae/">https://www.jafza.ae/</a>               |





Dubai Science Park

Free zone



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| <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HealthTech</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• 3D Printing</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                      | <div>Visas</div>   | 1 visa (shared desk)<br>2 visas (dedicated desk / office)<br>1 employee per 80 sq ft                                                                     |
| <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, coworking<br><b>Offices:</b> laboratories, light industrial units, offices<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> warehouse units<br><b>Special facilities:</b> wet & dry labs, biotech incubator<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, recreation areas | <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> ≈1 week<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Flexi AED 12,000 & Dedicated AED 36,000 & Private AED 54,000 |
| <div>Support</div>           | In5 Innovation Centre access; MOHAP MoU enabling scientific-office approvals; life-science investor network                                                                                                                                                                               | <div>Contact</div> | Phone: +971 4 390 2222<br><a href="https://dsp.ae/">https://dsp.ae/</a>                                                                                  |



Dubai CommerCity

Free zone



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| <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Software / SaaS</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• FinTech</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                 | <div>Visas</div>   | Fixed-office package: up to 3 visas per desk                                                                                                                                      |
| <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> smart desk, coworking<br><b>Offices:</b> fitted & premium offices, shell-and-core<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> e-commerce warehouses<br><b>Special facilities:</b> fulfilment centre, event hall<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, business lounge | <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> 1 – 2 weeks<br><b>Presence:</b> No<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Smart desk AED 29,000                                                                        |
| <div>Support</div>           | Bonded warehouse & customs duty deferral; e-commerce enablement ecosystem (last-mile partners, digital-commerce labs)                                                                                                                                                                 | <div>Contact</div> | Tel:+971 4 291 9191<br>Email: <a href="mailto:info@dubaicommercity.ae">info@dubaicommercity.ae</a><br><a href="https://dubaimaritimecity.com/">https://dubaimaritimecity.com/</a> |



Dubai World Trade Centre Free Zone (DWTC)

Free zone



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| <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital Assets</li><li>• Software / SaaS</li><li>• Metaverse/Web3</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• FinTech</li><li>• Cybersecurity</li></ul>                                                      | <div>Visas</div>   | Packages with 0 / 1 / 2 / 3 / 5 / 6 / 7 visas<br>Minimum 80 sq ft per visa                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, executive desk<br><b>Offices:</b> standard & flexible offices, serviced business centre<br><b>Special facilities:</b> large event halls, crypto centre<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, conference venues | <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> ≈1 week<br><b>Presence:</b> No<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Not published (multiple visa tiers)                                                                                                                                         |
| <div>Support</div>           | Special licence tracks for Start-ups, Virtual-Assets, Home-Business & Family-Offices; ability to operate virtually from Expo City                                                                                                                    | <div>Contact</div> | customer care : +971 (0)4 389 3999<br><a href="mailto:care@dwtc.com">care@dwtc.com</a><br>Sales: 800DWTC (3982)<br><a href="mailto:sales@dwtc.com">sales@dwtc.com</a><br><a href="https://www.dwtc.com/en/free-zone/">https://www.dwtc.com/en/free-zone/</a> |



Expo City Dubai

Free zone



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| <div>Supported sectors</div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Metaverse/Web3</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence</li><li>• EdTech</li><li>• PropTech</li></ul>                                                                                                           | <div>Visas</div>   | Not published (visa information not published)                                                                                                                                           |
| <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> single desks, coworking, women-only coworking<br><b>Offices:</b> serviced offices, business hubs<br><b>Special facilities:</b> smart-city testbed, innovation campus<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms, event space | <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> 2 – 4 weeks<br><b>Presence:</b> Yes<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Standard office AED 32,000                                                                         |
| <div>Support</div>           | N/P                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <div>Contact</div> | phone : +971 4 577 6308<br><a href="mailto:info@dubaihumanitarian.ae">info@dubaihumanitarian.ae</a><br><a href="https://www.expocitydubai.com/en/">https://www.expocitydubai.com/en/</a> |





Dubai Textile City

Free zone



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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                             |  <div>Visas</div>   | Not published (visa information not published)                                                                  |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Offices:</b> office space above showrooms<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> warehouses, showrooms<br><b>Special facilities:</b> bonded textile hub<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> Not published<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Not published |
|  <div>Support</div>           | TEXMAS membership network; sector trade shows                                                                                                                                                   |  <div>Contact</div> | <a href="https://www.texmas.com/">https://www.texmas.com/</a>                                                   |



Dubai Car & Automotive City (DUCAMZ)

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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                      |  <div>Visas</div>   | Not published (visa information not published)                                                                             |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Offices:</b> standard offices, showrooms<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> warehouses, workshops<br><b>Special facilities:</b> vehicle testing bays<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> customer parking |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> 5 – 6 weeks<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Office/showroom AED 14,500 |
|  <div>Support</div>           | JAFZA land-side privileges: streamlined access to Jebel Ali Port & Dubai airports for vehicle logistics                                                                                             |  <div>Contact</div> | -                                                                                                                          |



DUQE

Free zone



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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | • Software / SaaS                                                                                                                                   |  <div>Visas</div>   | Licence packages with 0 – 6 visas                                                                         |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk, virtual office<br><b>Special facilities:</b> company-formation concierge<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> ≈1 week<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Not published |
|  <div>Support</div>           | Company-formation concierge; agent network for banking, PRO and legal services                                                                      |  <div>Contact</div> | Phone: +97148716555<br><a href="https://www.duqe.ae/">https://www.duqe.ae/</a>                            |



Dubai Gold & Diamond Park

Free zone



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|  <div>Supported sectors</div> | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  <div>Visas</div>   | Not published (visa information not published)                                                                  |
|  <div>Facilities</div>        | <b>Desk options:</b> flexi-desk (Business Centre)<br><b>Offices:</b> gem-trading offices<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> jewellery manufacturing workshops<br><b>Special facilities:</b> retail souk for gold & gems<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> secure vaulting, meeting rooms |  <div>Setup</div>   | <b>Setup:</b> Not published<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Not published |
|  <div>Support</div>           | JAFZA membership benefits (customs facilitation, logistics corridors); gem-trading events                                                                                                                                                                                         |  <div>Contact</div> | -                                                                                                               |



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| <div><div>Facilities</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Desk options:</b> executive desk<br><b>Offices:</b> business-centre offices<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> humanitarian logistics warehouses<br><b>Special facilities:</b> global relief hub<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> conference facilities | <div><div>Setup</div></div>   | <b>Setup:</b> 2 – 4 weeks<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Small office (200 sq ft) AED 20,000 |
| <div><div>Support</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                        | Not published                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <div><div>Contact</div></div> | phone : +971 4 367 1771<br><a href="https://dubaihumanitarian.ae/">https://dubaihumanitarian.ae/</a>                                |

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| <div><div>Supported sectors</div></div>                                                                                                                                                    | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <div><div>Visas</div></div>   | Not published (visa information not published)                                                                                      |
| <div><div>Facilities</div></div>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Offices:</b> maritime offices<br><b>Warehouse / industrial:</b> industrial units, ship-repair yard, workshops<br><b>Land plots:</b> dry-dock plots<br><b>Special facilities:</b> yacht-manufacturing zone<br><b>Shared amenities:</b> meeting rooms | <div><div>Setup</div></div>   | <b>Setup:</b> 2 – 4 weeks<br><b>Presence:</b> Not published<br><b>Entry package &amp; cost:</b> Small office (200 sq ft) AED 20,000 |
| <div><div>Support</div></div>                                                                                                                                                              | Not published                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <div><div>Contact</div></div> | phone : +971 4 367 1771<br><a href="https://dubaihumanitarian.ae/">https://dubaihumanitarian.ae/</a>                                |









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