

## Why

# IQ-EQ UAE

The spectacular transformation of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) over the past few decades had led to its recognition as a leading hub for the global business and investing community and represents a key strategic market for IQ-EQ. In 2023, we established a physical presence in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) and Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM), both leading international financial centres that have grown strongly and continue to witness healthy double-digit growth. Our DIFC and ADGM offices complement our global offices in servicing clients and offer a comprehensive range of services across multiple alternative asset classes and entity types, spanning financial service / investment firms, family offices / HNWI / UHNWI's, MNC's and institutions.



- Ranked 16<sup>th</sup> globally in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Report 2020
- 8<sup>th</sup> globally and 1<sup>st</sup> regionally in Kearney's Foreign Direct Investment Confidence Index
- No. 1 Arab country in the FinxAr Index, which assesses fintech adoption efforts
- 25<sup>th</sup> most competitive economy globally in the Global Competitiveness Report 2019, leading the MENA region
- State of the art industrial and commercial areas, with more than 40 free zones that allow 100% foreign ownership of business

## Establish your investment structures in UAE's international financial centres

Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)	Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Leading financial hub for the Middle East, Africa and South Asia region, over 20-year track record</li><li>● Unique legal and regulatory framework based on international standards tailored to the region's unique needs</li><li>● Family Wealth Centre providing best-in-class, unique and tailored services for family businesses and UHNWIs</li><li>● Developed its own body of case law and regulations based on common law principles</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Abu Dhabi, wherein AGDM is domiciled, is home to some of the world's largest sovereign wealth funds, providing strong access to capital</li><li>● Provides transparency, efficiency and integrity through its progressive frameworks and future focused infrastructure, thereby creating a platform for success</li><li>● Stellar performance, fastest growing financial centre in the region for two consecutive years</li><li>● Provides for direct application of English common law</li></ul>

The DIFC and ADGM are both ecosystems by themselves with their respective independent registration authorities, regulators and courts, providing confidence in the operating and legal system to the global investing community.

## Why choose IQ-EQ

**Holistic offering:** We understand that you have needs across the different segments and asset classes, we can provide one of the most complete sets of offerings for alternative asset managers, asset owners in the market

**Global network:** You have structures and investments' needs across the globe and we can accompany you by delivering expertise across each of our 24 jurisdictions

**Proprietary technology solutions:** Technology is a key component of your strategy and we have developed our own technology solutions such as MaxComply our RegTech system and IQ-EQ Cosmos, our multi-asset class portfolio monitoring platform

**ESG solutions:** To help you to be in line with ESG regulations, we have developed a comprehensive ESG solution for asset managers, investors, and their portfolio companies

## How IQ-EQ can help

Customised entity setup and ongoing support solutions to give you peace of mind that your business and personal investment needs are being well looked after. We liaise with various other stakeholders including banks, law firms, auditors and assist to structure and outsource your administrative needs for efficient operations.

Segments	Our expertise	Our services
 <p><b>Fund and Asset Managers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private equity</li> <li>Real estate</li> <li>Infrastructure</li> <li>Private debt/credit</li> <li>Digital assets</li> </ul>	<p><b>Legal entity establishment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UAE financial and non-financial entity incorporation and administration</li> <li>Regulatory licensing support in the DIFC and ADGM</li> <li>DIFC and ADGM foundation formation</li> <li>DIFC and ADGM family office establishment</li> <li>Global governance structures through the IQ-EQ international framework</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Asset Owners</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundations</li> <li>Family offices</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ongoing operational support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family office services</li> <li>Corporate secretarial services</li> <li>Accounting and audit support</li> </ul> <p><b>Tax compliance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UAE VAT compliance</li> <li>UAE corporate tax compliance</li> </ul> <p><b>Regulatory compliance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outsourced Compliance Officer</li> <li>Outsourced MLRO</li> <li>Outsourced Chief Finance Officer</li> <li>FATCA/CRS compliance</li> <li>ESG/ESR compliance support</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Debt, Capital Market and Corporates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate services</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fund administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close ended fund administration</li> <li>Open ended and liquid funds</li> <li>Account opening support for alternative assets bank account requirements</li> </ul>

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## Key facts and figures\*

People	Jurisdictions	Assets under administration	Minimum senior team experience	Funds under administration
<b>6500<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$857bn</b>	<b>20yrs</b>	<b>800<sup>+</sup></b>

## Our locations worldwide

### APAC

Australia  
Hong Kong  
India  
Japan  
Mainland China  
New Zealand  
The Philippines  
Singapore

### AMERICAS

Cayman Islands  
Curaçao  
United States

### EMEA

Belgium  
Cyprus  
France  
Guernsey  
Ireland  
Isle of Man  
Jersey  
Luxembourg  
Mauritius  
The Netherlands  
South Africa  
Switzerland  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom



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