

Registration Authority

Checklist – Foundation Continuance to ADGM

CONTINUANCE OF FOUNDATION to ADGM - STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Continuance

Standard Requirements	Useful Links
Legal Personality	Foundations Regulations
 Confirmation that the Foundation has legal personality in the original jurisdiction. Noting that it is otherwise not eligible for continuance to ADGM. 	
Declaration	Foundations Regulations
The following confirmations must be provided, noting that the Foundation is not eligible for continuance to ADGM if any of these statements are true.	
 Is Foundation applying for continuance within ADGM a bankrupt; or in the process of being dissolved? Has a receiver, manager or administrator (by whatever name any such person is called) been appointed, whether by a court or in some other manner, in respect of any property of the applicant for continuance within the ADGM? Has any application been made to any court to commence insolvency proceedings? Has any application been made to any court to approve any arrangement with creditors; or appoint any liquidator, receiver or manager? 	

Details of Foundation in Original Jurisdiction

Standard Requirements	Useful Links
Certificate of Establishment of Foundation in Original Jurisdiction	Foundations Regulations
 Recently certified as a true copy by one of the incumbent directors or company secretary, or registered agent, not more than three months ago, foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language 	
Evidence of legal personality in Original Jurisdiction	Foundations Regulations
 Evidence (such as legal opinion), satisfactory to the Registrar, that the foundation has legal personality in its current jurisdiction of registration. 	

 Recently certified as a true copy by one of the incumbent directors or company secretary, or registered agent, not more than three months ago, foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language 	
Evidence of Authorisation	Foundations Regulations
 Evidence that migration is permitted under the law in which the Foundation is established 	
Declaration of Compliance	Foundations Regulations
 Declaration that the Foundation is in compliance with the ADGM Foundations Regulations Declaration of compliance signed by the applicant that all requirements of the ADGM Foundations Regulations relating to registration have been fulfilled 	
Confirmation from the Registrar in Original Jurisdiction	Foundations Regulations
 confirmation that, on the date of registration, the Foundation will cease to be established and registered under the law of any place other than the Abu Dhabi Global Market 	
Council's Certificate of Solvency	Foundations Regulations
 Council's Certificate stating that the foundation is solvent, that there is no reasonable prospect of the foundation becoming insolvent at the time of the application, and there are no applications made to any court (a) to put the foundation into liquidation, (b) to wind up the foundation, (c) to have the foundation declared insolvent or (d) for the appointment of a receiver in relation to any property of the foundation. 	
Foundation Charter from home jurisdiction	
 a copy of the Foundation's existing Charter and, if different, a copy of the amended Charter which will apply immediately upon its registration in the Abu Dhabi Global Market and which must comply with the ADGM Foundations Regulations 	

FOUNDATION (NON-EXEMPT) - Application Requirements

Standard Requirements	Useful Links

Foundation Purpose Statement	Foundation Application Process
 Please attach a statement from the applicant's company service provider to clarify the purpose of registering the foundation in ADGM, the objects of the foundation, the assets to be held, relationship between the parties and reasons for selecting the ADGM RA as a jurisdiction of choice. Documentary evidence of the target asset must be provided in the form of commercial license copies, title deed copies etc. (depending on the nature of the target asset) foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language) 	
Choose a Foundation name.	www.registration.adgm.com
 The name of a Foundation shall end with the word "Foundation" Search if the Foundation name is still available Refer: Business and Company Name Rules 	Business and Company Name Rules
Foundation End Term	Foundations Regulations
 Please state the term for which the Foundation is established, if any, or the details of any contingent event which will trigger the dissolution of the Foundation. A Foundation may be of unlimited duration subject to section 40 of the Regulations 	
Amount of initial asset (in USD)	Foundations Regulations
 Provide the initial asset of the foundation. The asset of the foundation may comprise of tangible or intangible property. In order to be registered by the Registrar, the Charter must require the Foundation to have Initial Assets with a value of 100 US dollars or its equivalent in any other currency (as per s13 of the Foundations Regulations) 	
Select the accounting reference date/end of the fiscal year. (standard: 31 December)	
Foundation Charter	Foundation Application Process
 Model Foundation Charter is available on the ADGM website but this can be amended or bespoke charter uploaded, provided the applicant can confirm that these are 	

compliant with the ADGM Foundations Regulations and subordinate legislation - Evidence of signing authority must be provided for body corporate founders as described in the founders section	
 Foundation By-Laws Model Foundation By-Laws are available on the ADGM website but this can be amended or bespoke By-Laws uploaded, provided the applicant can confirm that these are compliant with the ADGM Foundations Regulations and subordinate legislation This will not be subject to public disclosure but is required as a supporting document for the ADGM RA review process Evidence of signing authority must be provided for body corporate founders as described in the founders section 	Foundation Application Process
Consent Letter for registered office address provision from ADGM registered Company Service Provider (template available on the ADGM website)	Foundation Application Process
- Under ADGM's CSP Framework, setting up and maintaining a non-exempt foundation requires an ADGM licensed Company Service Provider. - Company Service Provider – Appointment Form – Foundations duly executed by the applicant and the appointed Company Service Provider - Company Service Provider must be in good standing	List of ADGM Registered Company Service Providers Guidance and Resources for SPVs
- Must be individual - At least one individual - At least one of the appointed signatories must be a UAE national, GCC national or hold a valid UAE residence visa. (Individuals who never entered the UAE cannot be appointed as authorised signatories because security clearance from the immigration authorities cannot be processed). Individual - Personal Details	Foundation Application Process Nominee Arrangement Confirmation Form – Role Holder – Nominee Foundation

Service Address Passport copies of all current and past nationalities Emirates ID (applicable to UAE nationals) Evidence of Appointment (this is the resolution for incorporation signed by all founding members, which includes the appointment of the authorised signatories – template is available on the ADGM website) **Nominee Arrangement Confirmation Form** Required if any of the signatories holds the role on behalf of someone else (if no nominee arrangement is in place, this form is not required) Form is available on the ADGM website Upload completed and signed form to the Supporting Documents section of the online application form along with passport copy of the person on whose behalf the nominee is acting **Foundation Council Members** Foundation Application **Process** At least two council members must be appointed Can be individual or Body Corporate Nominee Arrangement A Council Member cannot be the same as a Guardian Confirmation Form - Role Holder - Nominee Foundation and vice versa A Council member can be the same person as a Founder Individual Personal Details Service Address Residential Address Passport copies of all current and past nationalities Proof of Residential Address (not more than 3 months old, in the English language) Evidence of Appointment (this is the resolution signed by the founder(s), which includes the appointment of the council members - template is available on the ADGM website) **Body Corporate Entity Details** Registered Office Address Certificate of Incorporation/Registration (foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language) Register of members recently certified as a true copy by one of the incumbent directors or company secretary, or registered agent, not more than three months ago, foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language Register of directors (recently certified as a true copy by one of the incumbent directors or company secretary, or

registered agent, not more than three months ago, foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language) Evidence of Appointment (this is the resolution signed by the founders, which includes the appointment of the council members – template is available on the ADGM website) **Nominee Arrangement Confirmation Form** Confirm if any of the council members holds the role on behalf of someone else by filling up this form (if no nominee arrangement is in place, this form is not required) Form is available on the ADGM website Upload completed and signed form to the Supporting Documents section of the online application form along with passport copy of the person on whose behalf the nominee is acting Founder Foundation Application **Process** At least 1 founder must be appointed Can be individual or Body Corporate Nominee Arrangement Confirmation Form - Role Holder - Nominee Foundation Individual Personal Details Service Address Residential Address Passport copies of all current and past nationalities Proof of Residential Address (not more than 3 months old, in the English language) Evidence of Appointment (this is the resolution signed by the founder(s), or the Foundation Charter (signed by the Founder) **Body Corporate Entity Details** Registered Office Address Certificate of Incorporation/Registration (foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language) Register of members recently (certified as a true copy by one of the incumbent directors or company secretary, or registered agent, not more than three months ago, foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language) Register of directors (recently certified as a true copy by one of the incumbent directors or company secretary, or

registered agent, not more than three months ago, foreign

language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language) Evidence of Appointment (this is the resolution signed by the founder(s), or the Foundation Charter (signed by the Founder) **Nominee Arrangement Confirmation Form** Confirm if any of the founders holds the role on behalf of someone else by filling up this form (if no nominee arrangement is in place, this form is not required) Form is available on the ADGM website Upload completed and signed form to the Supporting Documents section of the online application form along with passport copy of the person on whose behalf the nominee is acting Guardian (optional appointment) Foundation Application **Process** Appointment of a Guardian is optional if any Founder is alive. Upon the death of the last standing Founder, Nominee Arrangement Confirmation Form - Role appointment of the Guardian becomes compulsory. A Guardian can be the same person as a founder or a Holder - Nominee Foundation beneficiary, but a sole beneficiary may not be appointed as a Guardian i.e. If there is only 1 active Beneficiary, that same person cannot be a Guardian. Can be individual or Body Corporate Individual Personal Details Service Address Residential Address Passport copies of all current and past nationalities Proof of Residential Address (not more than 3 months old, in the English language) Evidence of Appointment (this is the resolution signed by the founder(s), which includes the appointment of the Guardian(s) - template is available on the ADGM website) **Body Corporate Entity Details** Registered Office Address Certificate of Incorporation/Registration (foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language) Register of members recently (certified as a true copy by one of the incumbent directors or company secretary, or registered agent, not more than three months ago, foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language)

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- - -	Nominee Arrangement Confirmation Form Confirm if any of the Guardians holds the role on behalf of someone else by filling up this form (if no nominee arrangement is in place, this form is not required) Form is available on the ADGM website Upload completed and signed form to the Supporting Documents section of the online application form along with passport copy of the person on whose behalf the nominee is acting	
Desig	nee (optional appointment)	Foundation Application
-	Appointment of a Designee is compulsory only if a Beneficiary is not nominated by the Foundation. Can be individual or Body Corporate	Nominee Arrangement Confirmation Form – Role Holder – Nominee Foundation
- - - -	Individual Personal Details Service Address Residential Address Passport copies of all current and past nationalities Proof of Residential Address (not more than 3 months old, in the English language) Evidence of Appointment (this is the resolution signed by the founder(s), which includes the appointment of the council members – template is available on the ADGM website)	
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Nominee Arrangement Confirmation Form Confirm if any of the designee(s) holds the role on behalf of someone else by filling up this form (if no nominee arrangement is in place, this form is not required) Form is available on the ADGM website Upload completed and signed form to the Supporting Documents section of the online application form along with passport copy of the person on whose behalf the nominee is acting	
Ultimate Beneficial Owners (including Beneficiaries details, if Beneficiaries are named in the By-Laws) - Please refer to the ADGM Beneficial Ownership and Control Regulations, Meaning of beneficial owner: foundations or similar arrangements - Can be individual or Body Corporate	Beneficial Ownership and Control Regulations Guidance – Beneficial Ownership and Control
 Document of Beneficial Ownership Distribution (this can be the foundation's group chart) Individual Personal Details Service Address 	
 Passport copies of all current and past nationalities Body Corporate Entity Details Registered Office Address Certificate of Incorporation/Registration (foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language) 	
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registered agent, not more than three months ago, foreign language documents must be accompanied by certified legal translation to the English language) Nominee Arrangement Confirmation Form Required if any of the foundation members holds the role on behalf of someone else (if no nominee arrangement is in place, this form is not required) Form is available on the ADGM website Upload completed and signed form to the Supporting	
Documents section of the online application form along with passport copy of the person on whose behalf the nominee is acting	
Data Protection and Data Protection Contact Person	Guidance - Data Protection
 Must provide details of the contact person Complete all applicable questions Refer: Data Protection Guidance Note 	
DP Contact Person - Personal Details - Service Address and contact details	
Source of wealth Declaration Form - With relevant supporting documents may be requested by the ADGM RA depending on the risk rating attributed to the application form	Sources of Wealth Declaration Form

FOUNDATION (NON-EXEMPT) – FEES FOR CONTINUANCE TO ADGM

Description	Amount
Continuation to ADGM	USD 500
Data Protection	USD 300
Total	USD 800
Please note that the above fees are excluding the following: - Company Service Provider Fees - Fees for provision of registered office address from the Company Service Provider	

For further information, please access the ADGM RA Schedule of	
<u>Fees</u>	

ANNUAL RENEWAL FEES - FOUNDATION (NON-EXEMPT)

Description	Amount
Renewal of Commercial License of a Foundation	USD 200
Data Protection Annual Renewal	USD 300
Annual Accounts Filing	-
Total	USD 500
Please note that the above fees are excluding the following: - Company Service Provider Fees - Fees for provision of registered office address from the Company Service Provider	
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