

## ADGM – The world’s newest international financial centre

Abu Dhabi Global Market (“ADGM”), an international financial centre in the capital of the United Arab Emirates, fully opened for business on 21st October 2015. At the heart of its strategy is the spirit of long-term partnership and collaboration – locally, regionally and internationally.

A financial free zone, ADGM is an independent jurisdiction encompassing the entire 114 hectares (1.14 sqkm) of Al Maryah Island with rules and regulations aligned with international best practice.

ADGM’s three independent authorities provide a holistic environment enabling registered companies to conduct and operate with confidence.

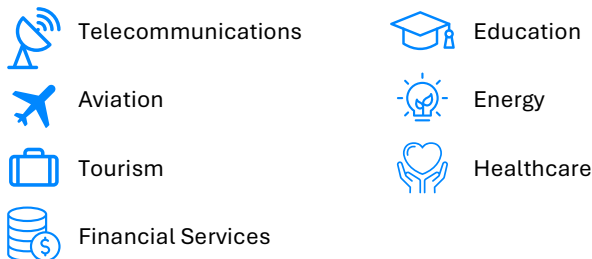
- The **Registration Authority** is responsible for registering and incorporating companies and supporting the community.
- The **Financial Services Regulatory Authority** regulates all financial services on the island
- **ADGM Courts** provides a legislative framework based on English Common law drawing on a well-established set of precedents

## ABU DHABI The economic powerhouse of the UAE

Abu Dhabi is the capital and seat of government of the UAE and the largest of the seven emirates.

- The Emirate has a successful financial heritage with a well-diversified portfolio across asset classes, geographies and sectors.
- Alongside financial services, growth is actively encouraged in a number of key sectors.

### ENGINES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH & DIVERSIFICATION



This committed focus on diversification provides enormous opportunities across the range of financial and professional services that will facilitate and benefit from economic growth

### ABU DHABI QUICK FACTS

**9%** Owns 9% of the world’s proven **oil reserves**

**5%** Owns 5% of the world’s **gas reserves**

**Two thirds** of the approx \$400 BN economy of UAE

**Per capita GDP** of \$97,000

**Average GDP growth** of **11% p.a.** since 2005

**54%** of GDP from non-oil & gas sectors

**65%** **Largest emirate**, comprising 65% of the total land area



Stable inflation rate of **3.2%**



In 2024, Abu Dhabi achieved a record GDP of \$326 billion

**54%** of Abu Dhabi’s economy is driven by **non-oil sectors**



Ranked as the **world’s safest city** in 2024



Home to 3 of the largest institutions in the world.

## WHY ADGM?

**100%**  
foreign ownership

**COMPETITIVE TAX**  
treatment

**NO RESTRICTIONS**  
on repatriation of profits

**9500+**  
Registered licenses

**COMMON LAW**  
jurisdiction

**EASE**  
of doing business

**FULLY AUTOMATED**  
application process

**25,000+**  
Workforce



# ADGM - A modern & business-friendly environment

## Where businesses spend more time doing what they do best - business.

The **Registration Authority** guides and supports companies through application and set-up. It also provides a range of services to facilitate market entry, growth and the emergence of a vibrant, sustainably successful business community.

A dedicated Business Development team is supported by a **Registration & Incorporation** team who review and process all applications and a **Corporate Relations** team who facilitate all immigration and medical testing requirements.

In its commitment to service excellence, ADGM also has a **Client Experience** team dedicated to listening to any feedback organisations may have regarding the application process, availability of information and any suggestions for improvements.

- ✓ **FAST & EFFICIENT REGISTRATION**
- ✓ **TRANSPARENT PRICING SYSTEM**
- ✓ **FULLY DIGITAL APPLICATION**
- ✓ **ALL SERVICES IN-HOUSE**
- ✓ **EVERYONE WELCOME & TREATED THE SAME**

## Benefits of ADGM

### LEGAL AND REGULATORY

- Firms recognised as registered UAE firms
- 100% foreign ownership
- Common law jurisdiction
- Best-in-class independent regulatory framework
- Variety of legal structures available

### TAX ENVIRONMENT

- 0-9% tax
- No withholding of taxes or VAT
- No restrictions on repatriation of profits
- Growing number of Double Tax Treaties (68 in force and 26 in progress)

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Grade 'A' offices and modern infrastructure
- Global connectivity through world-class airlines
- Leading hotels, healthcare and lifestyle amenities

### OPERATIONAL

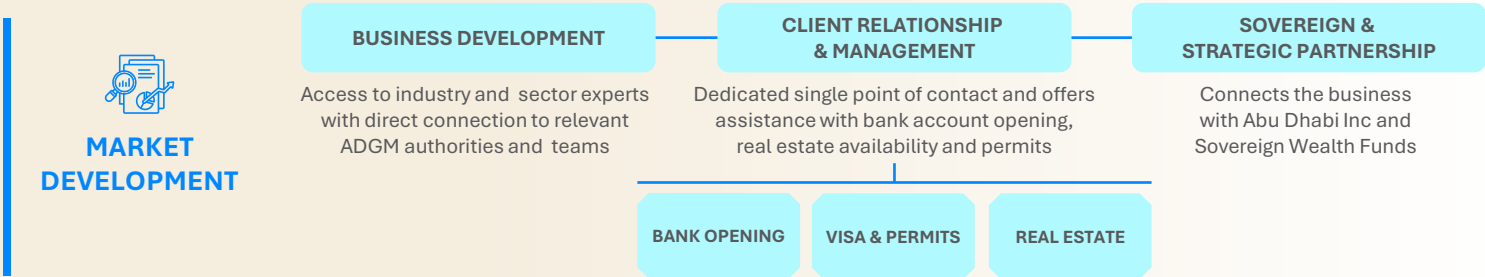
- Efficient digital process and procedures
- Support with permits and government services
- A deep pool of skilled professionals

**1<sup>st</sup> time**  
in the Middle East

Common law of England and Wales directly applicable on civil and commercial matters



## Operating in ADGM



## ADGM, Al Maryah and Al Reem islands






At the crossroads of East meets West Abu Dhabi has it all

ADGM SQUARE	RETAIL	HOTEL	RESIDENTIAL	HEALTHCARE	EDUCATION
ADGM Square is at the heart of the IFC. The landmark ADGM Authorities Building is flanked by four Grade A office towers.	ADGM is home to the Galleria and Reem Malls. Unique lifestyle destinations anchored by iconic brands with many retail and dining options.	Two luxury hotels, the Rosewood and Four Seasons Hotels flank ADGM Square and cater to the discerning needs of travelers and visitors.	An exclusive residential community with luxury amenities makes the Maryah Island the ultimate address in Abu Dhabi.	Access to the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi Hospital and Reem Hospital.	Nearby education facilities include Nord Anglia Education and Repton school, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi.

# Family Offices Value Proposition

## Your Premier Hub for Wealth and Legacy Management

A **Single Family Office** is a private entity established by a single UHNWI family to exclusively manage and oversee the family’s personal and financial affairs. This typically includes investment management, tax planning, legal coordination, estate planning, and other administrative and lifestyle related services.

	<b>WEALTH MANAGEMENT</b>	Providing a broad range of services all under one legal entity including asset management, investment portfolios, funds, and property management taking an integrative approach that combines cash, asset and risk management.
	<b>ADVISORY</b>	Family offices provide planning, legal, insurance, real estate and charitable advice with a collaborative approach, bringing the accumulated buying power of the family under one roof.
	<b>SUCCESSION</b>	Educating the next generation in the handling and management of wealth, giving them opportunities to be part of the bigger picture, training them and resolving problems before they arise through a family charter.
	<b>TAX</b>	Tax structuring is a key component of the family office. Families can locate in a tax friendly jurisdiction and ensure their personal income is optimized to ensure the wealth is not diminished.
	<b>LIFESTYLE ISSUES</b>	A family office can also handle more personal matters, such as private schooling, travel arrangements, household management and any other concierge service that the family may need.

### FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES

#### Restricted Scope Company

- Limits disclosure of public information to office address and name of company.

#### ADGM Foundation

- A legal entity which splits legal ownership into the foundation with proceed entitlement to beneficiaries. Utilized also for succession planning with flexibility and governance.

#### ADGM SPV

- A passive legal entity to invest and hold assets, thus allowing for ring fencing of assets and liabilities.

#### ADGM Trusts

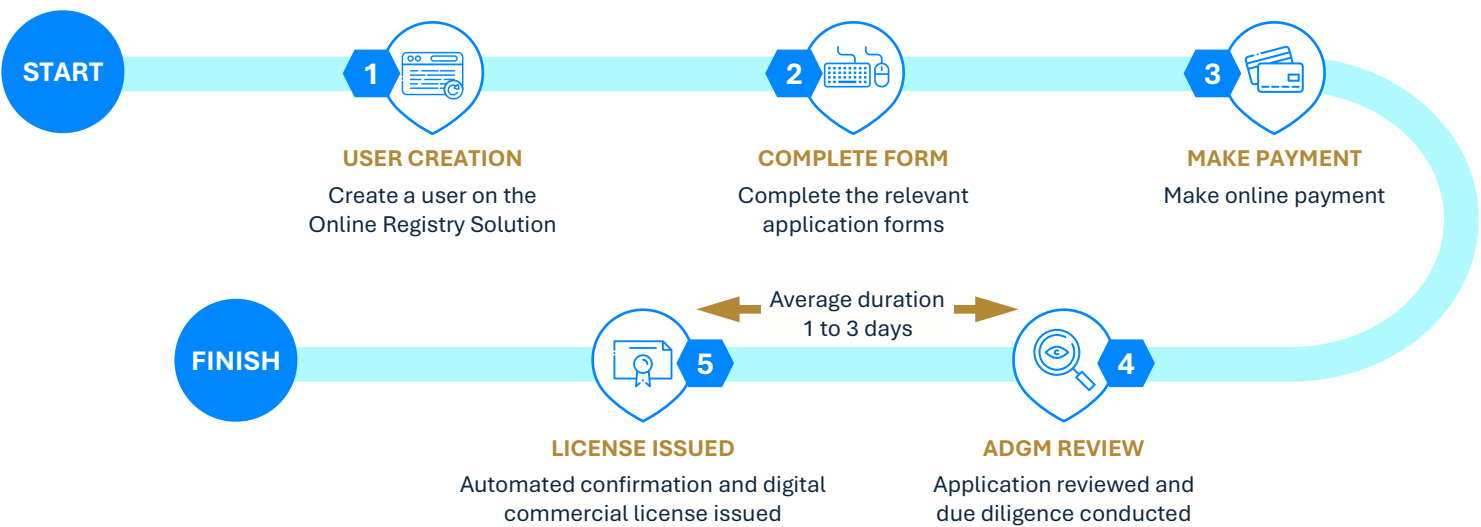
- A three-way contract managed by a Trustee for the beneficiaries. ADGM provides the regulatory framework for Trusts.

### EFFICIENT & COST-EFFECTIVE SETUP

- Streamlined process:  
2-3 weeks for obtaining commercial license.
- No capital requirement.

### WIDE RANGE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

- Private Wealth Managers
- Legal and Trust Advisory Firms
- Fiduciary and Corporate Service Providers
- Tax and Estate Planning Experts
- Investment Advisory Firms
- Family Governance Consultants



#### GETTING STARTED GUIDE FSRA

For firms exploring regulated activities, the below resources provide a comprehensive overview of the licensing journey



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