ABU DHABI GLOBAL MARKET
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ADGM FUNDS PASSPORTING FRAMEWORK

Introducing the UAE-wide Fund Passporting Regime

Building on ADGM's robust world-class funds regime, ADGM-based Fund Managers can now take advantage of the Fund Passporting Regime enabling the efficient distribution of qualifying ADGM funds throughout the UAE. Cooperation amongst the FSRA (Financial Services Regulatory Authority), UAE Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) and the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) allows the promotion of domestic funds across all three UAE jurisdictions without obtaining multiple regulatory licenses or engaging multiple promotion agents.

Once registered with the Fund Passporting Regime, an ADGM fund can offer to UAE-based investors outside of ADGM, without the need for multiple regulatory licenses, the services of placement agents outside ADGM or reliance upon narrow reverse solicitation exceptions. This capability adds to ADGM's fund regime by enhancing fund distribution and reducing regulatory complexity for ADGM Fund Managers.

Key Features and Requirements

Applies to funds established in ADGM and managed by ADGM-based Fund Managers

- Public funds can be marketed to retail and made available by public offer.
- Private funds (Exempt Funds / QIF) can be marketed to Professional clients by way of private placement.

Registration requirements

- Funds established in ADGM must comply with the Fund Rules as well as Fund Passporting Rules, which are aligned.
- The Fund Manager must adhere to ADGM requirements, and will operate under exclusive FSRA supervision.

Notification
Marketing in UAE outside ADGM may commence following notification / registration along with payment of the registration fee.

Custodian
Public passported funds must appoint an SCA-licensed custodian.

Prospectus Content
The fund prospectus should comply with the ADGM Fund Rules, including a specific passporting disclaimer.

Non-Mandatory
Enrolment of a fund in the Passporting Regime remains optional for funds promoted only in ADGM, offered by reverse solicitation or distributed outside the UAE.

Benefits of Fund Passporting

- ✓ UAE - wide fund promotion with single regulatory license
- ✓ Reduced placement cost
- ✓ Single point of compliance and reporting
- ✓ Ability to approach UAE investors directly
- ✓ Access to wider investor pool

Fund Passporting Registration Fees

Registration Fee	Annual Fee
US$ 9,500	US$ 2,000

1) Fees are payable at sub-fund level.
2) FSRA will waive all other Fund Notification and Registration fees for funds that register for the passport at the time of initial notification or registration.

Registration of Funds at ADGM- Efficient and Easy

Registering a fund is quick and efficient. Once the application is received, the FSRA will notify the host jurisdiction(s) within 5 business days following notification

Fund Manager completes a notification form and submits to FSRA → **FSRA invoices Fund Manager & Fund Manager pays fee** → FSRA notifies host jurisdiction(s) → **Update of registers of passported funds by both FSRA and host jurisdiction(s)** → FSRA notifies Fund Manager of completion of process → **Registration completed - promotion of fund may commence**

Why ADGM?

WORLD CLASS INSTITUTIONS AND ADVISORS

- Access to a growing ecosystem of finance, services and talent
- Home to the world's leading professional advisory firms

LEGAL AND REGULATORY

- An independent jurisdiction with its own civil and commercial laws
- Common law directly applicable providing high levels of legal certainty
- Flexibility for additional amendments to regulations as required
- Independent ADGM Courts
- Use of standard form transactional documentation for increased efficiency

TAX ENVIRONMENT

- %0 personal and coporate income tax
- No withholding of taxes
- No restrictions on repatriation of profits
- Double Tax Treaties with over 90 Countries

EFFICIENT PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

- Fully digital application
- Support with visas and government services

INFRASTRUCTURE

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

ADGM - The International Financial Centre Made for Business

Abu Dhabi Global Market, an international financial centre in the capital of the United Arab Emirates, fully opened for business on 21st October 2015. A financial free zone, ADGM is an independent jurisdiction encompassing the entire 114 hectares (1.14 sq km) of Al Maryah Island with rules and regulations aligned with international best practice. ADGM's three independent authorities (Registration Authority, Financial Services Regulatory Authority and the ADGM Courts) provide a holistic environment enabling registered companies to conduct business and operate with confidence.

ABU DHABI QUICK FACTS

- Accounts for 3/2 of the approx **400$ BN** economy of UAE
- Per capita GDP of **73,000$**
- Average GDP growth of **%11 p.a.** since 2005
- Owns %9 of the **world's proven oil reserves**
- Owns %5 of the **world's gas reserves**
- Stable inflation rate of **%2**
- %50 of GDP from **non-oil & gas sectors**

Skyline of Al Maryah Island, Abu Dhabi's International Financial Centre

Require more information?

The FSRA team is available to provide more information on our Funds Passporting Regime. To find out more, please feel free to contact us.

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