

# INVESTOR GUIDE

YOUR GATEWAY TO GROWTH





Dubai is one of the most diverse cosmopolitan cities in the world and has become a center of trade and commerce for the entire region.

- Located strategically with easy accessibility to major emerging economies between the east & west regions
- Growing and diverse economy
- World's busiest airport for international passengers
- World-class infrastructure
- Safe place to live and do business
- Business friendly government policies
- Destination for global events
- 200+ Nationalities living in Dubai
- Home to renowned multinational companies
- Diversified and skilled manpower
- Innovation and knowledge hub



DUBAI AIRPORT FREEZONE IS A DYNAMIC BUSINESS HUB LOCATED AT THE VERY HEART OF GLOBAL TRADE.

Benefitting from direct access to the world's busiest international airport, DAFZ offers the ideal gateway to the Middle East and also unrivalled connectivity to Europe, the Indian Subcontinent and the Far East.

DAFZ is now home to more than 2.700 registered companies and 20,000 professionals, who benefit from a business-focused regulatory and tax environment that offers total ownership, full repatriation of earnings and a range of world-class facilities.

Join us and make DAFZ the launch-pad for your expansion into the world's most enterprising region.



Established in 1996



Registered companies 2,700+



Freezone employees 20,000+



DAFZ contribution to Dubai's foreign trade in 2021 is **11.4%** 



Designated zone exempted from corporate tax\*



#### **Vision**

The free zone that goes beyond.

#### **Mission**

Adding value to UAE economy by providing smart solutions that attract global investors, through innovation and a customer centric environment driven by a passionate entrepreneurial team.

#### **Values**

#### **Customer:**

Add value to our customers

#### People:

We strive for happy people

#### Innovation:

Foster innovation

#### Team work:

Together we achieve more

#### Integrity:

Good governance

#### **Corporate National Responsibility:**

We enrich the society

### EXPLORE YOUR

# COMPETITIVE



Customs duty and VAT exempted zone with 24/7 cargo clearance



**Adjacent to DXB** 

The most internationally connected airport



#### **Streamlined Business Operation**

- ▶ Comprehensive digital onboarding and setup
- ▶ 100% Foreign Company Ownership
- ▶ 100% Capital and Profits Repatriation
- ► No Currency and Employment Restrictions
- ▶ No corporate tax
- No income tax

#### **Bonded Logistics**

customs operation and rapid



#### **Innovative Solutions**

Smart services platform for all business and administrative purposes



#### **Customer First**

**Customer-Centric operations** and environment



#### **Multi-Industry Zone**

Hosting companies of all sizes





#### **Top Global Brands**

Home to key fortune 500 companies



#### Office Solution

Choose from an office size to suit your business ambitions



#### Investor-oriented

management, fast and efficent business set-up solutions



#### World class

infrastructure and

























































### Step 1: Choose your License

**Trade License:** This type of licence allows the holder to carry out trading activities, including import, export, re-export, distribution and storage of specific products.

You can also opt for an E-commerce license (holders are entitled to trade of goods and service online)

**Service License:** A service license is geared towards service-oriented businesses and enables an entity to provide services specified in the license.

Industrial License: An industrial license allows the holder to carry out light manufacturing industrial activities, packaging and assembling.

**General Trading License:** A general trading license allows the holder to trade in general activities including import, export, re-export, store and distribute.

**Dual License with DET:** This license allows DAFZ companies to apply for DET license without physical office space in the mainland. The business can operate out of DAFZ.

Talent Pass License: This license allows individuals to conduct their freelancing activities within the media, technology, or education industries. It includes benefits such as a visa entitlement and the possibility of leasing a smart office.



#### Step 2: Choose your Company Type

#### **Branch:**

- Representative office
- A foreign company can set up a branch of its existing company in DAFZ
- No share capital required

#### **PLC**

- A public limited company with limited liability
- No limit of shares holders
- This type of entity is suited to a company that wishes to list and/or offer its shares (IPO) on a securities market

#### **Freezone Company**

- A company established in the Freezone
- Formed with 1-50 shareholders (individual or non-individual)
- A minimum share capital of AED 1 (USD 0.27) is required

#### Step 3: Choose your Space

DAFZ offers:

- Office spaces
- Warehouse / Industrial space
- Cold Storage



Whether your business needs a ready to move in space or you wish to create your own company environment, our turnkey solution from fit-out to furnishing is highly recommended where you can choose the location and customize your office looks with variety of floor plans that suits your needs.

Office area: 25 sq.m.

Minimum 2 employment visas



# SMART

OFFICE PACKAGE



DAFZ offers easy business setup solutions for new businesses to start small. These plug and play business setup packages help you to achieve greater functional efficiency at a lower operational cost.

#### **Smart Office & Smart Office Plus**

- Desk space
- Business license
- 1 Employment visa\*
- 🛜 Wi-Fi

\*Smart Office Plus: Desk space with a semi-private layout





The office packages include all the necessary facilities and services required for a business.

#### **Common Features**

- License, registration and insurance
- Fully furnished office
- # IT services and equipment
- A Housekeeping services
- Reserved parking space

#### **Business Boutique Office**

- å Office area: 9-23 sq.m.
- Closed office space with a desk
- R Fully furnished
- Business license
- 2 Employment visas
- 🤶 Wi-Fi

#### **Premium Office**

- ♣ Office area: 25 sq.m.
- Business license
- 3 Employment visas
- Fully furnished office

#### **Premium Plus Office**

- display="1" office area: 50 sq.m.
- Fully furnished & fitted office
- Business license
- 6 Employment visas

<sup>\*</sup>Additional visa quota can be applied



DAFZ provides high quality, thermal insulated, purpose built units, which can be utilized either as a warehouse for storage and distribution or as a space for assembly and light production. Each unit is approximately 350 sq.m., it features ground and mezzanine floor offices.

#### **Specifications**

Area: LIU has an area of approximately 350 sq.m.

Office: Each LIU has ground and mezzanine floor offices of 90 sq.m.

20 entitlement of employment visas



The new industrial zone from DAFZ is strategically located in close proximity to DAFZ's existing facilities near Dubai International Airport. The bonded warehouses located within DAFZ Industrial Park allow companies to have more control over their inventory throughout the cargo handling process.

- 33 warehouses
- Average warehouse size Area: 312 sq.m.
- 20 Entitlement of employment visa for space 350 sq.m. and below.
- 30 Entitlement of employment visa for space above 350 sq.m.
- Average office area per warehouse (Block C & D) 117 sq.m.
- Warehouse height: Minimum 7.9 m; Maximum 11.1 m.
- Individual loading and unloading area
- Day light-adaptive design
- 10 Cold-storage enabled warehouses
- Power availability to suit any business size (up to 200 KW)



**EXPERIENCE** 

# ENHANCED BENEFITS

DAFZ offers integrated online e-business system with over 300 online services accessible from anywhere in the world, to perform business related activities.

#### **One Stop Shop**

DAFZ's one stop shop allows companies to access a wide variety of government and business services in a single centralized location. The competitive offerings and extensive support system combined to offer a premium and

seamless experience for our clients.

#### **DAFZ Key Services**

- In-house interior design services with turnkey solutions
- Facility management from housekeeping to maintenance services
- Business centre with modern designed conference rooms, function halls and auditorium
- ICT services
- Dependants sponsorship visas
- HR business support services

#### **Dedicated Government Service Centre**

- Dubai Customs
- General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs
- Dubai Chamber
- Police Station
- Emirates Post
- Medical clinic operated by Dubai Health Authority

#### **Facilities**

- First aid room
- Allocated ambulance 24/7
- Top banking facilities
- Telecom: Du
- Car rental
- Travel agent
- **4** 24/7 Gym



## Legal Documents Required For Registration

Documents	Branch	FZCO/PLC Individual	FZCO/PLC Non-Individual	Requirement
Certificate of Registration (or)     Certificate of Incorporation of     the Shareholder/Parent Company	✓		✓	Notarized & Attested
Memorandum & Articles of Association of the Shareholder/Parent Company	✓		$\checkmark$	Notarized & Attested
<ul> <li>Parent company resolution for:         <ul> <li>The establishment of a branch in Dubai Airport Free Zone and guarantee full financial commitment</li> <li>Appointment of Manager</li> <li>Manager's Power of Attorney</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓			Notarized & Attested
<ul> <li>Shareholders resolution for: <ul> <li>The incorporation of FZCO or PLC (as applicable) in Dubai Airport Free Zone</li> <li>Appointment of Manager and Power of Attorney</li> <li>Appointment of Director and Power of Attorney</li> <li>Appointment of Secretary and Power of Attorney</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		✓	✓	Notarized & Attested
5. Appointment of Legal Representative (optional), Power of Attorney and valid Passport Copy* (Optional)	✓	✓	✓	Notarized & Attested
6. Bank Share Capital Letter (upon request)		PLC only	PLC only	

#### Above legal documents must be submitted only after Initial Approval by DAFZ

- Documents requiring attestation have to be notarized by notary public and attested by the UAE Embassy in the country of origin and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the UAE.
- All documents should have a valid signature & stamp of the body concerned. As for the notarization, a public notary
  or equivalent authority must notarize all documents, which must be submitted either in Arabic or English only. Each
  legal document has to be sealed, if more than one page.
- Documents must be submitted with the original notarization and attestation.
- Share Capital Letter must be issued from a local bank.
- Specimen Signature for authorized individuals will be obtained in DAFZ
- Must provide the Ultimate Beneficial Owner (UBO) declaration along with supporting documents.



## **Problem 1** Documents Required For Initial Approval

Documents	Branch	FZCO/PLC Individual	FZCO/PLC Non-Individual
Online Application Form	✓	✓	✓
2. Company Profile / Brochure	✓		✓
3. Business Plan		✓	
4. Audited Financial Report	✓		✓
5. Six Months Personal Bank Statement		✓	
6. Passport Copy of Shareholders		✓	
7. Passport Copy of Manager	✓	✓	✓
8. Passport Copy of Director & Company Secretary (Optional)		✓	✓
9. No Objection Letter for Manager from Sponsor (if UAE resident)	✓	✓	✓

<sup>\*</sup> Application is subject to approval by DAFZ

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