# Apex Dubai



Apex Dubai is able to offer an efficient and flexible approach to fund services, tailoring its support to meet the specific requirements of each individual client.

# **About Apex Dubai**

Apex Fund Services (Dubai) Ltd. and Apex Compliance Solutions Ltd. are based in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). Apex Dubai is regulated by the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA).

Regulated to provide administration services to funds located in the DIFC and the following:

- Bermuda
- BVI
- Cayman
- · and other offshore domiciles

Apex Compliance Solutions provides compliance support and services to firms active or looking to incorporate within the DIFC.

#### Scale gives us perspective, gives you reach

Established in 2003

13,000 employees globally

**85** 

locations

Speaking

32
languages

39

in

14

Time Zones

The experienced team at Apex Dubai are able to assist with the following requirements and any client specific requests:

- Supporting both DIFC and foreign funds and SPVs, managed by DIFC based managers or foreign managers under external fund regime
- Comprehensive technology platform for real estate managers using Yardi for property management and fund administration
- Coordinating the launch of a fund under the classification you require
- Liaison between promoter, lawyers, regulators, tax advisors and auditors
- Comprehensive fund administration and investor services solutions
- Fund accounting and net asset value (NAV) calculations
- Preparation of financial statements and co-ordination of the audit process
- Provision of experienced directors
- Corporate governance and company secretarial
- Review of constitutional documents
- Drafting operating procedures
- Maintenance of company books & statutory registers
- Company incorporation
- Provision of regulated compliance services
- Provision of outsourced compliance and finance officers
- Provision of regulatory advisory
- Regulatory authorisation services for financial services firms
- ESG and sustainability

### Why Apex Dubai?

- Full range of services to support all types of financial services firms and fund structures
- Actively involved in the local financial services sector since 2006
- Strategically located in the UAE to deliver expert local knowledge
- Part of the Apex Group, the office delivers a true international service to clients



Established in 2006, Apex Dubai was the first independent fund administrator to be licensed by the DFSA. It has grown steadily in recent years and today services both closed-ended and open ended funds handling all asset classes. Operations team is based locally in the DIFC and is experienced in administering Hedge Funds, Macro Funds, Fund of Funds, Fixed Income, Equities, Venture Capital, Private Equity, Commodity, FX, Derivatives, Real Estate and Property level accounting.

Apex Dubai can also assist clients looking to incorporate and register within the DIFC. Our solutions include assisting the submissions for the DFSA authorisation process and providing oursourced compliance and regulatory support.

#### Reputation

The DIFC offers its own regulatory regime and a robust legal framework based on the UK. Widely regarded as the "hub" of the financial services industry in the Middle East, the DIFC benefits from the diversity and depth of financial services support companies based within it, ranging from large multinational groups, to both local and regional players. The DFSA pro-actively supports the development of the domicile and has introduced a number of new fund structures in recent years to allow managers to establish a wide range of fund types in what is a well regulated jurisdiction.

### Tax & Legal

The legal regime in the DIFC is largely based on UK Common Law and is supported by its own highly developed court system. The DIFC is a tax neutral environment with no personal, corporate or property taxes. This allows both promoters and investors the ability to manage their own tax position without having to deal with local tax legislation.



# Regulation

The DFSA is the sole regulator for the DIFC and has worked diligently to develop and expand the local financial services industry. It offers a variety of fund structures, from open to closed ended, and is thus able to accommodate all fund strategies and investment themes.

The DFSA has a technical yet entrepreneurial approach which has proven very successful in attracting new managers to the DIFC. There is a willingness to enter into discussion with interested parties and an ability to detail and meet the timeframes involved in licensing managers and launching fund structures. Global AML standards and investor protection measures are implemented.

Dedicated to the promotion and maintenance of a sound yet responsive regulatory framework, the DFSA is aided by the DIFC having its own independent court system with exclusive jurisdiction over commercial cases within the DIFC. Legislation is based upon Common Law principles so providing a stable and robust architecture that underpins the centre's independence.