

# INTRODUCING MASDAR CITY



Welcome to Masdar City; a dynamic business hub and one of the world's most sustainable urban developments, located in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

As the only planned and approved R&D cluster in Abu Dhabi, Masdar City has developed a unique ecosystem for innovation, education, R&D, technology, and business.

From homegrown start-ups, to SMEs and multinationals, it is home to more than 1,000 companies working across key sectors such as renewable energy, artificial intelligence, mobility, energy storage, water efficiency, health, agriculture, space, and sustainable urban development.

Masdar City's economic free zone offers a unique strategic base and network through which companies can build partnerships both locally and globally, explore multiple investment opportunities, and test new technologies.

## HOME TO OVER 1,000 COMPANIES INCLUDING:



## POWERFUL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM



Five minutes from Abu Dhabi International Airport, 20 minutes from downtown Abu Dhabi, and 40 minutes from Dubai.



Home to more than 1,000 organizations.



Masdar City Free Zone offers multiple benefits including, 100% foreign ownership, 0% import tariffs, reduced tax footprint, and access to R&D partnerships.



CATALYST

Home to The Catalyst, the region's first sustainability-focused start-up accelerator.



More than 450,000sqm. of completed buildings fully leased and occupied.

# MASDAR CITY FREE ZONE: A POWERFUL BUSINESS ENABLER & INCUBATOR

Leading businesses and organizations from across the world are proud to call Masdar City Free Zone their home.

The One-Stop-Shop of business support services enables tenants to set up operations quickly and gain access to local and international networks, investment opportunities, new technologies, research and development partnerships, and plan for the long term.

A hub for innovation, Masdar City Free Zone also encourages entrepreneurship by providing support for start-ups.

This includes the region's first start-up accelerator focused on sustainability and clean technology, the Catalyst, a joint venture between Masdar and bp, as well as the UAE's first space economic zone to provide incubation and acceleration for space related start-ups and small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

## MASDAR CITY FREE ZONE BENEFITS:



**100%**

foreign ownership



100% exemption from corporate and personal income taxes



**0% import tariffs**



**Freedom**

to repatriate capital and profits



**Quick & easy**

set-up with a One-Stop-Shop for registration, government relations and visa processing



Critical mass of **knowledge and talent**



**Cost effective,**

dual licensing and office space



**A launch**

point into local, regional and international markets



**Reduced**  
tax footprint



Professional access to **R&D partnerships**

## STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO SETTING UP YOUR COMPANY

# 1

Access our e-services portal and fill out initial information. You will also be required to propose a company name and make an initial online payment of AED 2,000 for the name reservation.

We will review your information and obtain the required approval for the name reservation from the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development. An email notification will be sent to you taking you to the next step.

# 2

Access our e-services platform and submit the required detailed information and documents.

We will review and approve all submitted information and documents. We will then issue your organization's legal documentation through the system (Resolution, Articles of Association, Memorandum of Association). Our advisors will also reach out to you to present our existing lease options.

# 3

You will need to sign the legal documentation and finalize the lease process and payments by visiting Masdar City Free Zone's One-Stop-Shop or through courier service.

Finally, we will issue your license and certificate of registration/incorporation, which you will be able to access on our e-services platform.



## LICENSING TARIFFS

Business Registration / License Fees				
	Business Package	Start-up Package*	Women Entrepreneurship Package	Space Zone Package
Number of Activities	Upto 6*	Upto 5*	Upto 5*	One*
Visa Eligibility	Minimum 2 or more depending on lease	Two	One	Depending on lease
Registration Fees (One Time)*	3,000/-	3,000/-	3,000/-	3,000/-
License Fee Starting From	14,000/-	10,000/-	6,000/-	6,000/-
Lease Starting From	10,000/-	6,000/-	6,000/-	10,000/-

- Activities will be limited and subject to approval.
- Package charges in AED currency.
- AED 1,000/- will be added for Special Names, subject to DED.
- Additional fee for general activity is AED 2,500/activity and for special activity is AED 5,000/activity.
- Virtual desk AED 6,000, Flexi desk AED 10,000 (Excluding 5% VAT)

Office Rental Rates	
Type of Lease	Fee (AED) / Annum
Virtual Desk*5	6,000
Flexidesk*5	10,000

Visa Fees	
Description	Fee (AED)
Immigration Establishment Card	1,500
eChannels Registration (One Time Charge) *3	2,500
Employment Visa Deposit*4 (Refundable)	2,500
Employment Visa Package - 3 Year Visa (Excludes Visa Medical Fitness Test & Emirates ID)	3,350
In-country – Issue Entry Permit while applicant is in the UAE – (if applicable)	800
Local Amendment – Residency stamping while applicant is in the UAE– (if applicable)	800
Medical	350
Emirates ID Charges (for 3 Years)	450

- \*1 Except segments; 1.11, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 16, 22 & 24
- \*2 Start-ups package client convert to signature package upon completion of 3 years.
- \*3 Annual renewal fee for eChannel is AED 1,500/-
- \*4 Employment Visa Deposit of AED 2,500 applicable per employee. Which will be released after visa cancellation.
- \*5 A refundable security deposit equal to 2 months rent is required for Flexi Desk Leases
- The above mentioned rates are inclusive of 5% VAT, except for lease

# PIONEERING SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT



Masdar Green REIT (established in the Abu Dhabi Global Market) is the first in the UAE to invest solely in sustainable real estate assets.



Home to world's first driverless, personal rapid transit (PRT) system; the Naya - the MENA's first autonomous shuttle, and the region's first electric bus.



2 million+ passengers have used the city's sustainable mobility network to date.



Largest cluster of low carbon and LEED-certified buildings in the world.



All buildings mandated to achieve a minimum 3-Pearl rating under the Estidama Pearl Building Rating System (PBRs).



The majority of Masdar City's power is generated by 10MW solar PV plant and rooftop solar panels.



Masdar City tenants can enjoy savings on utility bills.



# TESTBED FOR INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES



## **(MBZUAI):**

Home to the world's first university dedicated to artificial intelligence, the Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI).



## **MISP:**

Khalifa University's Masdar Institute Solar Platform (MISP) allows for concentrated solar power (CSP) and thermal energy storage (TES) technologies to be developed on a wider scale by providing access to high-performance CSP research and demonstration infrastructure.



## **De L'Arta:**

An R&D company that is creating a sustainable skincare range using native UAE flora by using science that dates back 10,000 years.



## **Volts Battery Storage:**

A smart battery management system (Energy Storage) that could power an entire house from a renewable energy source.



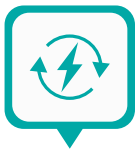
## **Azelio:**

An innovative R&D project that will demonstrate a cutting-edge distributed and scalable Thermal Energy Storage-Power on Demand (TES.POD) system, to deliver 24/7 affordable clean energy utilization.



## **Solva Technologies:**

An environmentally friendly transportation start-up, providing the world's first electric last-mile delivery platform by offering smart fleet management software through route, driver and vehicle optimization.



## **Electric Storage Solutions Hub:**

A state-of-the-art testing and R&D hub for electric energy storage technology.



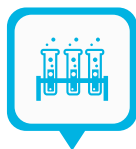
## **Safe City:**

Leveraging AI technologies to provide world-class solutions for smart and safe cities.



## **Seramic Materials:**

Developing turnkey solutions to repurpose industrial waste into value-added products such as ceramic.



## **G42 Healthcare:**

G42 Healthcare is a leading health tech company based in Masdar City. It is on a mission to develop a world-class healthcare sector, by harnessing data and emerging technologies in healthcare to unlock the potential of personalised and preventive care and transforming the traditional healthcare ecosystem.



## **Seawater Energy & Agriculture System (SEAS):**

In partnership between Khalifa University, Etihad Airways, Boeing, General Electric, ADNOC, and Honeywell, the project supports the nascent Middle East aviation biofuel industry and increases food security through the cultivation of salt-tolerant plants with the wastewater of an integrated aquaculture farm.

# VALUED PARTNERS

We continue to grow our network of partnerships to facilitate your business needs.

## Financial and Legislation Services



ABU DHABI GLOBAL MARKET  
سوق أبوظبي العالمي  
AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE

Masdar City and the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) joined forces to enhance foreign investment in Abu Dhabi, promote innovative projects that advance the UAE's economic competitiveness, foster institutional integration, and more. Under this partnership, ADGM can provide businesses that establish their license in Masdar City Free Zone with the option to be governed by the rules of Common Law.

## Web Services



Masdar City collaborated with Amazon Web Services to empower startups in the Masdar City Free Zone by offering scalable and secure cloudbased services. This collaboration will give start-ups access to AWS Activate, a program that provides \$50,000 USD worth of AWS credits and tools that will help them innovate and scale even faster.

## Start-Up Ecosystem



صندوق محمد بن راشد للإبتكار  
MOHAMMED BIN RASHID  
INNOVATION FUND  
INNOVATE THE WORLD



MOHAMED BIN ZAYED  
UNIVERSITY OF  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

At Masdar City, we offer start-ups an unparalleled opportunity to grow and thrive through our diverse ecosystem of strategic partners.



وكالة الإمارات للفضاء  
UAE SPACE AGENCY

HUB71

## Residency Support



مكتب أبوظبي للمقيمين  
ABU DHABI RESIDENTS OFFICE

As you plan to make your move to Abu Dhabi, Masdar City Free Zone offers support through Abu Dhabi Resident's Office to ensure your transition is smooth. We also assist in processing the application for the UAE's Golden Visa.

## Banking Services



Masdar City Free Zone partnered with leading banks to provide support to our tenants when it comes to setting up their business banking accounts and other benefits including access to virtual cards and more.

## Postal and Courier Services







In case of any postal and courier services requirements and support, Emirates Post Group can assist Masdar City Free Zone tenants with all their needs.

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