

FAST FACTS

Masdar City, one of the world's most sustainable urban developments, is enabling innovation in sustainability and clean technologies by integrating education, research & development, investment and business opportunities.

Masdar City is a free zone and investment zone that provides a unique location for multinationals, SMEs and start-ups to prosper in a collaborative environment that connects business, research and knowledge.

Located at the crossroads of the Middle East and Asian markets, and supported by a strong global logistics and transport network, the city offers a complete business set-up solution, including quick and easy company registration, office leasing, and fast-track visa processing.

Home to over 710 companies and with a wide selection of restaurants and cafés, Masdar City is an attractive community in which people can live, work, learn and play.

As part of its expansion plan, Masdar City aims to grow its tenant base nearly four-fold by 2020, and expand the net leasable area available within the Free Zone by around a third every year within the same time frame.

INVESTMENT AND LEASING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Land:** Developers can buy or lease land to develop projects designed to enhance mixed-use community living, incorporating, but not limited to, apartments, office buildings, schools, retail outlets, light industrial facilities, research and development initiatives, and hotels.
- **Built to suit:** Larger corporations can partner with Masdar City to create bespoke commercial, retail, residential, recreational, educational and corporate spaces. The Masdar City team works with companies to design and deliver a completed project tailored to the client's business requirements, technical specifications, and financial expectations.
- **Office space:** Masdar City has office space that caters for all sizes of businesses from start-ups, to SMEs and multinationals. Options include flexi desks in a shared workspace, serviced and executive offices, and larger core and shell units that provide the opportunity to create a unique office environment. Whatever the chosen option, all office buildings in Masdar City are conveniently located to ensure easy access for both staff and visitors.
- **Retail space:** Retailers have the opportunity to lease space to house food and beverage and service outlets throughout Masdar City.



MASDAR CITY'S FREE ZONE STATUS ALLOWS TENANTS NUMEROUS PREFERENTIAL ADVANTAGES, INCLUDING:

- 100% foreign ownership
- 100% exemption from corporate and personal income taxes
- 0% import tariffs
- Critical mass of sector knowledge and talent innovation ecosystem
- Quick and easy set-up, with a 'One-Stop Shop' for registration, government relations and visa processing
- Freedom of repatriation of both capital and profits
- Launching point into local, regional and international markets
- R&D hub
- Highly cost-effective licensing and office space
- Close proximity to Abu Dhabi International Airport, Khalifa City, Yas Island and just 40 minutes away from Dubai

THE FREE ZONE ONE-STOP-SHOP OFFERS QUICK AND EASY ACCESS TO A RANGE OF VITAL BUSINESS SERVICES, INCLUDING:

- Registration, licensing and leasing
- Visa services, including medical checks
- Dependents' sponsorship
- Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce membership
- Emirates ID card processing
- Customs administration
- Document authentication
- PO Box set-up
- Facilities and property management
- Meeting room and conference facilities

SIGNATURE TENANTS INCLUDE:

- Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC)
- Honeywell
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) HQ
- Saint-Gobain
- UAE Space Agency
- Siemens Middle East Headquarters
- National Cooling Company Tabreed
- General Administration of Customs in Abu Dhabi
- Lockheed Martin
- Global Green Growth Institute
- Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence



STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO SETTING UP YOUR COMPANY

STEP 1

A YOU

Complete the company name reservation form (download it at masdar.secure.force.com/WebtoLead/) and send it to: joinfz@masdarcityfreezone.com.

B Masdar City Free Zone

We will arrange to collect the name reservation fee (AED 2,000) and submit the form for approval from the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development. Once the company name reservation has been approved we will email a license application pack to you for completion.

C YOU

Submit your completed application for a license, along with your company business plan and required legal documents.

D Masdar City Free Zone

One of our advisors will review your application to ensure that it is complete.



STEP 2

A Masdar City Free Zone

Three working days after receiving your application, the registration team will issue you an acceptance letter or a request for additional information.

B YOU

After receiving your acceptance letter, please pay the required fees.



STEP 3

A Masdar City Free Zone

After issuing your acceptance letter, we issue a bank introduction letter, signed by Masdar City Free Zone. This will allow you to open a bank account.

B YOU

Open your corporate bank account and receive a capital confirmation/proof of capital letter from the bank. Submit this capital confirmation document to us and sign the articles and memorandum of association.

C Masdar City Free Zone

Upon receipt of your capital confirmation/proof of capital letter we issue your organisation's legal documents and license.

