

# FACT SHEET

Shaping the Future of Global Trade

## About DMCC

DMCC is a center of global trade.

Headquartered in Dubai, DMCC is the world's most interconnected Free Zone, and the leading trade and enterprise hub for commodities. Whether developing vibrant neighbourhoods with world-class property like Jumeirah Lakes Towers and the much anticipated Uptown Dubai, or delivering high performance business services, DMCC provides everything its dynamic community needs to live, work and thrive. Made for Trade, DMCC is proud to sustain and grow Dubai's position as the place to be for global trade today and long into the future.

## Quick Facts and Stats

- Dubai's unrivalled connectivity means that 8 hours on a plane in any direction gives access to 65 per cent of the global GDP and two-thirds of the world population
- DMCC was set up in 2002, to create a global market place for commodities and to drive trade flows through Dubai
- DMCC master planned and delivered the DMCC Free Zone in JLT, a 200 hectare business and residential community of over 100,000 people living and working across 68 towers including Almas Tower one of the tallest commercial towers in the region
- DMCC is the leading Free Zone in the UAE, having grown from 28 member companies in 2003 to over 17,000 member companies from 170 countries, employing over 60,000 people
- Today there are over 600 retail outlets in JLT where over 300 are F&B outlets including: Urban Bar & Kitchen (UBK), 1762, Tim Hortons, Jazz @ Pizza Express, Healey's Bar, Café Nero, KFC, Pizza Hut, Hardees, Just Falafel, Sheikh and Shake, Just Salad, Richy's and Little Bangkok
- The UAE is now the world's largest re-exporter of tea with a 60 per cent share of the market
- The DMCC Tea Centre handles 53 million kilos of tea a year
- DGCX, our world-class derivatives exchange with a well-established clearing house DCCC, breaks its annual volumes record, trading 22.26 million contracts, up 28 per cent from the previous year. The total value of the contracts was USD 474.94 billion, beating its previous highest value of USD 448 billion traded in 2013.
- Dubai is one of the world's leading physical gold markets and diamond trading hubs, accounting for 75 billion USD annually combined

## Executive Management

Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Executive Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, DMCC

Feryal Ahmadi, Chief Operating Officer, DMCC

The DMCC Free Zone, one of the world's leading hubs for commodities, trade and enterprise successfully attracts key participants throughout the entire value chain of a wide range of commodity sectors along with a range of businesses from shipping to trade, recruitment, to IT and advertising, through to restaurants, retail stores, gyms, nurseries, luxury brands, universities and more. See the DMCC Business Directory for more.

Industry participants and Free Zone member companies enjoy access to market infrastructure and physical facilities such as gold and diamond vaults, trading platforms like the Dubai Gold & Commodities Exchange, Dubai Diamond Exchange, the Dubai Pearl Exchange and DMCC Tradeflow, the dedicated online platform for registering possession and ownership of commodities stored in UAE-based storage facilities; the DMCC Tea Centre and a range of commodities backed financial investment tools.

The DMCC Free Zone is also home to many globally renowned corporations including Alcatel Lucent Middle East and North Africa, American Express, Carrera Y Carrera, Colgate-Palmolive, Dyson, Eurofin, John West Foods, Lukoil, LVMH, Nutricia Danone, Oddfjell, Rio Tinto – Dimexon and TAG Worldwide.

**Developing Dubai:** DMCC is to bring a new premium district to market set to offer world-class commercial, residential and retail spaces, including premium hotels, restaurants, recreational areas, and two iconic super-tall towers designed by leading architects Adrian Gill & Gordon Smith. Visit: <http://www.uptowndubai.ae/>

We are creating unique grade A commercial spaces like One JLT which we delivered end of 2015. With sustainability at the core of Dubai's ongoing developments, One JLT is a LEED Gold Standard commercial building, which provides energy-efficient commercial space over 14 floors. Today you will find Modul University, One Business Centre, Tim Hortons, Real Pilates, 1762 and more in One JLT.

Both projects will cater to the increased demand of corporations seeking to domicile their operations in an efficient, single-owner, commercial space. The southern gateway to Dubai is fast becoming its new growth corridor with a number of key infrastructure, transport and real estate developments underway (Dubai World Central, Jebel Ali, etc.), in addition to the Dubai Expo site.

**Google for Entrepreneurs Global Tech Hub:** DMCC launched the Middle East's first Google for Entrepreneurs Global Tech Hub with AstroLabs Dubai. Google found DMCC the ideal location for Startups to scale their ventures in new markets. Located on a beautiful promenade overlooking a park, the Google for Entrepreneurs Global Tech Hub features an advanced mobile device development lab co-designed with Google for Entrepreneurs.

**Transformation:** DMCC's transformation strategy enabled via a Salesforce technology has also transferred 100 per cent of all paperwork that can be online to its DMCC Member Portal. In brief, members can now set up a company or branch and access DMCC services anytime on any device.

**Global Free Zone of the Year:** 85 free zones across the globe took part fDi's Global Free Zones of the Year Awards 2019, **DMCC ranked number 1.** DMCC has been named 'Global Free Zone of the Year' 2019 by The Financial Times fDi Magazine for a record fifth consecutive year. The annual global survey, considered the most prestigious free zone ranking in the world, is based on criteria such as outstanding performance year on year, growth and expansion plans, and presence of high growth industries.

**Global and Fortune 500 companies in the DMCC Free Zone:** Sinopec Group, Glencore, Total, American Express, ENI, China State Construction, Engineering, Trafigura, Lukoil, Nippon, Petronas, PTT, Hess, Phillips 66, Sanofi, World Fuel Services, Wilmar, Tata, Honeywell, Danone, Harley Davidson, Whirlpool, Louis Dreyfus Commodities, Reliance Industries, Colgate Palmolive General Mills, Caterpillar, Viacom and Rio Tinto Group.

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Everything we do at DMCC has a longer term strategic view in order for us to stay relevant now and in the future whether it is enhancing the customer experience, innovation, diversification of our business portfolio or strengthening trading ties, to connect markets internationally. We embrace change and thrive on strong international competition as this is what makes the organisation dynamic, driven and nimble in an exceedingly fast moving environment. For more information, visit [www.dmcc.ae](http://www.dmcc.ae).

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