



Dubai Internet City

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PROFILE

“Decades ago... my father, the late Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, ordered the dredging of Dubai Creek to facilitate trade in the Creek. I see the Dubai Internet City project as being of similar significance”. “I would like to invite global IT-based companies... to establish their offices at DIC. Dubai will offer them the ideal work environment and provide a competitive advantage at a fraction of the cost of places like Silicon Valley in the US”

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

Dubai Internet City is the Middle East and North Africa's largest Information and Communications Technology cluster.

Founded on solid fundamentals of state-of-the-art infrastructure and a unique freezone technology-orientated community, DIC is firmly established as the most lucrative platform in the region for ICT companies with regional and global perspectives.

DIC offers companies 100% tax-free ownership, 100% repatriation of capital & profits, no currency restrictions, easy registration and licensing, and solid intellectual property protection.

DIC also provides an environment that attracts all elements of the value chain. DIC's rich networking opportunities and core location allows companies to tap into resources, partnerships and ideas; a business environment that helps ICT businesses develop, innovate and grow.

Google, Microsoft, Dell, Yahoo, AT&T, Intel, IBM, Canon, Oracle, HP, Cisco and Siemens are some of the key players in DIC.

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DIC will nurture an ICT community in Dubai by creating an environment and infrastructure that fosters innovation and drives growth for DIC's business partners.

MISSION

To provide growth opportunities to business partners by nurturing various business activities across the value chain and creating synergies in the cluster.

To build ICT industry leadership by collaborating with business partners, nurturing thought leadership, and promoting cluster value proposition.

INAUGURAL MILESTONES

October 1999	April 2000	June 2000	October 2000
His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum announces Dubai Internet City.	H.E. Mohammed Al Gergawi unveils DIC blueprint at the IBM Conference.	Huge interest generated by DIC announcement results in 100 companies being licensed.	His Highness Sheikh Mohammed officially opens Dubai Internet City at gala ceremony.





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SEGMENTS

- Software
- Internet & Multimedia
- Telecommunication & Network
- IT Services
- Regional HQ

ONE-STOP-SHOP

- Swift Registration Process
- Company Incorporation
- Trade License
- Visa Services
- Fully-Serviced Office Space
- Telecom and Internet Services
- Data Services
- Facilities Management
- Health, Security and Safety Services
- Business Centre (FirstSteps@DIC)





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- Legal Registration Types:
 - Free Zone Limited Liability Company (FZ-LLC)
 - Branch of a Foreign Company
 - Branch of a UAE Company
- Over 25,000 Knowledge workers in the Zone
- Over 182 Nationalities in the Zone
- 32 KM (20 miles) Distance from Dubai Airport
- 25 KM (13 miles) Distance from Jebel Ali Port

MARKETING & COMMUNITY

Focusing on Cluster benefits, Industry Leadership & Ecosystem, Organization Excellence, PR and Communications

- Networking opportunities with community, delegations; public and private entities
 - Business Directory, Business Profiling, Matchmaking Opportunities
 - Quarterly Newsletter
 - Corporate Social Responsibility
 - Business Export opportunities through Dubai Export Development Corporation
 - Industry Events, Summit & Exhibitions
 - Industry White Paper
 - SME Support, Venture Funding & Finance Access opportunities
 - PR and communications support – Product Launches, Inaugurations
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FIRSTSTEPS BUSINESS CENTER

Offers an enabling combination of a comprehensive working area, which includes a fully furnished office along with administrative services and an advanced infrastructure.

Companies can operate in the DIC First Steps Business Center as a fully operational 'Branch of a Foreign Company' or 'Free Zone Limited Liability Company' for a minimum lease term of 1 Year after successfully completing the registration process.

Office Types:

Executive Desks (Workstations) - For 1 Person

Executive Offices - For 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7 Persons

Offerings

Every company is provided with the following once registered:

- Commercial License Valid for One Year
- Residency Visa (Number of Visas is Dependent on Office Types)
- Furnished Offices
- Presentation Aids (Flipchart and Projector)
- Utilities & Maintenance
- 24 hrs. Security
- Business address
- Shared Printing Facilities
- Office Cleaning
- Kitchen Area with Free Refreshments (Common)
- Parking Spaces (Common)

Upon Request:

- Business Visitor Visas
- Meeting & Conference Rooms
- Courier Services



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- Meeting/Conference Facilities, Event Management Services, Exhibition Areas
- 50 Retail Outlets (Including Food Courts, Restaurants, Coffee Shops, Mini Marts, Banks, ATMs, Travel Agents, Car Hire, Courier Service, Parlors, Insurance, Printing)
- Preferential Rates on hotels & other services
- Wi-Fi Enabled Zone
- Prayer Rooms
- Fire Drill/Evacuation Safety Plan
- Multi Storey Car Park and Open Parking spaces

AWARDS

- Fdi's 'Middle East Special economic Zones of the Future 2006-2007' award
- UAE Super Brand 2007
- FDI's 'Best Hi-Tech Free Zone 2008' award
- Dubai Police Partner Award 2009
- UAE Super Brand 2009



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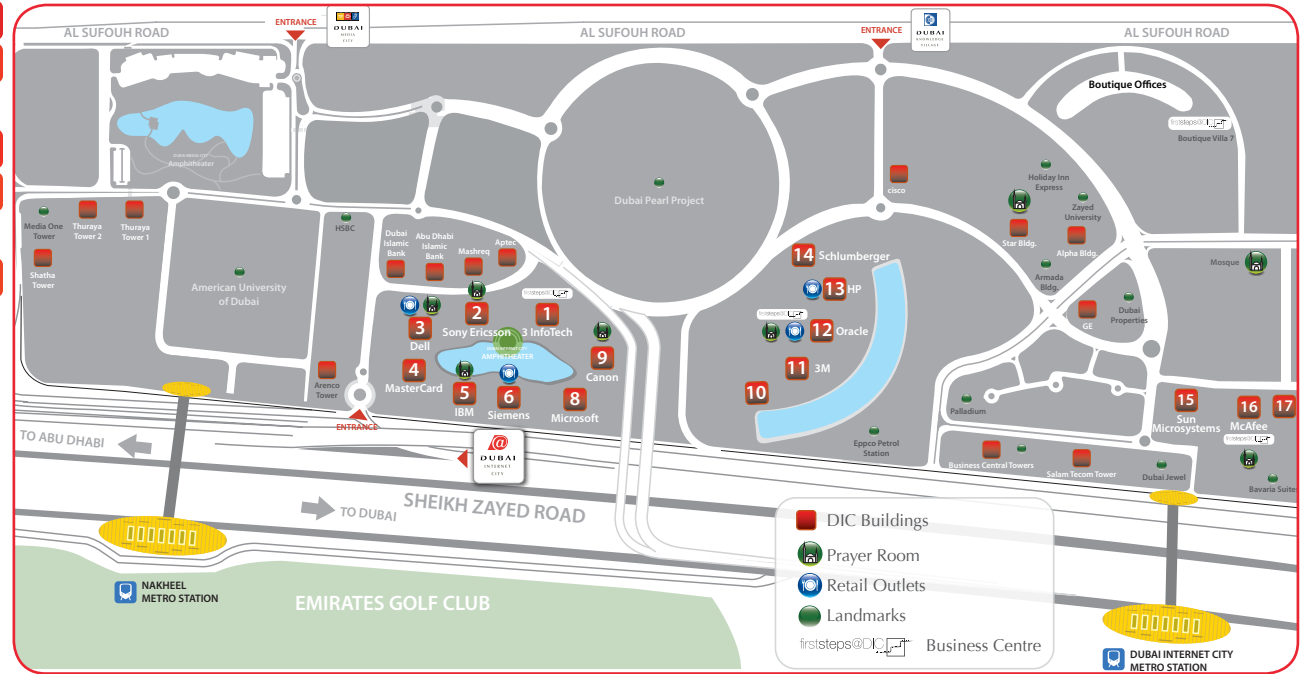
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