



ASTANA INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE



What is AIFC?

Astana International Financial Centre is a rapidly developing financial hub located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia in the capital city of Kazakhstan.

With its cutting-edge infrastructure and favorable business environment, AIFC is quickly becoming a hub for global **investment, innovation, and growth.**

Leading IFC in CIS countries

AIFC is strategically positioned to service the growing market of Central Asian countries and neighboring CIS countries, which encompass a region with a combined **GDP of \$723.3bn** and a **population of 134 mln** people



Astana is the highest ranked city in the region (GFCI 33 as of September 2023)

AIFC Advantages

A modern and dynamic center for finance, offering a comprehensive range of opportunities for businesses seeking to establish themselves in the emerging business landscape of Central Asia.

English common law jurisdiction

World class regulation standards

Independent judicial system

Emerging capital market

Special tax and currency regime

AIFC Jurisdiction

AIFC provides a cutting-edge legal framework based on the principles, norms, and precedents of the world-renowned law of England and Wales and the highest standards of the world's leading financial centers

Internationally familiar legal framework

- Employment
- Corporate Regulation
- AML & FATF
- Contracts
- Data Protection
- Insolvency

Flexibility of corporate regulation

Variety of legal forms

- Private/Public companies
- Investment companies
- Foundations
- Partnerships
- SPCs
- Non-profit org. etc.

AIFC Court's exclusive jurisdiction over disputes

AIFC Court and International Arbitration Centre

Legally separate and **independent** from Kazakhstan's judicial system. It provides a common law court system that operates to the highest international standards to resolve civil and commercial disputes

Independent judges

Enforcement Mechanisms

113

Judgements and Orders

9

Judges

2400+

Arbitration and Mediation cases

44

International Arbitrators and Mediators

Access to capital

A hub for financial activities and investments in the region, enabling businesses to connect with global markets and access funding from a diverse range of sources

Trusted and liquid capital markets

Astana International Exchange offers businesses and investors innovative services and products

Support in investors outreach

A gateway for top-tier investment projects to connect with strategic investors for successful funding opportunities

Variety of financial instruments

- Banks
- Asset Management firms
- Investment companies
- Crowdfunding platforms



Astana International Exchange

Fosters reliable and liquid capital markets in Central Asia and beyond, by offering cutting-edge solutions and services that cater to the needs of both companies and investors

Product Pipeline

- Equity (IPO/SPO, Pre-IPO, Regional Equity Market Segment, Junior Mining segment, “Belt & Road” segment)
- Debt (public bonds, private placements, Islamic bonds, green bonds)
- Structured products (ETF, ETN)

165

listings

1.6 mln+

investor accounts

7X

growth in trading
volume
(Q1 2024 vs Q1 2023)

Special tax regime

The residents of AIFC can benefit from a distinctive and favorable tax regime, and this complements Kazakhstan's already relatively low tax environment

	KZ	AIFC
CIT	20%	0% for fin. companies
VAT	12%	0% for fin. companies
WHT on dividends and CGT	5-15%	0%

Business activities

AIFC offers an exceptional environment and a dynamic ecosystem that caters to businesses of all kinds, with remarkable growth potential

2600+ AIFC PARTICIPANTS

90+ AUTHORISED FINANCIAL COMPANIES

170 AUTHORISED CONSULTING FIRMS

Financial Business

- Asset & Fund management
- Wealth management
- Banking
- Insurance
- Custody
- Brokerage and much more

Non-financial business

All AIFC participants can enjoy favorable conditions and leverage the full benefits of the AIFC law

Professional Services

- Legal services
- Audit services
- Taxation
- Accounting
- Business consulting
- Shari'ah consulting
- Credit rating

Non-conventional finance

AIFC provides a one-of-a-kind advanced framework for alternative innovative finance that is unparalleled in the region

Islamic finance

- Access to significant Muslim consumer market in Central Asia and CIS (~ 80 mln people in 2023, projected population growth to 100 mln in 2030)
- Cross-listed Sukuk (~ \$5bn)
- Authorised Islamic banks, finance companies, rating agency and Fintech companies
- Developed network of Shari'ah consultants

Green & Sustainable finance

- Expanding market of sustainable finance in Kazakhstan (around \$520 mln)
- Measures of state support
- Green taxonomy
- Growing interest in sustainable finance instruments (including bonds and labelled loans) (23 in total)

Fintech

- Cryptocurrency trading opportunities
- The first start-up sandbox in the region
- Separate well-developed regulation tailored to fintech companies
- Opportunities for crowdfunding

Compliance with global standards



AIFC is committed to world standards in **tax transparency**, as well as combating **money laundering** and the **financing of terrorism**.

In July 2023 AIFC has passed the EAG Mutual Evaluation for compliance with the FATF international standards

In July 2022 AIFC was confirmed to be compliant with global standards of tax transparency (**OECD BEPS**)

Comfortable Environment for Foreign Individuals

Welcoming and supportive environment for international AIFC participants

AIFC Expat Centre

One-stop-shop providing comprehensive support throughout the relocation process and settlement in Kazakhstan

AIFC Investment Tax Residence Programme

Unique opportunity to obtain long-term visa to Kazakhstan and enjoy favorable tax residency terms



If you're interested in exploring opportunities for your business in the AIFC, please contact our team



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