Welcome to AIFC

ASTANA INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE (AIFC) PLAYS A PIVOTAL ROLE IN POSITIONING ITSELF AS A GLOBAL CENTRE FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE, CONNECTING THE ECONOMIES OF THE CENTRAL ASIA, THE CAUCASUS, EAEU, WEST CHINA, MONGOLIA MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE.
Potential of AIFC

“FINANCIAL GATES”

“BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE”

PRIVATIZATION OF STATE ENTERPRISES
The main goal of the AIFC is to develop a non-banking financial sector and create favourable conditions for investing. Positioning Nur-Sultan as the main financial centre in the region should be achieved through the implementation of the following five strategic directions:

- Capital Markets
- Asset Management
- Private Banking
- Islamic Finance
- FinTech
AIFC Structure

AIFC Independent Bodies

AIFC MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

GOVERNOR OF AIFC

AIFC Astana International Financial Centre
AFSA Astana Financial Services Authority
AIFC COURT
IAC International Arbitration Centre

OTHER KEY PLAYERS
Independent Centre Bodies

**AIFC**

Astana International Financial Centre

Creates all the necessary conditions for the activities of bodies, structural units, participants and employees of the AIFC.

**AFSA**

Astana Financial Services Authority

Regulates financial services and related activities in the AIFC, develops regulated financial services acts and supervises the activities of the AIFC participants.

**AIFC COURT**

Represents the first independent legal system of Common (English) Law in the region to resolve civil and commercial disputes.

**IAC**

International Arbitration Centre

Acts as an independent, cost-effective and operational alternative to litigation. It offers arbitration, mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.
Other Key Players

High-tech stock exchange that provides a full business cycle of financial services, including securities trading, clearing and settlement.

Develops a green finance policy, assists players of the Kazakhstan’s market and the region that issue green bonds, raises public awareness about green finance.

Opens the gates for international entrepreneurs, start-ups, industry experts, offering modern infrastructure, transparent and flexible regulation to enter the markets of Asia and Europe.

The AIFC Bureau aims to develop human capital within and outside of the AIFC eco-system by creating a platform for continuous professional development, building and supporting professional communities, promoting international certifications, organizing events to improve financial and investment literacy.

Created to ensure accelerated integration of foreign citizens into the Kazakhstan’s business community through the provision of a wide range of government (500+) and social services for foreign customers on the principle of “one window”. The entire support system is in English.
**World Class Legal Environment**

**Common Law Court System**

AIFC COURT IS INDEPENDENT IN ITS ACTIVITIES. IT OPERATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR RESOLVING CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL DISPUTES IN THE AIFC.

**Jurisdiction**


**Execution of Decisions**


**Advanced Solutions and Efficiency**

THE AIFC COURT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMOTELY PARTICIPATE IN COURT PROCEEDINGS FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. IT ALSO PROVIDES SPECIAL EXPEDITED PROCEDURE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF SMALL CLAIMS UP TO $150,000.
The World’s Best Regulation Standards

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Registration of an independent regulator of financial and non-financial services provided on the AIFC territory.

REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

24 legal acts have been developed. 25 financial activities and 3 market activities are regulated.
Multifunctional Area for the Global Community of Investors

Strategic Partners of the AIX are the world's leading stock exchanges and financial institutions, which will help increase liquidity in the capital market, as well as provide a modern trading platform for the AIFC Exchange:

Goldman Sachs

Shanghai Stock Exchange

Silk Road Fund

Nasdaq
The Advantages of the Financial Centre

TAX OPTIMIZATION
UNTIL 2066

INDEPENDENT
JUDICIAL SYSTEM

INTERNATIONAL
REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

SPECIAL
LABOR AND VISA REGIMES,
SINGLE WINDOW PRINCIPLES
Leading Financial Centre in the Region

RANK
1st

Financial Centre in Eastern Europe and Central Asia and ranked 51st in the world according to the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI)
AIFC Provides Platform for Green Infrastructure Projects

- Unique in the CA region AIX Green Bond Rules based on ICMA Green Bond Principles and Climate Bonds Standard
- Green Finance Centre is created to promote and develop green finance in Kazakhstan and in the region
- Green bond grant scheme to support eligible green bond issuers in obtaining external review
Astana International Exchange is among 27 financial institutions supporting Green Investment Principles for Belt and Road

- Principle 1: Embedding sustainability into corporate governance
- Principle 2: Understanding Environmental, Social and Governance Risks
- Principle 3: Disclosing environmental information
- Principle 4: Enhancing communication with stakeholders
- Principle 5: Utilizing green financial instruments
- Principle 6: Adopting green supply chain management
- Principle 7: Building capacity through collective action

The majority of global infrastructure investment in the coming decades will be in the Belt and Road region with a significant impact on the implementation of the Paris Agreement and UN SDGs.

GIP will ensure environmental friendliness, climate resilience, and social inclusiveness of the new BRI investment projects.
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