

Fairwinds Management introduces UAE company formations

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is the new preferred jurisdiction for international businesspersons. Here at Fairwinds Management, we are able to assist you with all the steps of the incorporation and start off operations stages for UAE companies. The UAE free zones offer limited regulations, easy access to the international labour market, and a location on the major trade route between east and west. Furthermore, they benefit from a favourable time zone and most importantly, 0% corporate and income taxes.

In the UAE, there are many different free zones, which have substantial differences in requirements, regulations, and prices. Here are the different types of UAE companies offered by Fairwinds Management.

The top UAE free zone company recommended if you want **to do business outside the UAE** is:

RAK Offshore Company

The RAK Offshore Company offers the most important setup for clients. This company's setup is ideal for international businesses that do not require an office space and do not carry out any business inside the UAE. Nevertheless, one can still benefit from its tax benefits, asset protections, outstanding banking services, and a bustling cosmopolitan environment in Dubai.

The RAK Offshore Company is by far most popular for international entrepreneurs looking to set up their business in the UAE. This setup has a number of very interesting features from which you can highly benefit.

The RAK Offshore Company is ideal for any type of business that does not require a local office, including passive investment activities. Example activities are:

- Holding shares in international, local or free zone companies
- International consulting
- Investment company
- Trading activities outside the UAE
- Holding intellectual property

A RAK Offshore Company has the following benefits:

- Most important... no UAE taxes
- No requirement for the owner or director to visit the UAE in person
- No annual audit
- 100% full ownership – but no public record of shareholder or director
- No audit requirement or requirement to submit financial statements
- Possibility to open a solid bank account in Dubai

Just like free zone companies, these offshore companies benefit from tax treaties concluded by the UAE, while still benefiting from strong client confidentiality rules applicable in the UAE. Using a RAK Offshore Company as a shareholder of a free zone company can prevent otherwise significant legalization charges.

Important note: RAK Offshore Company cannot rent office space, nor can they apply for staff visas. But if you incorporate with Fairwinds Management you will have a registered office in the heart of Dubai. That means for the outside world you run your business from an important economic centre of the world. RAK Offshore Companies are also not allowed to import goods into the UAE.

If you want **to do business inside the UAE** then we recommend:

UAE Free Zone Company (FZE & FZC)

If you are considering physically moving (part of) your business to the UAE, a Free Zone company is the obvious choice. You will have a local presence and do business from the booming UAE. You can rent an office space and obtain visas for you and your staff easily.

The main advantages of setting up in one of the free zones in the UAE are:

- 100% foreign ownership is allowed
- Renting of offices and flexi desks
- Obtaining residence visas
- No tax
- Easy to hire the staff you need
- Guarantee for 15-50 years against the future imposition of corporation tax
- Import duty free (duty is 5% on most goods), if goods are not supplied to the local market

The free zones each have their own free zone authority. Their main source of income is often derived from renting office space, collecting license fees, and providing services to the companies operating in the free zone. All share the features outlined above but differ along the following lines:

- Focus: often attracting businesses from a particular sector although there is flexibility
- Office rent; rents outside Dubai are significantly lower
- Minimum office space required
- Support facilities provided by the free zone
- Annual license fees
- Paperwork involved in forming the business

- Capital requirement
- Number of visas allocated per square meter office space

Below you will find the most important UAE free zone companies recommended if you want to do business inside the UAE are:

Fujairah Free Zone Company

The Fujairah Free Zone Company provides the easiest free zone set up in the UAE, which also offers an economical option for Visa allocations. When compared with all the free zones present in the UAE this is the most straightforward. This setup is ideal for consulting companies, creative businesses, designers, media companies, service providers, and online businesses. Trading or manufacturing companies cannot make use of the Fujairah Free Zone Company.

The Fujairah Free Zone is by far the most flexible and easy to set up. Whenever the business activity fits, we always recommend this free zone to our clients. This Free Zone is one of the fastest to set up your business and requires the least amount of paperwork. Moreover, their annual fees offer the cheapest solution for those who wish to have a visa.

This is really the best free zone in the UAE to work with. But can you also set up a company like this? The Fujairah Free Zone Company is perfect for international consultants like business consultants, management consultants and lifestyle consultants.

Other activities that the Fujairah Free Zone is good for: Internet entrepreneurs, designers, music and entertainment industry, event managers, writers, publishers, online marketing, advertisers, online trainers and many more.

If your business fits the profile you can benefit from the following features of the Fujairah Free Zone:

- One of the fastest set-ups in the UAE
- Lowest annual fees of all Free Zone in the entire UAE
- No capital requirements
- No annual reporting requirements
- No preliminary immigration approval
- No need for attestation
- No need to appear before the free zone
- Opening bank account in Dubai
- No taxes
- No attested educational certificates needed (unless for legal and financial consultants)

Ajman Free Zone Company

The Ajman Free Zone Company is similar to the Fujairah Free Zone Company in price and ease of setup. This zone is closely located to Dubai, providing the possibility to rent an office space together with manufacturing or storage facilities. Its harbour makes it ideal for trading. The Ajman Free Zone Company offers the most economical general trading licence in the entire UAE. It is advisable to use the Ajman Free Zone Company when one has a trading or manufacturing business.

The Ajman Free Zone company is a very flexible and easy setup. It supports a wide variety of activities. In contrast to the Fujairah free zone company also facilitates trading activities and allows you to rent a warehouse for manufacturing or storage.

Moreover, their annual fees are amongst the cheapest in the UAE and they offer the cheapest general trading in the entire UAE.

This Free Zone also can be the fastest to set up your business, requires a minimum amount of paperwork, but does require the shareholder to visit the office of the free zone (in Dubai) or issue a power of attorney.

The Fujairah Free Zone Company is perfect for international trading or manufacturing businesses. If your business fits the profile you can benefit of the following benefits of the Ajman Free Zone:

- No taxes inside the UAE
- One of the fastest setups in the UAE.
- No annual audit
- No capital requirements
- Ability to open a bank account in Dubai
- Ability to obtain visas
- Perfect for international trading

Dubai Multi Commodities Centre Free Zone Company (DMCC)

All of the incorporations mentioned above are mostly used for more lightweight businesses. If you would like to set up a working office in the heart of Dubai or if your business needs real substance, then one should opt for the Dubai Multi Commodities Centre Free Zone Company setup. The Dubai Multi Commodities Centre Free Zone is better known as the Jumeirah Lakes Towers (JLT) in which, one can easily rent an office space in a luxurious building of any size.

When you set up your business here you will find yourself in the centre of new Dubai, in a prime location, giving you the ultimate professional image. This free zone is very innovative and most services like visa applications and company administration can be done online via a members' portal. The process of setting up this type of company requires a lot of different steps. Also, the costs are significantly higher than the other Free Zone options. You will be required to hire an office space or flexidesk and open a bank account to deposit the share capital during that process.

Fairwinds Management is here to answer your questions and incorporate your new UAE company!

We have given you a short description of the best free zones in the UAE. Fairwinds Management can help you set up your RAK Offshore Company or UAE Free Zone Company - Fujairah Free Zone/ Ajman Free Zone/Jumeirah Lake Towers (DMCC) in the UAE. We have the right partners and know the right persons in the UAE Free Zones so that you will experience setting up your business in the most cost-effective and time efficient manner. In case you need a bank account, we have a number of good relationships with the UAE banks and can provide bank introductions.