

## **Jebel Ali Free Zone**

### **Introduction**

As one of the largest and fastest growing free zones, Jebel Ali Free Zone ("JAFZA") aspires to be the international business hub of the Middle East. JAFZA focuses on long-term customer relationships, providing creative and innovative solutions for global industrial investors and fostering alliances with them. JAFZA offers its customers world-class infrastructure supported with quality value-added services and incentives. JAFZA further provides community amenities, enhancing a dynamic and thriving business environment.

JAFZA has successfully been attracting investors in all business sectors from all over the world by sheer force of its unique value added offerings and propositions. More than 6000 of the world's finest companies are currently based in JAFZA. The present JAFZA profile includes more than 150 of the Global Fortune 500 companies.

Out of these about 42 per cent are from the Middle East region, 23 per cent from Europe, 15 per cent from the Indian Sub continent, 7 per cent from Americas, 6 per cent from the Far East, 5 per cent from Africa and 2 per cent from other parts of the world.

JAFZA has seen a phenomenal 300 fold growth in its member strength growing from 19 companies in 1985 to over 6000 in 2007. Since the turn of this century the number of companies in JAFZA has grown by more than 350 per cent.

### **Benefits**

#### Tax Incentives

- 100% Corporate tax exemption
- 100% Import & Export Tax exemption
- 100% Personal Income Tax exemption
- No customs duty

#### Investment Incentives

- 100% Foreign company ownership
- 100% Repatriation of capital and profits
- Access to over 1.5 billion consumers with rapidly increasing demand
- Abundant and inexpensive energy
- Easy availability of inexpensive workforce
- Competitive business incentives
- Competitive pricing

#### Competitive Advantages

- Strategic location
- Brand name free zone
- Online customer service (e-Services)
- 'One-stop-shop' Administration services
- Owned premises on leased land can be mortgaged
- A one stop shop facility for processing of all documentation including immigration, registration and licensing
- Effortless visa issuance procedures

**Permitted Activities**

- Trading activities
- Services activities
- Industrial and manufacturing activities

**Applications**

If you are an investor wishing to make an application for a License within the Jebel Ali Free Zone, please contact us for further details.