

# 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)

# Business activities

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

- 2400+ AIFC PARTICIPANTS
- 80+ AUTHORISED FINANCIAL COMPANIES
- 160+ AUTHORISED CONSULTING FIRMS

#### Financial Business

- o Asset & Fund management
- o Wealth management
- o Banking
- o Insurance
- o Custody
- o 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

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

# 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 nt

o Contracts

o Corporate

- o Data Protection
- Regulation
- o Insolvency

- o AML & FATF
- o Personal property

## Flexibility of corporate regulation

#### Variety of legal forms

- o Private/Public
- o Partnerships

companies

- o SPCs
- o Investment companies
- o Non-profit org. etc.

o Foundations

# AIFC Court's exclusive jurisdiction over disputes

# Personal Property Regulations

Regulations apply to property of any kind that may be owned and Transferred under the Acting Law of the AIFC, irrespective of whether the property may owned or Transferred under the law of any other jurisdiction.

#### **Consensual Transfer:**

Title of property is transferred to the transferee when both parties mutually intend it to be transferred.

#### Determining Intention:

The intention of transferor and transferee regarding the timing of transfer is determined by considering contractual terms, conduct, and circumstances.

#### Differing Intention:

If there differing intentions about the timing of transfer, title passarees at the last intended time agreed upon by both parties.

#### Requirement of Consent

A transfer is ineffective without the consent of the transferee, which can be explicit or implied.

# Contract Regulations

Regulations govern contracts
made between AIFC

Participants, AIFC Bodies and AIFC

Participants, and AIFC
Bodies, unless otherwise
expressly provided in a
contract.

#### Freedom of and capacity to contract:

Any person of competent legal capacity is free to enter into a contract and determine its content.

#### No form required:

Nothing a contract to be concluded in or evidenced by writing.

#### Binding character of

#### contract:

Valid contracts are binding and can only be modified or terminated according to their terms or by mutual agreement.



# AIFC Court and International Arbitration Centre

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

#### 105

Judgements and Orders

#### 9

Judges

#### 2300+

Arbitration and Mediation cases

#### 42

International Arbitrators and Mediators



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



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