



ADGM  
Arbitration Centre

# ADGM ARBITRATION CENTRE

A state-of-the-art hearing  
facility for the global  
arbitration community





## ABU DHABI GLOBAL MARKET (ADGM)

ADGM, the award-winning International Financial Centre in the capital of the United Arab Emirates, stands out as a global leader in the dispute resolution community with its modern pro-arbitration framework that has been modelled on the UNCITRAL Model Law. This framework is superbly supported by the ADGM Arbitration Centre which is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and hearing facilities. Together, they provide the ideal forum for parties, regionally and globally, to resolve their disputes whether by arbitration or mediation.

### Why choose ADGM for dispute resolution?

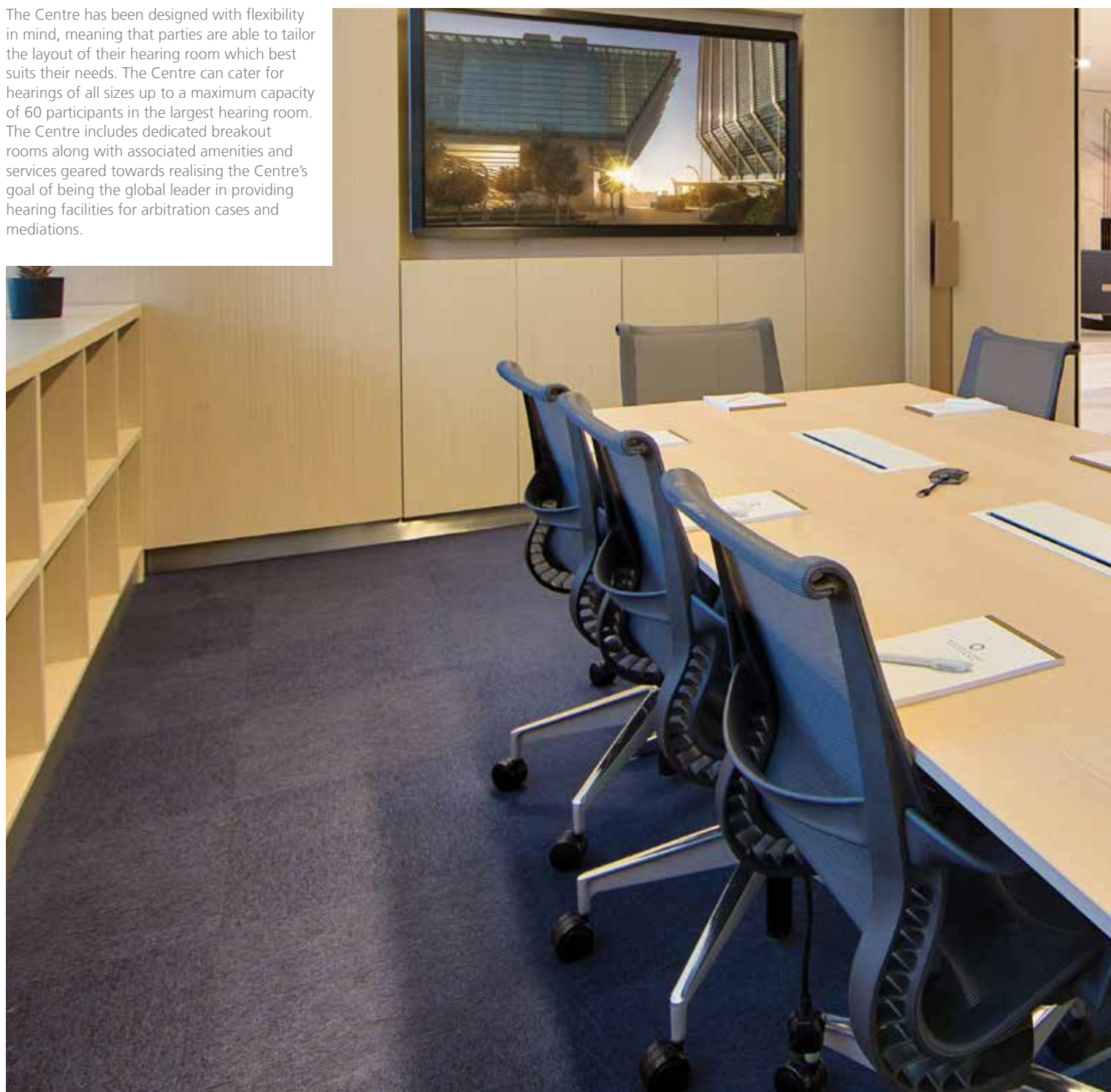
**There are many reasons why parties should seriously consider ADGM as the place to resolve their arbitral disputes. Importantly, ADGM offers:**

- **Neutral venue:** ADGM is a neutral and independent venue which adopts best-practice standards recognised by the international arbitration community.
- **Strategic location:** ADGM is conveniently situated along the East-West trade corridor and is an ideal option where the parties and the tribunal are geographically spread across different locations.
- **Access to world class hearing facilities:** ADGM offers a state-of-the-art hearing facility which gives parties access to a fully digitised service and is unique in the region for its space, comfort and ease of working.
- **Progressive arbitration framework:** ADGM's Arbitration Regulations are based on the UNCITRAL Model Law, with tailored modifications, including: enhanced confidentiality provisions; the ability to contract out of the right to apply to set aside an award, and consolidation and joinder provisions.
- **Enforcement:** ADGM arbitral awards are enforceable under: the New York Convention in more than 150 countries; multi-lateral and bilateral treaties with certain countries, and MOUs with leading international common law jurisdictions.
- **Pro-arbitration judiciary:** ADGM Courts' judges all come from jurisdictions that have an established track record of strongly supporting the arbitral process (England & Wales, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand).
- **ICC Representative Office:** ICC has established its first representative office in ADGM, which facilitates ICC-administered arbitration proceedings in the region. Notwithstanding, there is no restriction on parties choosing another arbitral institution to administer their arbitration within ADGM.
- **Flexibility:** ADGM's Arbitration Regulations reflect the consensual nature of arbitration and allow parties to choose the rules which will apply to their arbitration.
- **Business-oriented infrastructure:** The Centre is located on Al Maryah Island in Abu Dhabi and is within two minutes walking distance of two international hotels, along with a selection of restaurants, eateries, a modern retail mall and lifestyle amenities.

## THE ADGM ARBITRATION CENTRE

The Centre is a world-class hearing facility open to all who seek a modern and business-friendly venue with exceptional support facilities for arbitration hearings or mediations. The Centre is not an arbitral institution, which means that the facilities can be used by parties regardless of which institution they choose to administer their arbitration. In addition, the parties can, and are encouraged to, make use of the Centre's facilities and services even where the legal place of the arbitration is outside of ADGM.

The Centre has been designed with flexibility in mind, meaning that parties are able to tailor the layout of their hearing room which best suits their needs. The Centre can cater for hearings of all sizes up to a maximum capacity of 60 participants in the largest hearing room. The Centre includes dedicated breakout rooms along with associated amenities and services geared towards realising the Centre's goal of being the global leader in providing hearing facilities for arbitration cases and mediations.





## **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. MODERN FACILITIES**

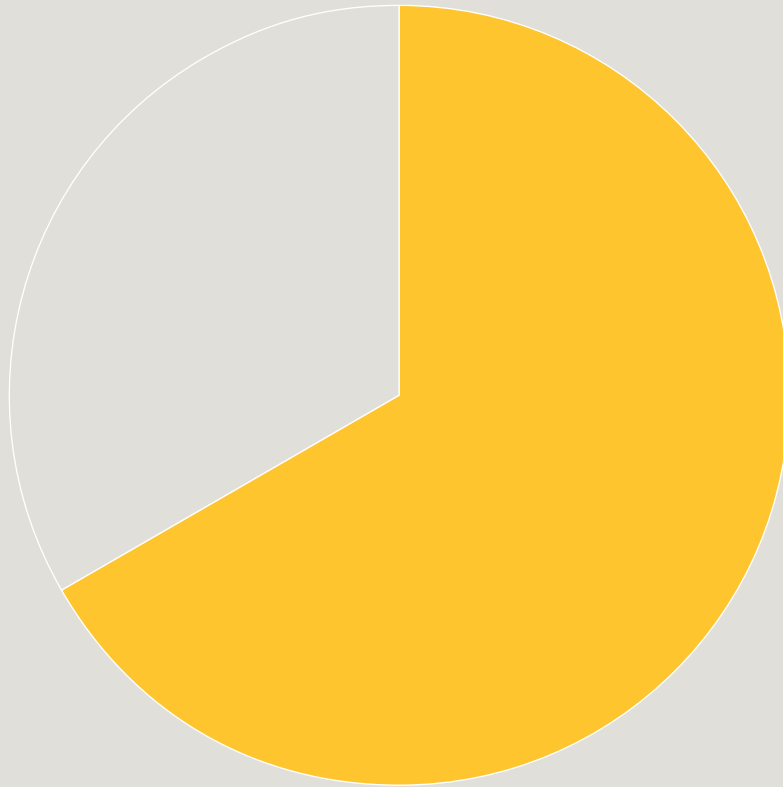
In establishing the Centre, emphasis was placed on meeting the technological requirements of the parties and providing a fully digitised service. The Centre's infrastructure provides for the use of cutting edge software for case preparation and presentation of evidence, strong and reliable WiFi coverage, ceiling based microphone array-speakers/discussion system for sound reinforcement, video conferencing facilities using a multi camera solution, room facility control pads, projectors/large format display placement for video conferencing and presentations, live audio and video for breakout rooms, video monitoring (no sound) for security purposes, and a dedicated site via which participants can make bookings and access information about the Centre, including: room specifications and particulars, catering, transcription/e-trial and other technological requirements, hotel information and costings.



## THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE IN THE HEART OF THE MENA REGION

Abu Dhabi Global Market, an international financial centre in the capital of the United Arab Emirates, fully opened for business on 21 October 2015. A financial free zone, ADGM is an independent jurisdiction encompassing the entire 114 hectares (1.14 km) of Al Maryah Island with rules and regulations aligned with international best practice. ADGM's three independent authorities (Registration Authority, Financial Services Regulatory Authority and the ADGM Courts) provide a holistic environment enabling international companies to conduct business and operate with confidence.



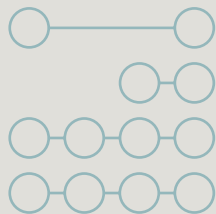


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### ABU DHABI QUICK FACTS



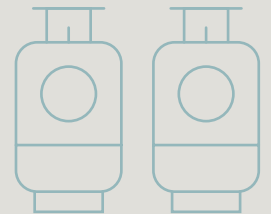
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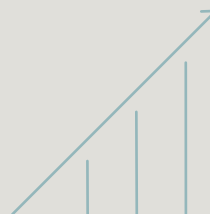
OWNS 9% OF THE WORLD'S  
PROVEN OIL RESERVES



OWNS 5% OF THE WORLD'S GAS  
RESERVES



STABLE INFLATION RATE  
OF 3.2%



49% OF GDP FROM NON-  
OIL & GAS SECTORS







## WHY ADGM?

### World-class professionals and advisors

- Access to the world's leading law firms.
- Gateway to the world's leading professional advisory firms.

### Legal and Regulatory

- An independent jurisdiction with its own civil and commercial laws.
- English common law directly applicable providing high levels of legal certainty.
- Direct incorporation of certain English law statutes.
- Flexibility for additional amendments to regulations as required.
- Independent ADGM Courts.
- Robust arbitration framework in line with best-practice standards adopted by the international arbitration community.

### Efficient process and procedures

- Fully digitised service.
- Trained and highly professional staff available to assist.

### Infrastructure

- Grade 'A' support services and modern infrastructure.
- Global connectivity through world-class airlines.
- Leading hotels, healthcare and lifestyle amenities.





## **REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION?**

The ADGM Arbitration team is available to provide more information and further explanation on arbitration in ADGM. Please feel free to contact us to arrange a meeting or request further information.

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