

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

The AIFC holds a strategic position, providing access to the rapidly growing CIS market with a combined GDP of **USD 2.75 trillion** and a population of **252 million people**.



Astana is the highest ranked city in the region (GFCI 36 as of September 2024)



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



Simplified labor and visa 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

- Employment
- Corporate Regulation
- AML & FATF
- Contracts
- Data Protection
- Insolvency

■ Flexibility of corporate regulation

■ Variety of legal forms

- Private/Public companies
- Investment companies
- Foundations
- Partnerships SPCs
- Non-profit org. etc.

■ AIFC Court's exclusive jurisdiction over disputes



AIFC Court and International Arbitration Centre

Legally separate and 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

150

Judgements
and Orders

10

Judges

3222

Arbitration
and Mediation
cases

54

International
Arbitrators
and Mediators

Access to capital

A hub for financial activities and investments in the region, enabling businesses to connect with global markets and access funding from a diverse range of sources

■ Trusted and liquid capital markets

Astana International Exchange offers businesses and investors innovative services and products

■ Support in investors outreach

A gateway for top-tier investment projects to connect with strategic investors for successful funding opportunities

■ Variety of financial instruments

Banks
Asset Management firms

Investment companies
Crowdfunding platforms



Astana International Exchange

Fosters reliable and liquid capital markets in Central Asia and beyond, by offering cutting-edge solutions and services that cater to the needs of both companies and investors

Product Pipeline

1

Equity

(IPO/ SPO, Pre-IPO, Regional Equity Market Segment, Junior Mining segment, “Belt & Road” segment)

2

Debt

(public bonds, private placements, Islamic bonds, green bonds)

3

Structured products

(ETF, ETN)

200+

listings

1.8 mln+

investor accounts

5x

growth in trading volume (1H2024 vs 1H 2023)

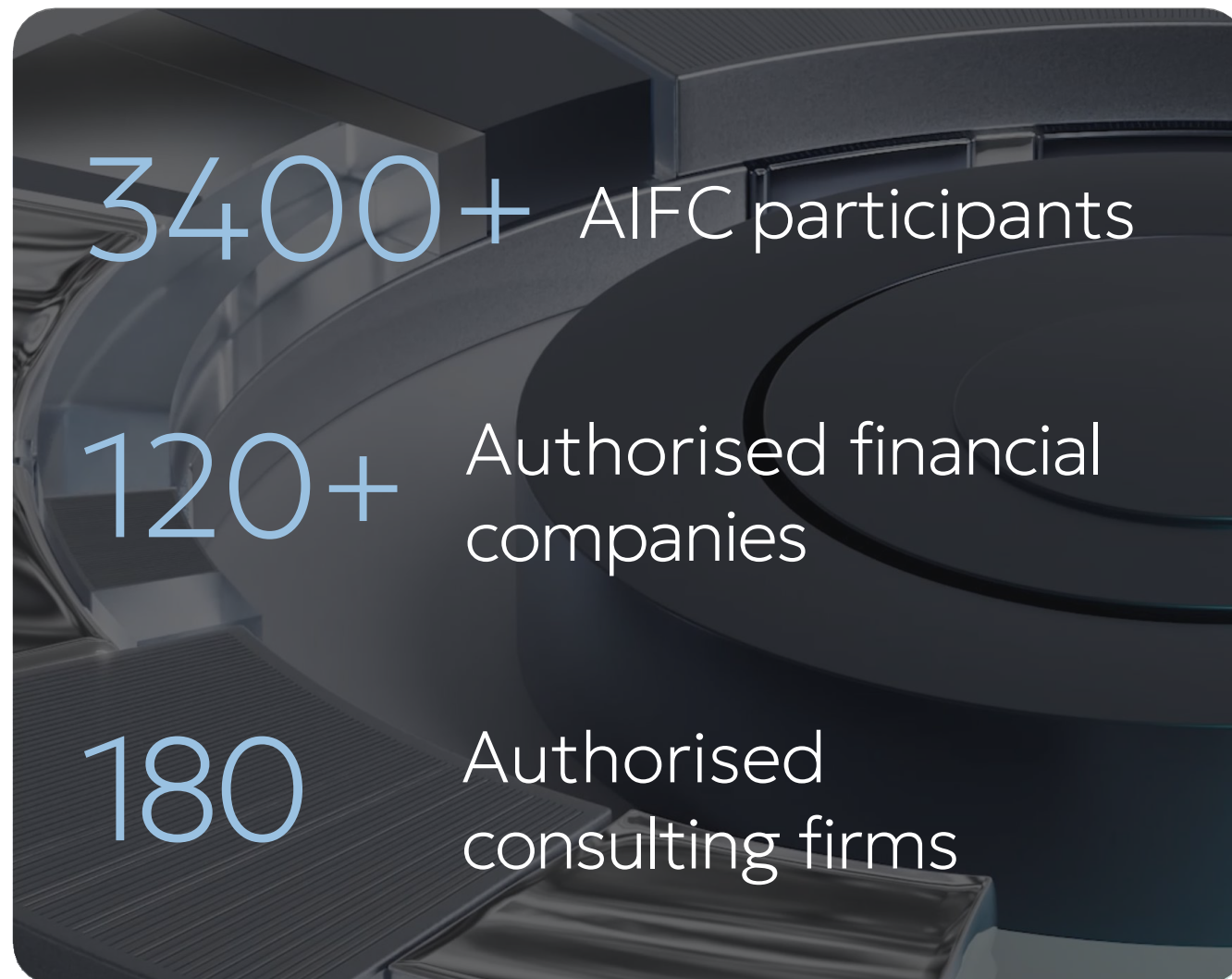
Special tax regime

The residents of AIFC can benefit from a distinctive and favorable tax regime, and this complements Kazakhstan's already relatively low tax environment

	KZ	AIFC	
		Authorised companies	Non-Authorised companies
CIT	20%	0%	20%
VAT	12%	0%	12%
WHT on dividends and CGT	5-15%	0%	0%

Business activities

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



- Financial Business
 - Asset & Fund management
 - Wealth management
 - Banking
 - Insurance
 - Custody
 - 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
 - Legal services
 - Audit services
 - Taxation
 - Accounting
 - Business consulting
 - Shari'ah consulting
 - Credit rating

Non-conventional finance

AIFC provides a one-of-a-kind advanced framework for alternative innovative finance that is unparalleled in the region



■ Islamic finance

- Access to significant Muslim consumer market in Central Asia and CIS (~ 80 mln people in 2023, projected population growth to 100 mln in 2030)
- Cross-listed Sukuk
- Authorised Islamic banks, finance companies, rating agency and Fintech companies
- Developed network of Shari'ah consultants



■ Green & Sustainable finance

- Expanding market of sustainable finance in Kazakhstan (around \$520 mln)
- Measures of state support
- Green taxonomy
- Growing interest in sustainable finance instruments (including bonds and labelled loans)



■ Fintech

- Cryptocurrency trading opportunities
- The first start-up sandbox in the region
- Separate well-developed regulation tailored to fintech companies
- Opportunities for crowdfunding

Compliance with global standards

AIFC is committed to world standards in tax transparency, as well as combating money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

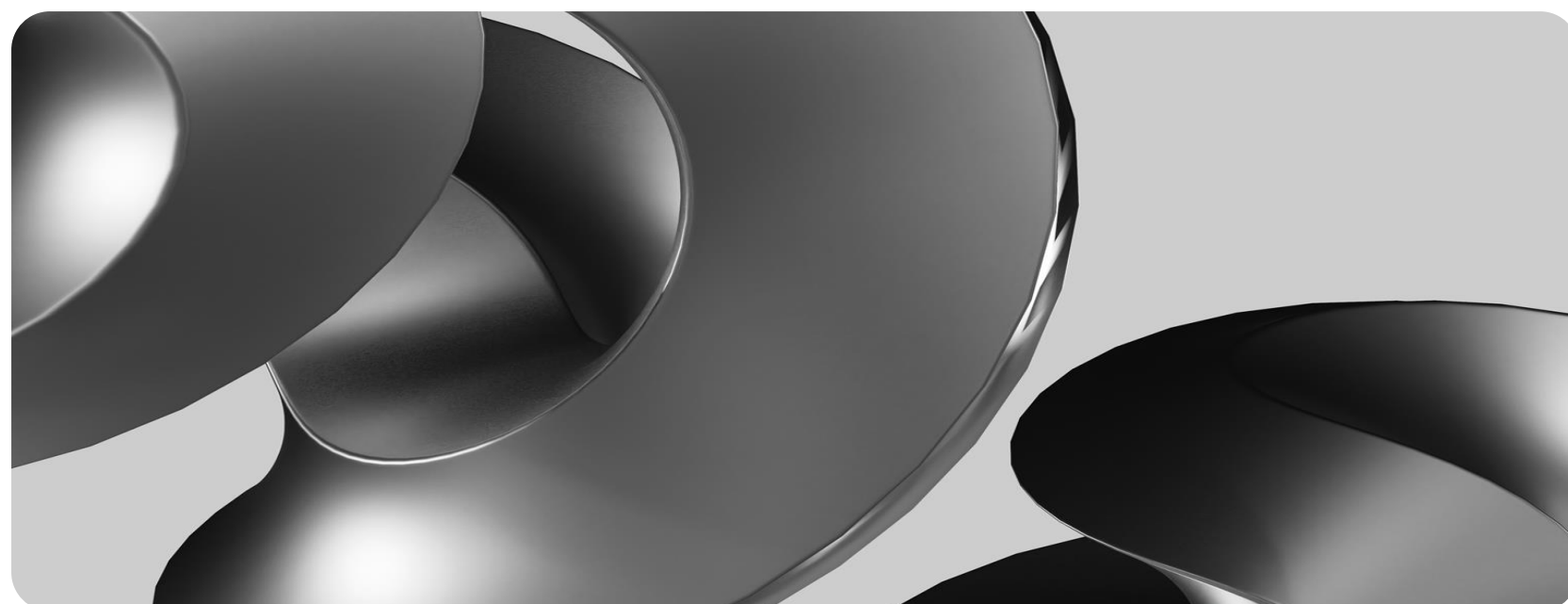


In July 2023 AIFC has passed the EAG Mutual Evaluation for compliance with the FATF international standards



In July 2022 AIFC was confirmed to be compliant with global standards of tax transparency (OECD BEPS)

Comfortable Environment for Foreign Individuals



■ AIFC Expat Centre

One-stop-shop providing comprehensive support throughout the relocation process and settlement in Kazakhstan

Welcoming and supportive environment for international AIFC participants



■ AIFC Investment Tax Residence Programme

Unique opportunity to obtain long-term visa to Kazakhstan and enjoy favorable tax residency terms



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

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