



ASTANA INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE

Welcome to AIFC

Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) is a global centre for business and finance playing a pivotal role in connecting the economies of **the Central Asia, the Caucasus, EAEU, West China, Mongolia, Middle East and Europe.**



WHY AIFC – BENEFITS OF OPERATING FROM AIFC



STRATEGIC LOCATION AND ACCESS TO A LARGE MARKET



INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL SYSTEM
based on English Common Law



WORLD CLASS REGULATION STANDARDS
ease of setting up business



TAX EXEMPTION UNTIL 2066
on the regulated activities



SPECIAL LABOUR AND VISA REGIMES
no restriction on employment



VIBRANT FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM



AIFC COURT AND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE (IAC)



The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mance AIFC Court Chief Justice

Lord Mance has many years of experience in commercial law and international trade, in public and private international law and in European law. He was appointed Deputy President of the UK Supreme Court in 2017.

Advantages of the AIFC Court

- Judicial system based on the rules and principals of English Common Law
- Independent court and judges
- Online dispute resolution via e-Justice system
- Judgments successfully enforced in Kazakhstan with 100% judgment satisfaction
- No administration fees
- All cases administered online during COVID-19

Advantages of the IAC

- No administration fees
- Choice of arbitrator and mediator
- Choice of language
- Choice of arbitral rules [IAC Procedural Rules, UNCITRAL, ad hoc rules]
- Final award within 6 months
- Mediation services



The Lord Faulks QC



Sir Rupert Jackson



Sir Jack Beatson
FBA



Sir Stephen Richards



Andrew Spink
QC



Thomas Montagu-Smith
QC



Charles Banner QC



Patricia Edwards

9
JUDGES

TOTAL CASES AT THE
AIFC COURT AND IAC

981



Court

22

JUDGEMENTS



IAC

959

ARBITRATION
AND MEDIATION
CASES



NEW YORK
CONVENTION
GUIDE

41
INTERNATIONAL
ARBITRATORS

01

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Development and adoption of AIFC regulations and rules concerning regulation of financial services

02

REGISTRATION

- AFSA registers and incorporates all AIFC Participants, including regulated person and non-financial persons

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AUTHORISATION and RECOGNITION

- Authorisation process aims to ensure that only the right firms, run by the right people, and selling the right products are approved to do business in the AIFC
- Recognition enables renowned financial firms to obtain Recognition in a streamlined manner

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SUPERVISION and ENFORCEMENT

- Prudential and conduct supervision of firms performing financial services, as well as enforcement of AIFC Regulations and Rules



World's Best Regulation Standards

32 legal acts developed

27 financial activities

8 market activities regulated

Legal and regulatory regime espoused by IOSCO, Basel Committee, IAIS, OECD, IFSB



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE SUPERVISORS



ASTANA INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (AIX)

REGULATORY CONDITIONS COHERENT TO A FOREIGN INVESTOR



- Legal regime based on the principles of English law
- Regulatory framework takes into account international standards
- Independent courts with international judges and arbitrators

WORLD-CLASS ADVANCED INFRASTRUCTURE



- 29 trade members (Kazakhstan, Russia, China, Europe)
- Vertically integrated trading and settlement structure (Euroclear, Citi, Societe Generale, Sberbank)
- Thomas Murray's Rating "A" for AIX Central Securities Depository

HIGH-TECH NASDAQ TRADING PLATFORM



- Trading Platform in Amazon Web Services Cloud Storage
- ISO 27001 (information security) and ISO/IEC 27032:2012 (cyber security) Certifications

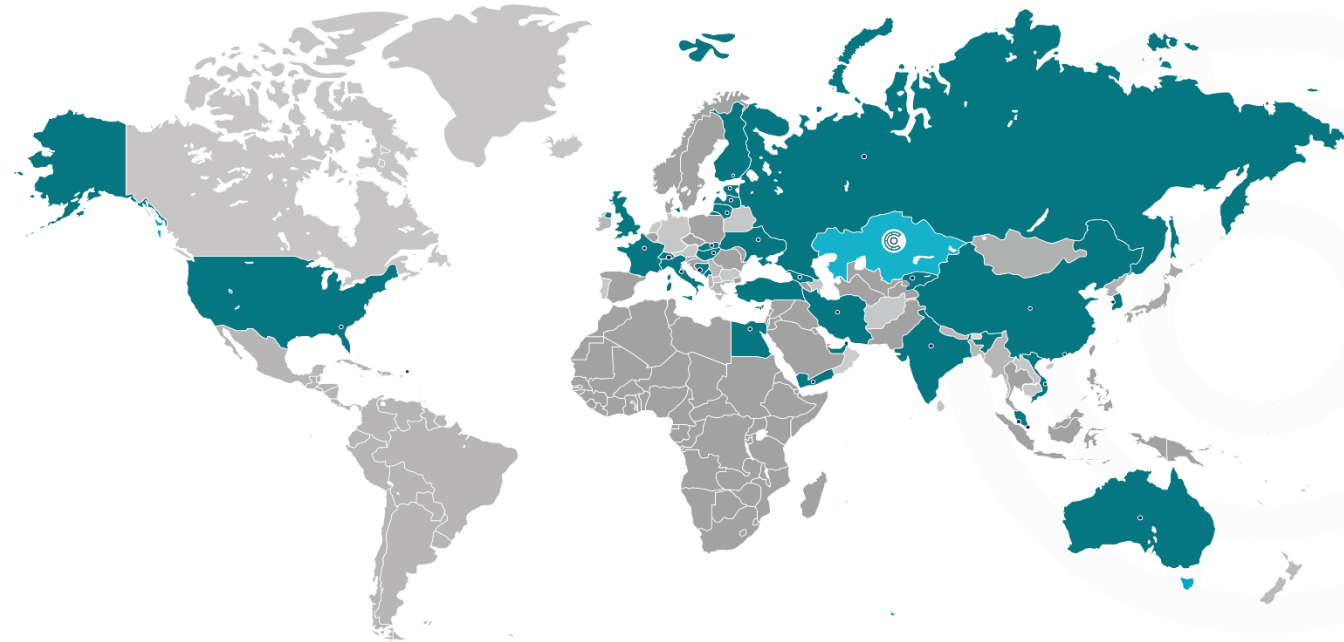
- ✓ **\$35 bln.** issuer capitalisation
- ✓ **\$1.3 bln.** debt capital
- ✓ **\$321 mln.** equity capital
- ✓ **136** listings
- ✓ **>160k** investor accounts
- ✓ **x5,7** growth in trading volume
- ✓ **12 ETNs** and **2 ETFs**
- ✓ **8** pre-IPOs
- ✓ **Full range** of Islamic Finance products

Shareholders of the AIX: global capital markets leaders



AIFC PARTICIPANT LANDSCAPE

Over 1200 companies from 64 countries
REGISTERED AS AIFC PARTICIPANTS



29 Brokers

CICC • SHENWAN HONGYUAN SECURITIES HONG KONG • WOOD & COMPANY FINANCIAL SERVICES • TSESNA CAPITAL • BCC INVEST • HALYK FINANCE • TENGRI CAPITAL • FREEDOM FINANCE



Registration / Licensing Support

- Regulatory and corporate support
- Legal form selection
- Application review

500+ / 50+

Registered / Licensed Participants

Post-Registration Support

- Corporate actions
- Tax, employment, banking issues
- Company address and office lease
- Government services

700+

Procedures/Applications Completed

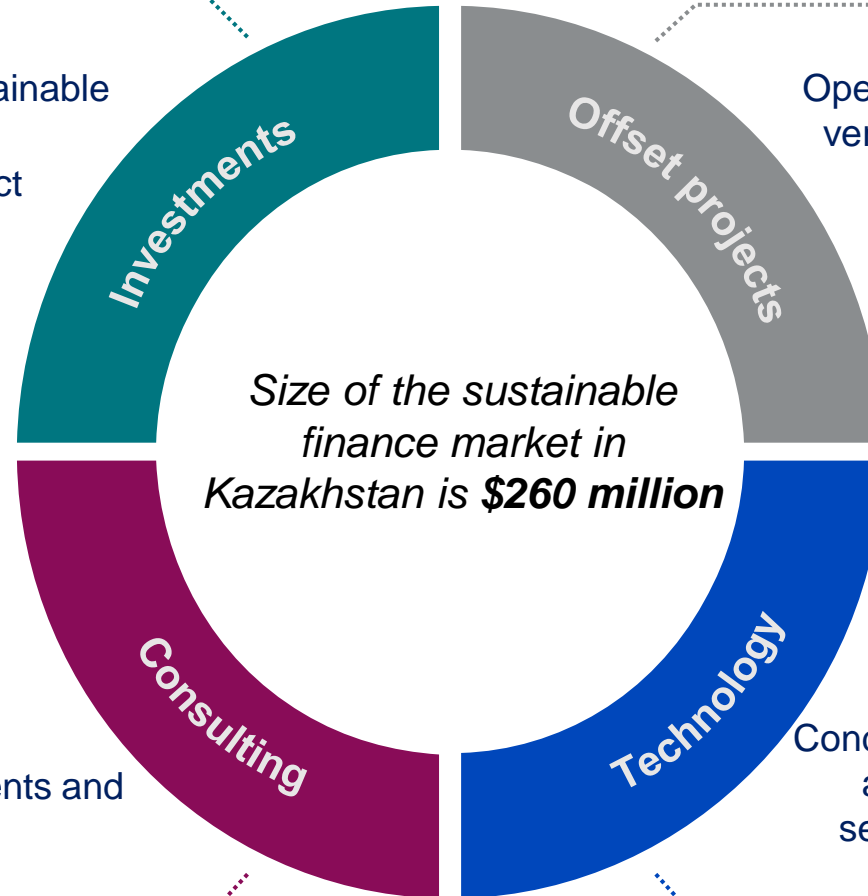
Attracting ESG investments

Facilitating the placement of sustainable bonds to finance projects with environmental and/or social impact



ESG policies and strategies

Development of strategic documents and policies in the field of sustainable development



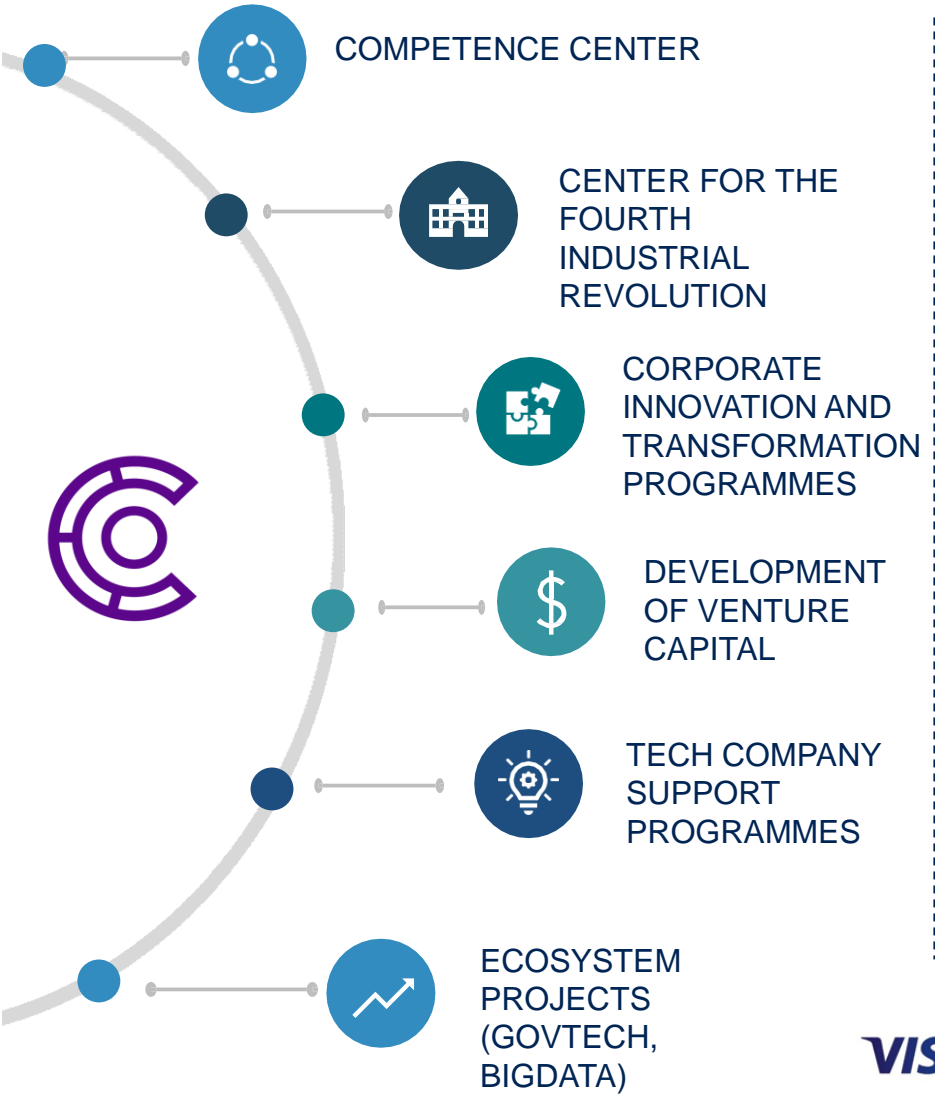
Offset projects

Operator services for tree planting and verification of carbon credits received from the project



Technology transfer

Conducting technological/environmental audits of manufacturing enterprises, search and expertise of technological solutions

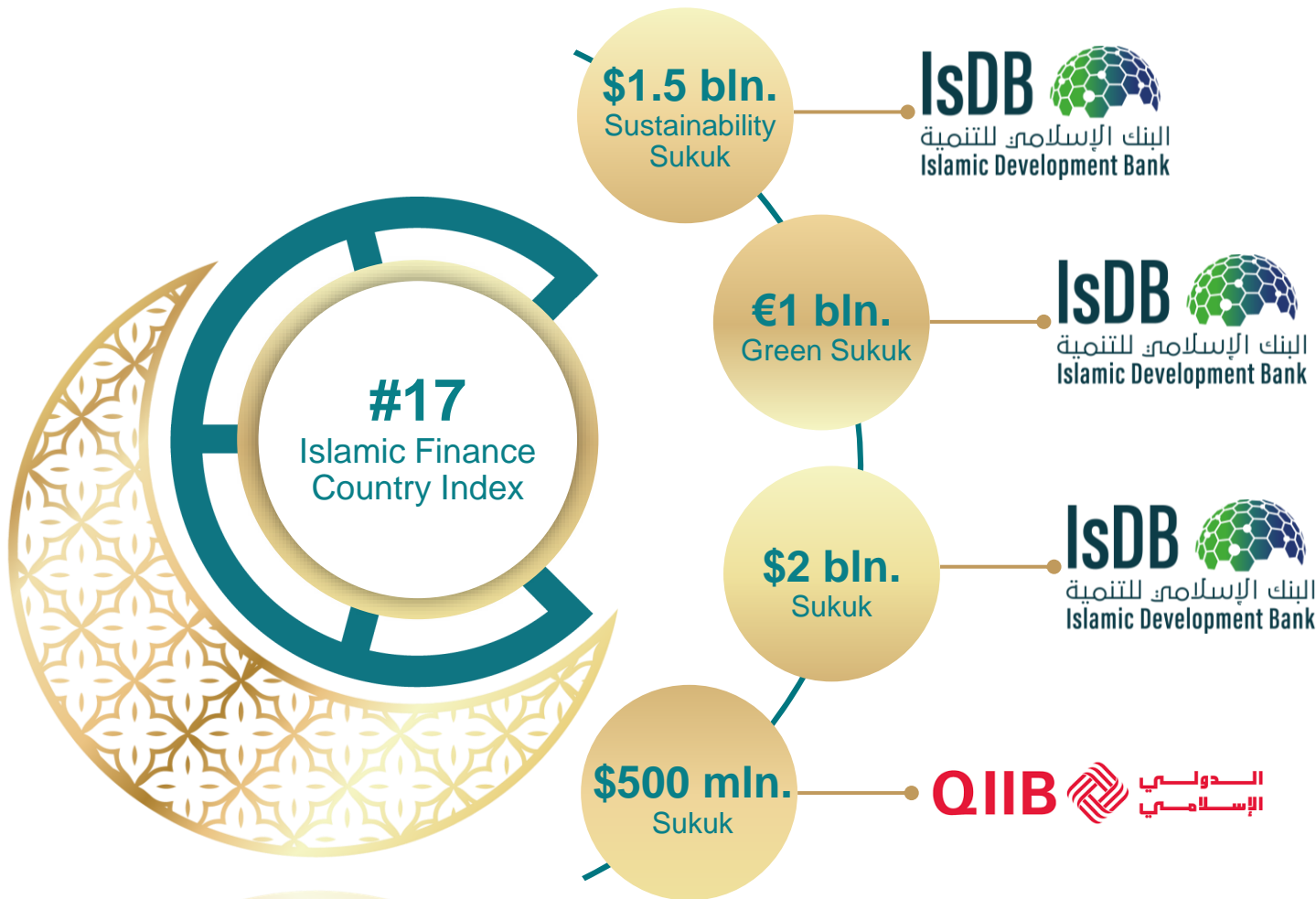


- Think tank and industrial analytics
- Innovative transformation of companies and organisations
- Attracting BigTech companies and supporting the export of Tech startups and companies
- Development of technology platforms (*Fintech, GovTech, BigData, etc.*)
- Startup Exchange – Venture Rocket Eurasia (VC HUB)
- International partner programmes (*w/ VISA, Mastercard, etc.*)

RESULTS

16	Industry reports
\$1M+	Startup support programmes
\$7M+	Investments and transactions
\$13M+	Crowdfunding platforms
\$40M+	Direct Investments for Tech and Fintech Companies (FDI)





The AIFC has developed a **Master Plan** for the development of **Islamic finance in Kazakhstan** until 2025 and a legal framework with the assistance of the Islamic Development Bank and Asian Development Bank



THANK YOU!

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