

# **GCC & Europe: Strong Investment Flow Prospects**

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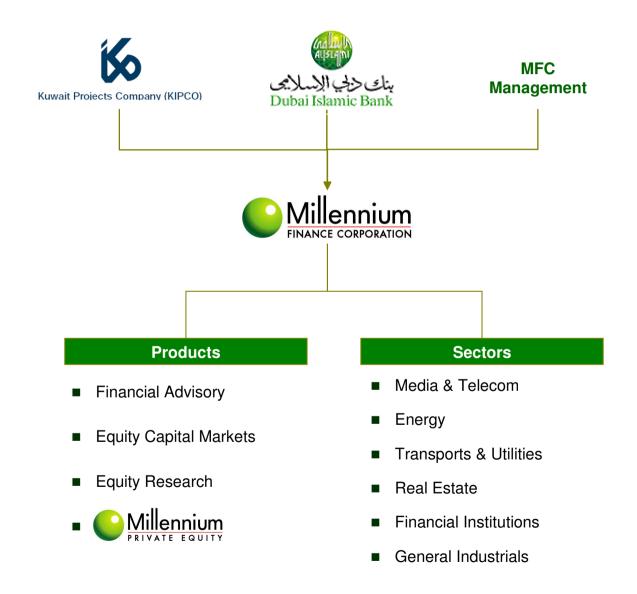


#### Who Are We?

A credible alternative to international investment banks for blue chip institutions from the Middle East, Africa and Asia

A differentiated sector driven organisation focusing on key industries

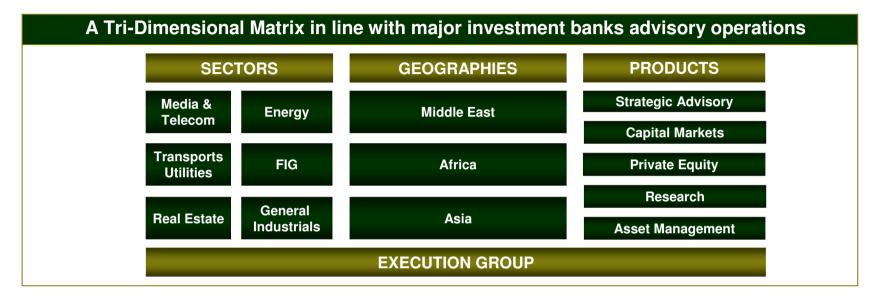
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### **Our Organizational Structure and Products**

MFC activity is structured in a tridimensional matrix according to Sectors, Products and Geographic region



#### **MFC Products**

- Strategic Advisory :
  - M&A, Privatisation, Restructuring, Private Placements, Financing Advisory
- Capital Markets:
  - IPO, Secondary offerings / Secondary listings, Convertibles and other equity linked offerings
  - Debt Capital Markets: Advisory, Sukuks and debt related offerings
  - Sales & Trading with a priority on sales activities
- Private Equity :
  - Private equity funds covering strategic sectors such as telecoms, oil & gas, etc.
- Research :
  - Supports Strategic Advisory and Capital Markets activities and tremendous marketing tool
- Asset Management

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#### five main business lines to provide the full range of investment banking advisory services to its clients

MFC is structured in



#### **Achievements to Date**

Strategic Advisory More than 15 cross-border M&A transactions with blue chip institutions, namely:







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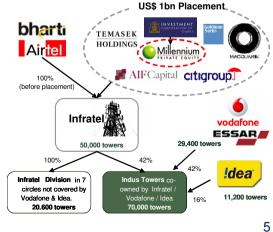


#### **Capital Markets**

- US\$ 4.96 billion IPO of DP World on the DIFX The largest IPO in Middle-East history (Nov. 2007)
- US\$ 871 million IPO of DEYAAR on the DFM (May 2007)
- US\$ 2.2 billion integrated mining project for Mittal Arcelor in Senegal (2007)
- US\$ 375 million acquisition of Indago Petroleum by RAK Petroleum
- Share issue with convertible notes for Anzon Energy (AIM) US\$ 75m (October 2006)
- Half a dozen of private placements and equity-related transactions under execution
- Launch of a US\$ 5bn family of private equity funds (approximately US\$ 1 billion already committed)
- Anchor investors / sponsors are: DIB, Dubai World, KIPCO, KFH and Islamic Development Bank
- First investment of US\$ 100 million in Bharti Infratel alongside with Temasek, Goldman Sachs, MIIF and other first-class international investors (Sponsor: Investment Corporation of Dubai)

**Private Equity** 

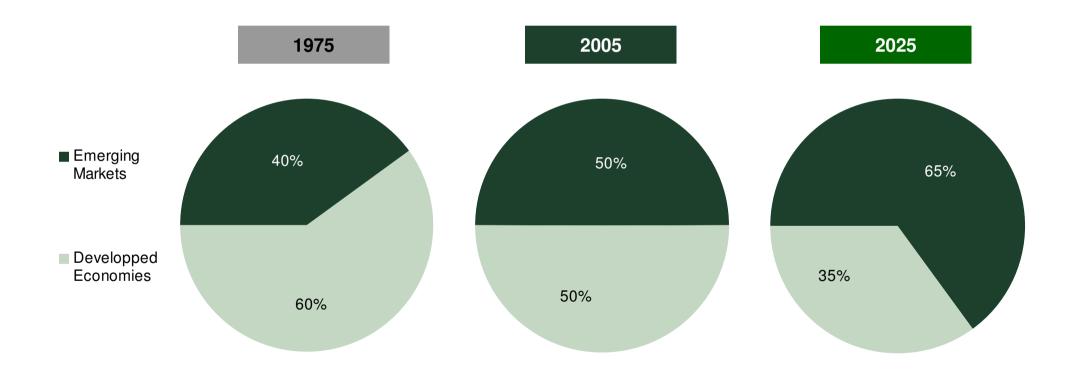






## **Established in a High-Growth Region**

■ Emerging Markets to lead world GDP:

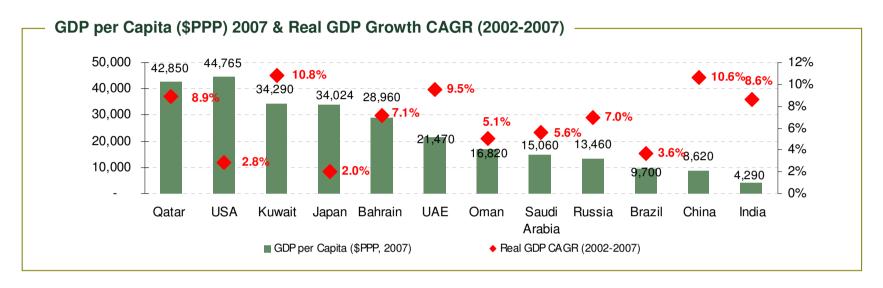


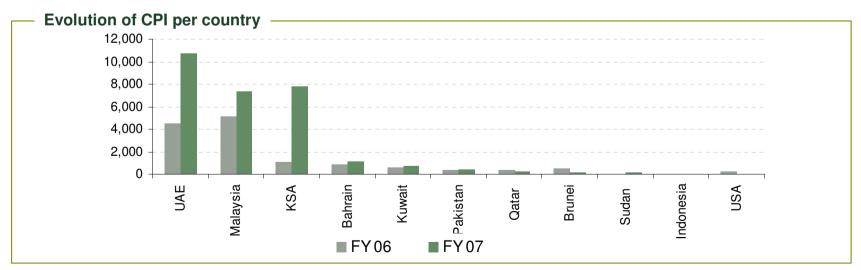


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#### **GCC Macroeconomic Indicators**

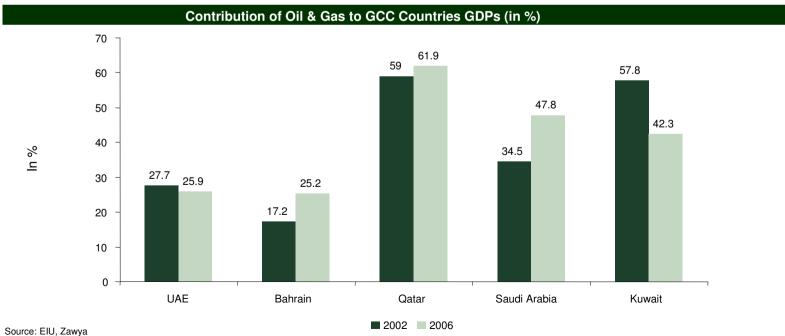






### Sustained high contribution of oil to GCC countries' economies



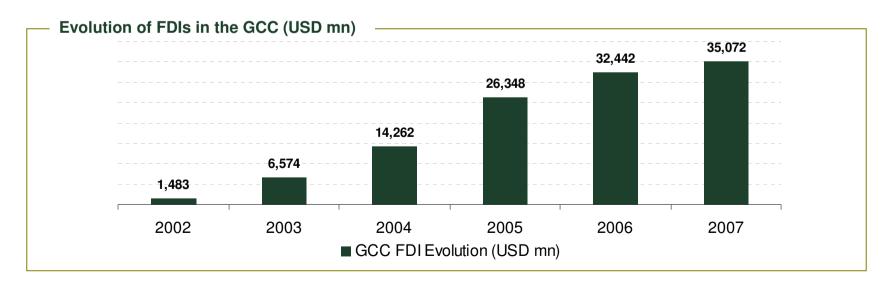




#### **GCC** opening doors to Foreign Investors

#### Overview

- WTO and Government regulations have accelerated foreign investments into the GCC economies
- We predict an increased role of the international players in:
  - Privatizations through consortiums with local players
  - Regional capital markets driven by their increased regulation and sophistication

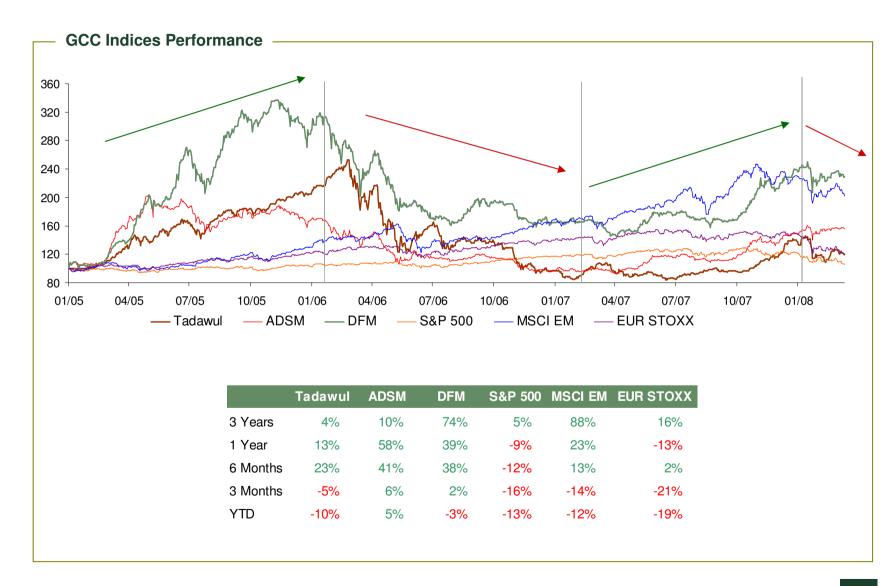




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### **Strong Secondary Markets and Resistant to Sub-Prime Effect**



Source: Bloomberg

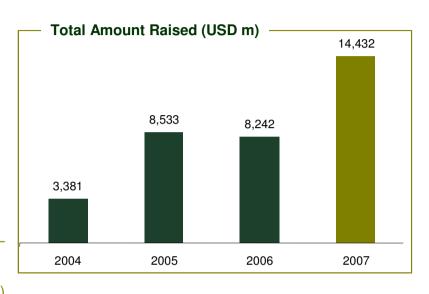


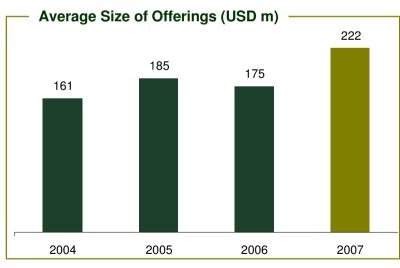
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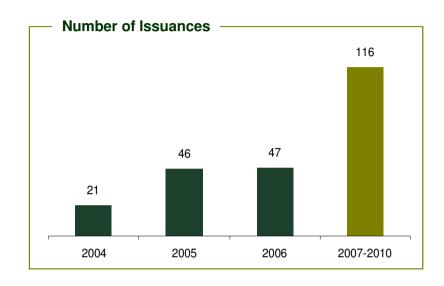
IPO Issuance in the Middle East has gone up significantly both in terms of number of issuances and size of offerings.

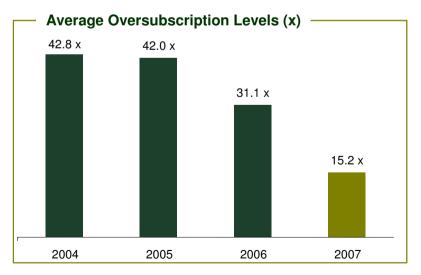
Largest three offerings accounted for around 50% of the total offerings for year 2007 – DP World (\$4.96bn), Saudi Kayan Petrochemicals (\$1.8bn) and Deyaar (\$883m)

Despite DP World being oversubscribed nearly 15x, year 2007 has seen reduction in the average oversubscription levels compared to prior years









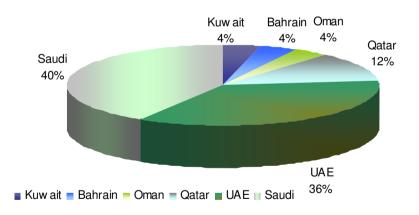


### **Key Regional IPO Indicators**

#### **Top Ten IPO Issuances in the GCC**

Issuer	Country of domicile	Sector	Size of offering (USD mn)	Equity offered
DP World	UAE	Transport	4,963.4	23.00%
Saudi Telecom	Saudi Arabia	Telecoms and	2,720.0	30.00%
Saudi Kayan Petrochemical Company	Saudi Arabia	Oil and Gas	1,799.9	45.00%
Masraf Al Rayan	Qatar	Financial Services	1,172.9	55.00%
Deyaar Development Company	UAE	Real Estate	882.6	55.00%
Kingdom Holding Company	Saudi Arabia	Financial Services	860.9	5.00%
Qatar Gas Transport Company	Qatar	Oil and Gas	769.3	50.00%
Air Arabia	UAE	Transport	713.0	55.00%

#### **GCC IPO Market Comparison (2007)**





#### **Recent GCC IPOs' Performances**

Issuer	Exchange	Listing date	Oversubscribed	1st Day	1st Month	Since floatation	Benchmark Index since floatation
DAMAC Real Estate Development Jordan Company	Amman SE	24Feb08	72.20 x	131.00%	-	307.00%	7.10%
Model Restaurants Company	Amman SE	11Feb08	60.96 x	68.00%	44.00%	44.00%	10.89%
Al Sagr Cooperative Insurance Company	Saudi SE	10Feb08	5.55 x	332.50%	322.50%	307.50%	4.44%
Trade Union Insurance Company	Saudi SE	09Feb08	7.39 x	332.50%	297.50%	290.00%	4.44%
Arabia Insurance Cooperative Company	Saudi SE	04Feb08	8.21 x	680.00%	355.00%	325.00%	2.61%
Rabigh Refining and Petrochemical Company	Saudi SE	27Jan08	3.48 x	148.81%	133.33%	134.52%	5.83%
United Cable Industries Company	Amman SE	16Jan08	11.68 x	31.00%	30.00%	38.00%	4.88%
Société de Production Agricole de Téboulba	Tunisian SE	31Dec07	1.03 x	-1.82%	-2.09%	-2.09%	0.77%
Microdata	Casablanca SE	31Dec07	13.32 x	-6.46%	-8.33%	-30.21%	16.00%
Dar Al Arkan Real Estate Development Company	Saudi SE	29Dec07	4.23 x	34.82%	25.00%	22.77%	-13.22%
Salafin	Casablanca SE	17Dec07	33.78 x	19.70%	37.91%	23.58%	17.69%
Royal Jordanian	Amman SE	17Dec07	1.41 x	1.95%	-2.60%	17.86%	20.12%
Qatar and Oman Investment Company	Doha SM	12Dec07	4.28 x	145.63%	66.02%	56.31%	8.28%
Al Khaleej Training and Education	Saudi SE	10Dec07	5.51 x	178.46%	151.92%	98.08%	-1.26%
Middle East Specialized Cables Company	Saudi SE	08Dec07	2.04 x	95.65%	72.28%	82.61%	0.14%
Stokvis Nord-Afrique	Casablanca SE	03Dec07	60.92 x	32.88%	32.03%	20.34%	15.40%
Jabal Omar Development Company	Saudi SE	01Dec07	3.09 x	70.00%	167.50%	162.50%	4.66%
Talaat Mostafa Group	Cairo SE	28Nov07	41.40 x	23.18%	7.09%	9.73%	15.57%
Jordan and Emirates Dimensions for Commercial Investment	Amman SE	26Nov07	10.76 x	33.00%	15.00%	20.00%	19.82%
DP World	DIFX	26Nov07	15.00 x	4.62%	-9.23%	-37.69%	-
Société Nationale d'Electrolyse et de Pétrochimie	Casablanca SE	07Nov07	88.32 x	33.04%	12.00%	7.68%	11.72%
First Jordan Investment Company	Amman SE	06Nov07	3.74 x	21.00%	16.00%	6.00%	26.67%
Galfar Engineering and Contracting	Muscat SM	24Oct07	14.81 x	61.79%	99.50%	168.61%	35.29%
Baton for Blocks and Inter Locking Tiles	Amman SE	24Oct07	15.17 x	73.00%	50.00%	23.00%	28.08%
Compagnie d'Assurances et de Réassurance Atlanta	Casablanca SE	16Oct07	103.53 x	33.08%	53.75%	16.00%	11.10%
Al Ahlia Cooperative Insurance Company	Saudi SE	06Oct07	7.97 x	607.50%	682.50%	747.50%	27.57%
Gulf Union Cooperative Insurance Company	Saudi SE	11Sep07	4.94 x	662.50%	350.00%	325.00%	24.35%
Devaar Development Company	Dubai FM	05Sep07	14.00 x	87.26%	87.26%	147.06%	33.78%
Saudi Arabian Cooperative Insurance Company	Saudi SE	03Sep07	10.07 x	997.50%	920.00%	775.00%	24.01%
United International Transportation Company	Saudi SE	01Sep07	10.35 x	223.08%	119.23%	123.56%	20.41%
First Insurance	Amman SE	27Aug07	4.70 x	17.00%	13.00%	6.00%	53.22%
Allied Cooperative Insurance Group	Saudi SE	27Aug07	8.08 x	997.50%	1012.50%	760.00%	21.81%
Saudi Indian Company for Cooperative Insurance	Saudi SE	25Aug07	8.00 x	997.50%	890.00%	770.00%	22.46%
Tuhama for Financial Investment	Amman SE	20Aug07	11.87 x	54.00%	104.00%	130.00%	52.89%
Alahli Takaful Company	Saudi SE	18Aug07	11.18 x	997.50%	1650.00%	1192.50%	25.38%
Compagnie Générale Immobilière	Casablanca SE	10Aug07	1.41 x	32.98%	165.02%	141.18%	20.49%
Tunisie Profilés Aluminium	Tunisian SE	09Aug07	5.77 x	23.81%	19.05%	17.62%	5.56%
Al Khaliii Commercial Bank	Doha SM	01Aug07	2.28 x	14.15%	8.29%	25.85%	35.29%
Seef Properties	Bahrain SE	29Jul07	3.46 x	12.00%	8.00%	84.00%	14.05%
Kingdom Holding Company	Saudi SE	29Jul07	2.64 x	19.51%	9.76%	21.95%	31.23%
Saudi Fransi Cooperative Insurance Company	Saudi SE	23Jul07	5.93 x	997.50%	1720.00%	1160.00%	34.01%
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Sanad for Cooperative Insurance and Reinsurance TIMAR		21Jul07	4.00 x	410.00%	680.00%	352.50%	32.05%
	Casablanca SE	17Jul07	2.59 x	15.73%	14.57%	23.71%	28.43%
Saudi United Cooperative Insurance Company Air Arabia	Saudi SE	17Jul07	3.50 x	370.00%	597.50%	350.00%	33.05%
	Dubai FM	17Jul07	1.50 x	8.82%	23.53%	102.94%	26.98%
Saudi Printing and Packaging Company	Saudi SE	15Jul07	1.36 x	126.14%	113.64%	42.05%	31.46%
GB Auto	Cairo SE	09Jul07	3.96 x	10.84%	9.24%	80.00%	35.32%
M2M Group	Casablanca SE	04Jul07	92.24 x	11.60%	16.44%	-16.99%	27.76%
Housing Loan Insurance Company	Amman SE	02Jul07	4.45 x	78.00%	67.00%	24.00%	48.05%
Arabian Shield Cooperative Insurance Company	Saudi SE	26Jun07	4.50 x	537.50%	485.00%	347.50%	39.48%
Saudi Kayan Petrochemical Company	Saudi SE	23Jun07	5.00 x	30.00%	22.50%	160.00%	41.07%



### **GCC IPO Pipeline – UAE Example**

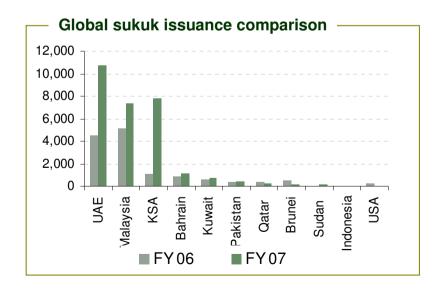
Status	Issuer	Expected Time	Country	Sector	Size (USD)	Equity Offered %
Announced	Abraaj Capital	2008	UAE	Financial Services	-	-
Announced	Abu Dhabi Holding	2008	UAE	Financial Services	-	-
Announced	Al Nahda International Education Company	Q1 2008	UAE	Services	214M	38.50%
Announced	Al Qudra Holding	Q1 2008	UAE	Conglomerates	-	30.00%
Announced	DAMAC Holding	2009	UAE	Conglomerates	-	-
Announced	Damas Jewellery	H1 2008	UAE	Consumer Goods	272M	25.00%
Announced	DEPA United Group	Q2 2008	UAE	Construction	500M	-
Announced	Dubai Bank	2008	UAE	Financial Services	-	-
Announced	Emirates Airline*	2008	UAE	Transport	-	20.00%
Announced	Emirates Post*	2008	UAE	Transport	-	49.00%
Announced	International Petroleum Investment Company*	2008	UAE	Financial Services	700M -	-
Announced	Middle East Broadcasting Corporation	2008	UAE	Media	-	-
Announced	Nakheel	2009	UAE	Real Estate	-	-
Announced	Palm District Cooling	2008	UAE	Power and Utilities	-	-
Announced	RAK Petroleum	2008	UAE	Oil and Gas	-	-
Announced	Rasmala Investments Holdings	2008	UAE	Financial Services	-	-
Announced	Rotana Hotel Management Corporation	2010	UAE	Travel and Tourism	-	-
Announced	Showtime Arabia	2008	UAE	Media	-	-
Announced	Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications Company	2008	UAE	Telecoms and IT	-	-
Rumored	Abu Dhabi Securities Market	2008	UAE	Financial Services	-	-
Rumored	Abu Dhabi Vegetable Oil Company	2008	UAE	Agriculture and Food	-	-
Rumored	Al Mansoori Specialized Engineering	2008	UAE	Oil and Gas	-	-
Rumored	Dubai Aerospace Enterprise*	2008	UAE	Transport	-	-
Rumored	Emirates Central Cooling Systems Corporation	2008	UAE	Power and Utilities	-	-
Rumored	The National Investor	2009	UAE	Financial Services	-	-

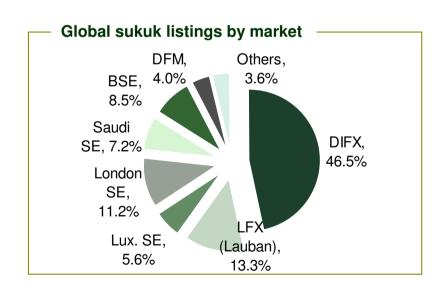


#### **New Sources of Financing – Global Sukuk Market Overview**

#### Global sukuk listing - facts

- Size of listing Sukuks across the globe amounts to USD 25.7 bn
- DIFX constitutes 47% of this with USD 13.8 bn
- Of the total 39 listed Sukuks globally, Ijarah Sukuks constitute 21 with a total size of USD 12.9 bn followed by Musharaka and Modarabah with 11 (USD 7.6 bn) and 5 (USD 4.4 bn) issues, respectively
- Among GCC markets, Sukuks are listed in Bahrain (USD 2.5 bn), Saudi (USD 2.1 bn) and DFM (USD 1.2 bn)



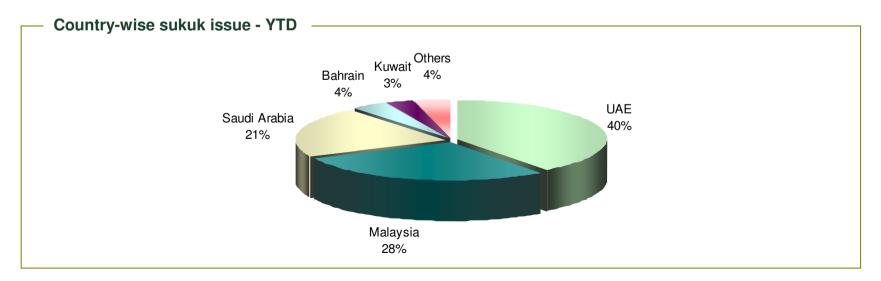




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Top listed Sukuks by issue size

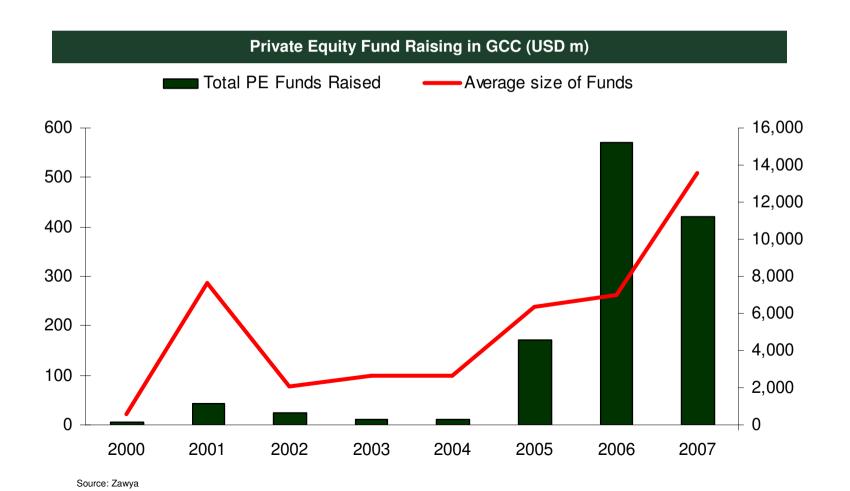
Exch.	Issuer	Structure	Country	Subscription Date	Bid/Ask Price	Bid/Ask Yield	Margin (Coupon)	Issue (USD mn)
DIFX	Nakheel	ljarah	UAE	Dec06 - 14Dec06	105.400 / 105.900	4.850 / 4.650	6.35%	3,520
DIFX	Ports Customs and Free Zone Corporation	Musharaka	UAE	14Jan06 -3Jan06	116.075 / 116.575	-10.063 / -12.77	-	3,500
Saudi SE	Saudi Basic Industries Corporation	ljarah	KSA	11Jul07 - 5Jul07	NA	NA	SIBOR + 38 bps	2,133
DIFX	DP World	Modarabah	UAE	Jun07 - 02Jul07	96.749 / 97.436	6.700 / 6.600	6%	1,500
DIFX	DIFC	Modarabah	UAE	01Jun07 - 13Jun07	95.400 / 96.200	6.600 / 6.400	3 months LIBOR + 37 bps	1,250
LSE	Dana Gas	Modarabah	UAE	4-Oct-07	106.750 / 108.000	5.910 / 5.628	7.50%	1,000





### **New Source of Financing – Private Equity**

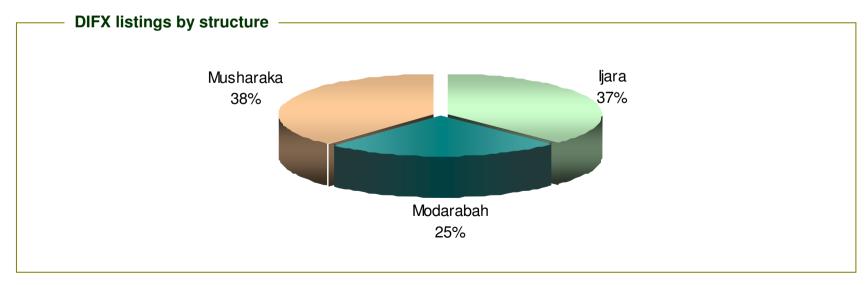
- Private Equity has witnessed significant growth across the region
- There has been increasing variety in the products offered including Sharia Funds, Private Equity and Hedge Funds





#### **DIFX** as a Sukuk Destination

Issuer	Structure	Country	Issue size (USD mn)	Margin (Coupon)	Tenor
Nakheel Development Limited	ljarah	UAE	3,520	0.06345	3 years
Ports Customs and Free Zone Corporation	Musharaka	UAE	3,500	-	2 years
DP World Sukuk Limited	Modarabah	UAE	1,500	0.06	10 years
DIFC investments	Modarabah	UAE	1,250	3 months LIBOR + 37 bps	5 years
Khazanah Nasional Berhad	Musharaka	Malaysia	850	0.05	5 years
Dar Al Arkan Real Estate	ljarah	Saudi Arabia	600	3 months LIBOR + 200 bps	3 years
Aabar Sukuk Limited	Modarabah	UAE	460	0.06894	4 years
International Investment Group	Modarabah	Kuwait	200	0.0675	5 years
The Investment Dar Company	Musharaka	Kuwait	150	LIBOR + 125 bps	5 years
Dar Al Arkan Real Estate Development	ljarah	Saudi Arabia	1,000	3 months LIBOR + 225 bps	5 years
DIB Sukuk Company Limited	Musharaka	UAE	750	3 months LIBOR + 33 bps	5 years





### **Attractiveness to Foreign Investors**

#### Middle Eastern Companies Listed in London

Company	Size (US\$m)	Date listed	Country	Type
Orascom Telecom Holdings	2,434	Jul-00	Egypt	GDRs
Qatar Telecom	2,424	Jul-99	Qatar	GDRs
Orascom Constructions	1,867	Sep-02	Egypt	GDRs
Hikma	1,202	Oct-05	Jordan	Ordinaries
Investcom	875	Oct-05	UAE	GDRs
Telecom Egypt Kingdom Hotel Investments	682 397	Dec-05 Feb-06	Egypt Saudi Arabia	GDRs GDRs
EFG Hermes	174	Aug-98	Egypt	GDRs
Lebanese Co for dev. and reconstruction of Beirut	166	Dec-96	Lebanon	GDRs
Bank Muscat	160	Oct-05	Oman	GDRs
Suez Cement	100	Dec-96	Egypt	GDRs
Commercial International Bank (Egypt)	85	Jul-96	Egypt	GDRs
Lecico Egypt	85	Nov-04	Egypt	GDRs
Bank Audi Sal	59	Oct-97	Lebanon	GDRs
Arab Insurance	56	Dec-97	Bahrain	GDRs
MISR International Bank	42	Jul-97	Egypt	GDRs
Paints & Chemical Industries	14	Oct-97	Egypt	GDRs
EL EZZ Steel Rebars	9	Jun-99	Egypt	GDRs

Besides significant growth in regional equity markets and issuances, several regional companies have tapped into global liquidity by listing in LSE

#### Foreign Investments in UAE companies (Dubai)

Companies	GCC %	Arab %	Foreign %	Total Non- National
Arabtec	11.99%	1.96%	34.98%	48.93%
Aramex	8.87%	15.76%	23.15%	47.78%
Shuaa Capital	22.84%	4.73%	19.94%	47.51%
Air Arabia	5.25%	3.80%	28.55%	37.60%
Tabreed	5.90%	8.14%	18.25%	32.29%
Emaar	8.84%	2.04%	14.40%	25.28%
Amlak	8.59%	5.12%	8.29%	22.00%
Islamic Arab Insurance	0.94%	1.40%	19.09%	21.43%
Dubai Investment	4.74%	3.16%	9.32%	17.21%
Tamweel	1.96%	2.67%	7.57%	12.20%



### **Growing International Interest in Issuances from Middle East**

■ The issuances are accelerating in number, volume and diversification highlighting increasing depth of Middle Eastern equity-linked market

#### Convertible Sukuk Issuances

Middle Eastern Investors

Source: Zawya

Name	Sector	Country / Emirate	Size	Date	Profit Rate / Coupon	Premium	Maturity
Dana Gas	Oil & Gas	Sharjah	USD 1,000m	31 Oct, 2007	7.500%	10%	31 Oct 2012
IIG	Financial Services	Kuwait	USD 200m	10 Jul, 2007	6.750%	45%	10 Jul, 2012
Aldar Funding	Real Estate	Abu Dhabi	USD 2.530m	08 Mar 2007	5.767%	37%	10 Nov 2011
Nakheel	Real Estate	Dubai	USD 3,520m	14 Dec 2006	6.345%	5% discount to QPO price	Dec 2009
Aabar Petroleum	Oil & Gas	Abu Dhabi	USD 460m	28 Jun 2006	6.894%	-	28 Jun 2010
PCFC Development	Transport	Dubai	USD 3,500m	14 Jan 2006	zero	-	23 Jan 2008

■ There is an increasing appetite among International Investors, in particular European, for Middle Eastern Issues



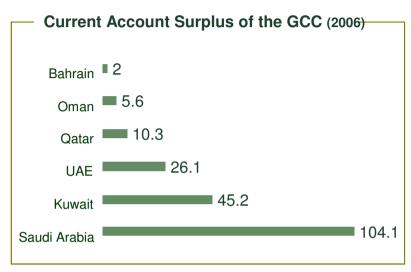


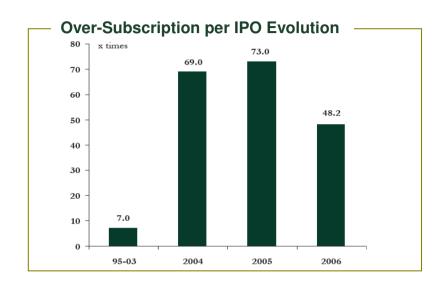
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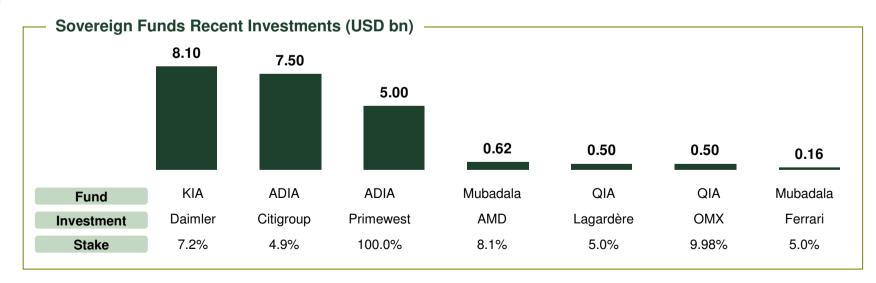


### **Availability of Excess Liquidity in the GCC Markets**

- Governments' sovereign funds originally invested only in risk free assets, are now invested in:
  - International equities
  - Take minority stakes in multinational companies
  - Recently looking at companies with a view to take majority stakes or control

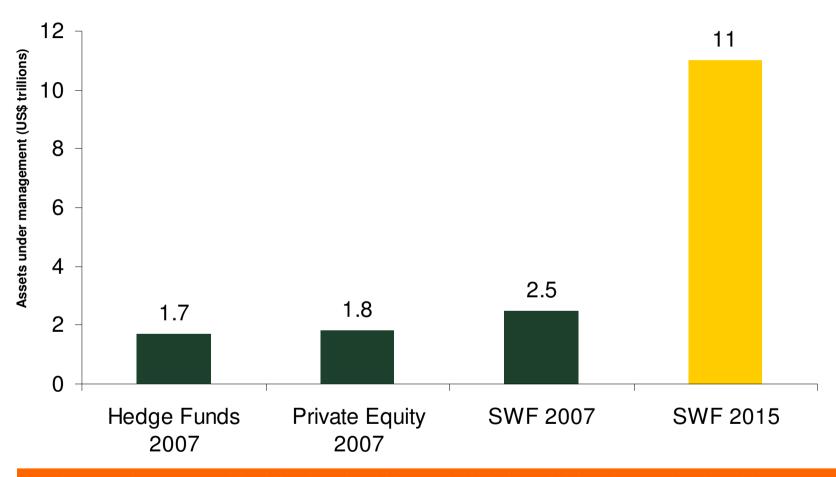








### Sovereign Wealth Funds – A Considerable Source of Liquidity











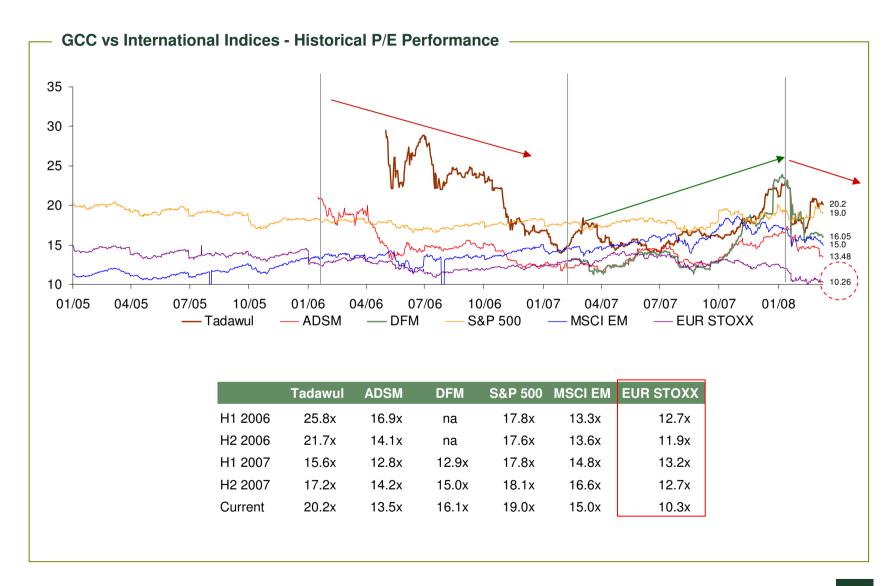
#### **SWFs – Natural Equity Investors**

	Norway	USA (Alaska)
Date of inception	1990	1976
Asset class		
Equities	60%	54%
Bonds	40%	26%
Alternatives		20%
Real Estate		10%
Private Equity		4%
Infrastructure		2%
Hedge Funds		4%

- SWFs have natural long term investment horizon and favour hence holding equities aiming to earn the risk premium associated with this class of asset
- According to Analysts, ADIA also suggests an allocation to equities in the range of 50% to 60% in addition to 5% to 10% in Private Equity



### ... And in Less Expensive Stocks





#### Conclusion

- We expect continued stronger ties between Europe and the GCC in the future
- We expect increasing investments from Europe into the GCC through:
  - Increased investment into the GCC capital markets by European institutional investors especially given the flow of IPOs in the future
  - Potential dual listing of European companies on the DIFX, and listing of GCC companies on major
     European stock exchanges
  - Increased European participations in privatizations and Joint-Ventures
- We also expect more dynamic investments of GCC institutions in European equities through:
  - Acceleration of sovereign funds participations
  - Investment by asset management desks in European equities and structured products
- We believe the regional investment banks to play a bigger role in cross border transactions and to increase the sophistication of local capital markets

# THANK YOU



**Appendix** 

**Regulatory Framework** 

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# **IPO and Listing Requirements**

	DFM	DIFX
Description	<ul> <li>Local Stock Exchange</li> <li>Authorities: Min. of Econ. and ESCA</li> <li>Listing to take place through creation of a PJSC</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New stock exchange:         <ul> <li>Opened in September 2005</li> </ul> </li> <li>Listing rules in line with LSE</li> <li>DIFX Market Authority / DFSA</li> <li>Public offering of shares on DIFX</li> </ul>
Financial Accounts	<ul> <li>Audited financial accounts for the past 2 years</li> <li>Minimum annual Net Profit exceeding 10% of paid-up capital</li> <li>Minimum dividend distribution of 10% of paid-up capital for the 2 years prior to listing</li> <li>Greater than AED 10m of existing capital</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>3 full years of audited accounts</li> <li>IFRS preferably; other recognized accounting standards may be considered</li> </ul>
Offering Terms	<ul> <li>Offering of at least 55% of authorized shares (founders should retain not less than 20%)<sup>(1)</sup></li> <li>2 year lock up for founders</li> <li>Offering costs to be paid by investors</li> <li>Offering in UAE Dirhams</li> <li>Maximum 49% non-UAE ownership</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Minimum 25% free float on DIFX</li> <li>Minimum US\$ 50m in market cap</li> <li>Offering in USD</li> <li>Lock-up in line with international market practice</li> </ul>
Corporate Governance	<ul><li>Board of Directors to have UAE majority</li><li>Chairman to be UAE national</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Separation ownership / management</li> <li>At least one third of the Board of Directors should not be executives, of which at least 2 must be independent</li> </ul>



#### **Reporting Considerations**

#### DFM

Reporting Accounting Standards US GAAP, however increasing focus on IFRS reporting

Audit Committee Rules ■ N/A

# Reporting Requirements

#### On an annual basis

- Audited annual financial statements.
- Management report on the business activities,
- Elements to be submitted within 90 days of the FYE

#### On a quarterly basis

- Un-audited quarterly statements,
- Management report on the business activities,
- Elements to be submitted within 30 days of the QE

#### DIFX

- IFRS for audited annual accounts and semi-annual accounts
  - Other standards may be accepted (e.g. US GAAP)
- Where appropriate, Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) standards apply
- Governing Body must appoint at least 2 independent nonexecutive Directors
  - At least one of them should have financial expertise

#### Annual report and annual financial statements

- Audited annual financial statements,
- Review of operations during the year,
- Details of any significant changes in the Reporting Entity's state of affairs during the financial year
- Likely developments in the Reporting Entity's operations in future financial years (with expected results)
- Elements to be disclosed within 90 days of the FYE

#### Interim financial statements

- Semi-annual financial statements
- If audited or reviewed by auditors, comments to this effect should be included



#### **Continuing Obligations**

DFM DIFX Audited annual financial statements to be Annual report with audited annual submitted within 90 days of the year end financial statements, review of operations during the year, to be disclosed within 90 Financial Un-audited quarterly statements to be days of the year end submitted within 30 days of the guarter end statements Interim financial statements, at least semi-Management report on the business activities annual, with auditors' comments if the for the period accounts have been audited Update on any crucial development which ■ Prompt market disclosure of all price sensitive information may affect the price of the security Public disclosure to be made through DIFX's Yearly update on the board members' Company Announcement Platform shareholding position in the company If Secondary listing, disclosures in DIFX Notify the Market: simultaneous as to Primary Regulator / Before any announcements of dividend, Exchange Regular updates on profit or losses the company's life About the details of the sale or purchase of DIFX / DFSA discretion to impose additional some significant assets obligations Updates on the names of shareholders holding more than 5% Notify the Authority and Market about any

changes in the Board of Directors and / or in

the executive management



#### **Corporate Governance Considerations**

DFM DIFX ■ No specific prescriptions regarding Corporate ■ A company must provide in the annual report a statement of Controls & Governance implementation how the Reporting Entity has applied the principles of Corporate **Procedures** Governance, and where it has not, provide an explanation ■ The Board of Directors of any listed company or ■ The Directors must, in the annual report company applying for listing will individually and ■ Acknowledge their responsibility for the accounts Management collectively accept full responsibility for the Certification ■ State whether or not, in their opinion, the business of the completeness and accuracy of all information Reporting Entity is a going concern, with supporting submitted to the ESCA and DFM assumptions or qualifications as necessary ■ Board of Directors to have a majority of UAE nationals ■ A Reporting Entity must appoint ■ Chairman to be UAE national ■ An effective Board of Directors (BoD) to lead and control the Reporting Entity ■ A Chairman responsible for leadership of the BoD (anyone **Board of Directors** but the CEO of the Reporting Entity) and Director BoD must comprise non -executive ■ At least one third of the Independence & Directors, of which at least two non-executive Directors must be Oversight independent ■ A Director must submit himself to election by shareholders at the first general meeting after his appointment ■ Re-election thereafter at intervals of no more than three years



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