

# GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

DMCC has played an instrumental role in building Dubai into one of the leading physical gold markets, positioning the emirate as a global hub for the gold supply chain.

DMCC has built infrastructure, developed products, and launched a range of customised licenses and services that deliver value across precious metals industry. Today, DMCC's 1,500+ precious metals members cover every part of the industry, from mining, assaying and refining to financing, trading, logistics services and jewellery design and manufacturing. The DMCC owned sub-terranean vault, the Dubai Gold and Commodities Exchange (DGCX) and DMCC Tradeflow create a comprehensive precious metals ecosystem, making DMCC's position unique in the region.

Most recently, DMCC has partnered with various entities to revolutionise the way gold is traded by tokenising the precious metal and backing up the crypto assets with gold verified on its Tradeflow platform. Through such innovations, DMCC is ensuring the long-term success of gold in an ever-more technology driven world.

## Quick Facts and Stats

- In 2024, the UAE's foreign trade in precious metals reached nearly AED 625 billion (USD 170 billion), an increase of 27% compared to the year before and 79% in two years.
- The UAE, through Dubai, is the second largest physical gold trade hub in the world after Switzerland.
- Gold bullion is exempt from VAT in the UAE.
- Dubai's connectivity to producing and consuming nations allows the UAE to act as a central hub that facilitates the global gold trade.
- DMCC's Dubai Precious Metals Conference is one of the industry's top events, convening key players to discuss the challenges that the industry faces and the opportunities on offer.
- DMCC has over 1,500 member companies in the precious metals, stones and diamonds sector.

## Dubai Diamond Exchange

- The Dubai Gold and Commodities Exchange (DGCX) is a subsidiary of DMCC, forming part of DMCC's comprehensive approach to supporting the global gold sector.
- DGCX commenced trading in November 2005 as the first derivatives exchange in the Middle East and North Africa region.
- DGCX's Shariah-compliant Spot Gold contract was launched in 2018 to provide an opportunity for Islamic funds and investors to diversify their portfolios efficiently by investing in gold.
- DGCX counts an expanded precious metals products suite, including physical gold and spot gold futures contracts, providing excellent sources of liquidity in the gold market used by banks, financial institutions, and gold traders.
- In 2023, DGCX launched the GCC's first Shariah Compliant Silver Spot Contract.
- DGCX also offers access to asset classes such as currencies, equities, and hydrocarbons.

## DMCC Tradeflow

- DMCC Tradeflow, a fully digital registry for the possession and ownership of commodities stored in UAE-based facilities, registered over 164,000 Islamic finance transactions in 2023, reaching a total value AED 1.91 trillion (USD 445 billion), a 17% increase over 2022.
- DMCC Tradeflow was launched in 2012 to address a gap in the regional trade finance market and has witnessed a substantial year-on-year increase in transactions, driving the platform's expansion.
- DMCC Tradeflow now provides a range of online services specifically designed to facilitate collateral financing, jewellery financing, and provide Islamic finance solutions.
- DMCC Tradeflow backs a range of tokenised gold products, providing enhanced visibility and security to the easily traded crypto asset class.

## DMCC's Gold and Precious Metals Industry Leaders



### Ahmed Bin Sulayem

*Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, DMCC*

Ahmed Bin Sulayem is the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DMCC and has driven its growth from a start-up of 28 member companies in 2003 to one of the world's leading international business districts in 2025 with over 25,000 member companies.



### Maryam Al Hashmi

*Senior Director of Precious Metals and Stones, DMCC*

Maryam Al Hashmi is DMCC's Senior Director of Precious Metals and Stones. She is also the UAE Kimberley Process Director. Within her role, Maryam is responsible for the overall strategy and operations of DMCC's precious metals and stones ecosystems, and ensuring that the Kimberley Process operates efficiently across the UAE to stem the trade of conflict diamonds in the country.

## Regulation

- DMCC is a business district and ecosystem for companies to operate and trade with confidence. This includes facilities and services tailored to those operating in the precious metals industry.
- DMCC is not involved in the regulation of the gold industry in Dubai or the UAE, including the import, refinement, and (re-)export of gold. All regulation is carried out at a federal level by the Ministry of Economy.
- The UAE Ministry of Economy established the Emirates Bullion Market Committee to unify national efforts to enhance oversight of the gold sector. The Emirates Bullion Market Committee oversees the UAE Good Delivery Standard for Gold, which was launched in November 2021.
- This is a national standard that lays out the quality and transparency specifications for gold traders and refiners in the UAE. It was established in accordance with the latest international best-practice standards from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

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