

# DFSA

## Private Sector Outreach Financial Institutions

# Overview

- DFSA is fully committed to implementing the UAE AML/CTF National Strategy and Action Plan and supports a number of Federal working groups.
- DFSA has dedicated rulebook for AML/CTF systems and controls, including requirements for submission of suspicious activity reports to the UAE Financial Intelligence Unit.
- DFSA applies risk-based approach to supervision and enforcement with zero tolerance for AML/CTF negligent or deliberate breaches.
- ***DFSA emphasizes public / private sector dialogue through outreach sessions, guides, reports, industry forums and consultative papers.***

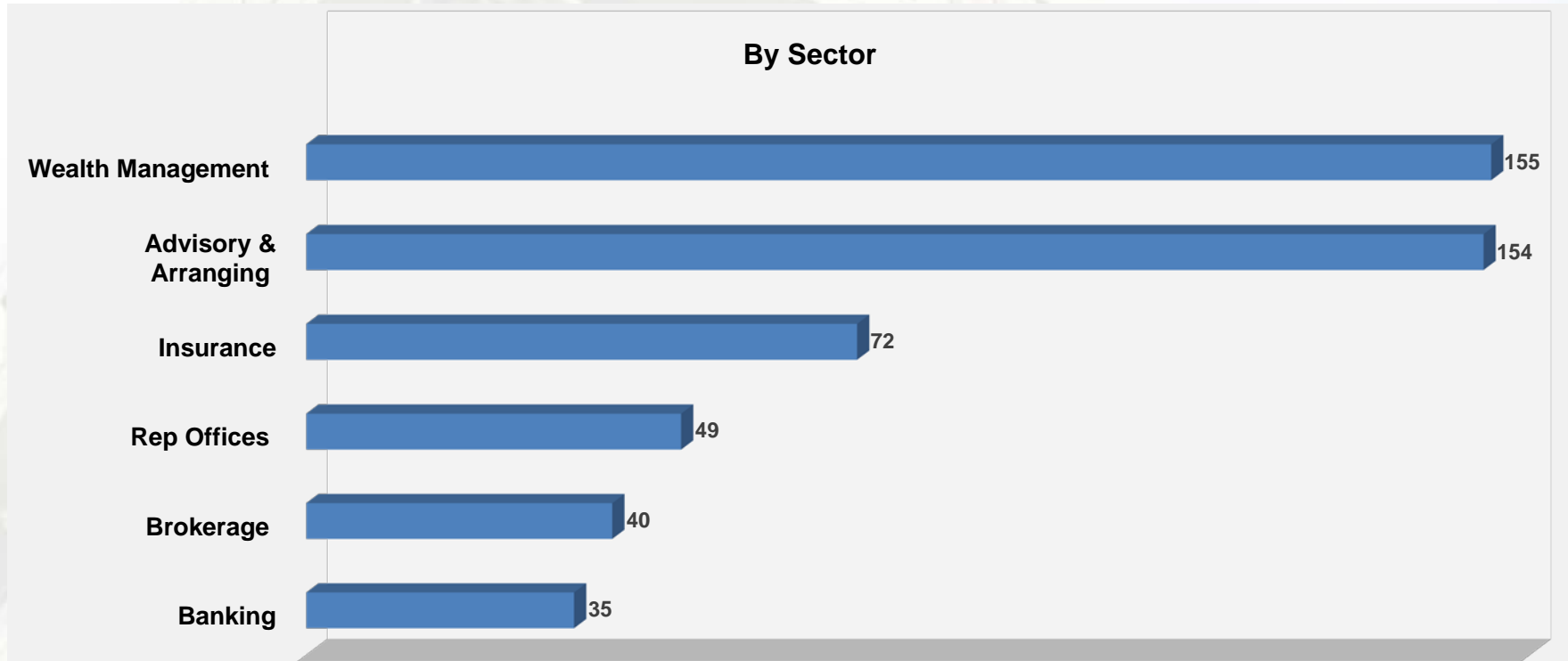
# DIFC/DFSA Population

- 2600+ companies registered in the DIFC, employing more than 25,000+ people
- 516 Authorised Financial Institutions, including: commercial banks, investment banks, private banks, reinsurance companies, fund managers, wealth managers, financial advisors
- 105 DNFBPs, including: law firms, accounting firms, and a number of retail businesses
- 17 Registered Auditors
- 3 Credit Rating Agencies





# Financial Institutions in DIFC



- 516 firms with predominantly wholesale and professional clients
- International ownership and business models with regional/global coverage

# Higher Risk Business Models

- Wealth management, particularly in dealing with high net worth individuals and politically exposed persons
- Cross-border trade finance
- New technologies and new technology firms, particularly virtual assets
- DNFBPs, from an awareness and educational standpoint
- Other points of interest ...
  - ❑ The US Dollar is the primary currency of the Centre
  - ❑ Geography is a challenge in the sanctions space

# Current areas of focus (1)

## Internal Development

- Creating automated systems to easily extract and retrieve data (RMPs recording and remediation follow up);
- Devoting resources to Federal working groups;
- Enhancing risk-based approach in new business models;
- Training our staff on new risk areas;
- Conducting outreach sessions (5 in 2020);
- Improving regulatory reporting; and,
- Utilizing more thematic reviews (TBML, correspondent banking, brokers,).

# Current areas of focus (2)

## Knowledge Sharing and Communication

- Communicating (Dear SEO letters, guidance, CPs, Financial Crime Prevention Programme Report);
- Encouraging joint sessions with other regulatory authorities;
- Issuing guidance for FIs and DNFBPs;
- Contributing to national sectoral risk assessments; and,
- Participating in Higher Committees and Sub-committees.

# Current areas of focus (3)

## Supporting the UAE Financial Intelligence Unit

- Follow up with FIs to ensure they are registered on GoAML and provide support and guidance as needed.
- Reviewing AML systems and controls to raise alerts and the process to lodge internal and external SARs/STRs
- Taking supervisory and/or enforcement action for deficient systems and controls
- Assisting FIU and Law enforcement agencies as required





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