



Abu Dhabi Global Market regulatory update Q1 2026

Regulatory horizon scanning and enforcement

- On January 28, 2026, the [ADGM's Registration Authority](#) announced the publication of its Discussion Paper No. 1 of 2026, inviting stakeholder feedback on proposed guidance for crypto mining activities conducted within or from the Abu Dhabi Global Market ("ADGM"). The proposals aim to provide regulatory clarity while supporting responsible innovation and robust governance standards across the crypto mining ecosystem. To view the discussion paper, please click here: [Discussion Paper No. 1 of 2026 – Proposed Guidance on Crypto Mining Activities](#).
- On February 12, 2026, [ADGM's Registration Authority](#) announced the launch of its *Broker Classification Initiative*, a new framework designed to elevate professionalism, transparency, and service quality across the real estate sector within ADGM's jurisdiction. This represents a new model of engagement with the broker community, positioning brokers as strategic partners in shaping and advancing the market. The initiative introduces a structured classification system for licensed real estate brokers, recognising performance and incentivising continuous improvement. It reinforces ADGM's commitment to building a trusted, high-performing real estate ecosystem aligned with international best practices.

Consultation papers

- No consultation papers were issued for the first quarter of 2026.

Enforcement actions

- No enforcement actions were reported for the first quarter of 2026.

Matters of clarification

- On January 6, 2026, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority ("FSRA") alerted the financial services community and members of the public to a suspected fraudulent scheme and false and misleading claims made by an entity or purported entity named [SGV Advisory FZ LLC or Strategic Global Ventures](#) on the website <https://sgv-group.com> (the "website"). It came to the FSRA's attention that on its website, Strategic Global Ventures offered an investment platform for General Partner ("GP") investors with a target of US\$500,000.
- On February 2, 2026, the FSRA alerted the financial services community and members of the public about a company named [Mount Nico Corp Ltd, trading as "MKT Investing"](#) on the website <https://www.mktinvesting.com/en/> (the "website"). It came to the FSRA's attention that on the website, MKT Investing states that it is regulated by the FSRA. Whilst the website does not specifically state that it is regulated by the FSRA of ADGM, it does not specify which jurisdiction it claims to be regulated by. The FSRA would like to make clear that it does not regulate MKT Investing. MKT Investing is not, and has never been, licensed by the FSRA to carry out any form of regulated activities in ADGM.

- On February 24, 2026, the [ADGM's Registration Authority](#) alerted members of the public about misleading representations made by an entity operating under the name “Nubia Gold SPV”, including through the website <https://nubiagold.org>. The ADGM's Registration Authority (“RA”) confirms that:
 - Nubia Gold SPV is not incorporated, registered, or licensed with the ADGM's RA and does not appear on ADGM's [Public Register of Companies](#)
 - any statement or implication that Nubia Gold SPV is incorporated, registered, approved, recognised, or otherwise associated with ADGM is false and misleading
 - the ADGM's RA has no connection with this entity or its website

News/updates

- On January 8, 2026, ADGM's RA announced a new suite of real estate services, building on top of the services introduced earlier this year. This expansion underscores ADGM's ongoing commitment to fostering a transparent, secure, and investor-friendly real estate environment and further strengthens Abu Dhabi and ADGM's position as a forward-looking, globally connected financial hub.
- On January 28, 2026, the [International Arbitration Centre Alliance](#) (“IACA”) launched the [IACA Global Passport](#), an initiative that enhances professional connectivity and mobility for dispute resolution practitioners worldwide. The Global Passport will continue to expand its network and explore new ways to enhance the experience of its members through digital innovation and cross-centre collaboration.
- On February 3, 2026, [ADGM Academy](#) (“ADGMA”), the knowledge arm of ADGM (known as the centre of excellence for talent and capacity development), and Mawaheb Talent Hub, enabled by the Department of Government Enablement (“DGE”) – Abu Dhabi, announced a significant expansion of their strategic partnership to scale their efforts to meet the evolving demands of the UAE's labour market. The 2026 expanded agenda is set to include a new suite of industry-aligned programmes in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, focusing on areas to match rapidly changing market demands and evolving skill requirements, tailored to equip Emiratis with future-ready skills in high-demand sectors. New additions include – but are not limited to – the Software Development Accelerator Programme; Technology Infrastructure Programme; and Strategic Business Intelligence Programme.
- On February 10, 2026, the ADGM announced the opening of its new [Service Centre at The Galleria Al Maryah Island](#), strengthening direct engagement with businesses and residents across Al Maryah and Al Reem Islands and providing walk-in access to core services, including real property services such as lease registration and sale and purchase transactions, and visa-related services. The Service Centre provides an additional, easily accessible point of contact for businesses and residents within ADGM's jurisdiction, complementing ADGM's digital services with in-person support.
- On February 17, 2026, [Madison Realty Capital \(“Madison”\)](#), a vertically integrated real estate private equity firm focused on real estate private credit, announced the launch of its new Middle East office in ADGM after receiving Financial Services Permission (“FSP”) from the FSRA of ADGM. The new office provides a strategic hub to support both the firm's existing and new investors across the Gulf Cooperation Council (“GCC”).

- On February 23, 2026, Polygreen, a global circular economy and environmental solutions group, officially established Polygreen Holding in ADGM as its holding platform for the UAE. The establishment of Polygreen Holding in ADGM marks a strategic milestone in the group’s regional growth and long-term commitment to the UAE’s sustainability, circular economy, and green investment agenda. As part of this milestone, Polygreen has also signed the Abu Dhabi Sustainable Finance Declaration, aligning its regional investment strategy and operating model with ADGM’s environmental, social, and governance (“ESG”) principles and the UAE’s Net Zero 2050 strategy.
- On March 4, 2026, [ADGMA](#) announced in collaboration with the Emirati Talent Competitiveness Council and the Emirates Institute of Finance (“EIF”), the launch of the Financial Compliance Pathways programme, which aims to develop specialised national talents in the fields of financial compliance and provide direct employment pathways in the private sector across prioritised sectors.



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