

ADX Strengthens Market Depth, Broadens International Access, and Increases Investor Participation in H1 2026 Growth

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; 10 August 2026: The Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) Group continued to strengthen the foundations of Abu Dhabi's capital markets in the first half of 2026, advancing a broader, highly accessible, and internationally connected investment platform for issuers and investors.

The ADX's performance in H1 2026 reflects the continued advancement of Abu Dhabi's market ecosystem, supported by infrastructure upgrades, new product offerings, enhanced market connectivity, and initiatives that expand investor participation across asset classes and geographies. These developments reinforce the ADX's role in supporting Abu Dhabi's long-term economic vision and its position as a trusted gateway for global capital.

During a period marked by heightened geopolitical uncertainty in the region, the ADX entered H1 2026 from a position of operational strength. Major market infrastructure upgrades supported this progress, including the Core Platform Upgrade, the launch of AD Clear and AD CSD as new subsidiaries, and the integration of hybrid cloud capabilities. Resilience measures, including 24/7 operational readiness, revised circuit breaker floors, and updated short-selling protocols, supported uninterrupted market functioning and settlement integrity.

The ADX maintained stability under stress, preserved orderly market operations, and demonstrated resilience relative to regional conditions. This performance reflects the deliberate design of the ADX's infrastructure and the effectiveness of measures implemented to strengthen the market's ability to absorb volatility and recover efficiently.

Abdulla Salem Alnuaimi, Group Chief Executive Officer of the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) Group, said: "The ADX's focus remains on building a deeper, more liquid, and more internationally connected market that supports Abu Dhabi's role as an open, leading, and preferred global economy. In H1 2026, we continued to expand market access, strengthen infrastructure, and introduce innovations and solutions to enable local and international investors to participate in our market more efficiently and in a more timely manner. The results reflect an agile platform designed for resilience, sustainable growth, and long-term value creation."

Summary of Market Performance

At the end of June 2026, the ADX's market capitalization reached 2.8 trillion dirhams, supported by a trading value of 171 billion dirhams. Total trading volume rose 3.7% year on year to 50.3 billion shares, with the average daily traded volume increasing by 9% year on year to 423 million. This trading activity was completed across nearly 3.3 million individual trades, a 12% year-on-year increase. Enhancing overall market liquidity, market makers' contribution increased by 3 percentage points year on year to 15% of total traded value.

Institutional participation remained a defining feature of market activity, with institutions accounting for 78% of the total trading value. Net positive inflows amounted to 1.4 billion

dirhams, a 13.7% year-on-year increase. International investors maintained a highly active presence, accounting for 48% of total trading value, underscoring the growing international relevance of Abu Dhabi's market. Along with this growth, the contribution of UAE nationals to total trading value increased by 6 percentage points year on year to 52%.

Expanding investor participation was a key driver of this momentum, with the ADX onboarding more than 30,000 new investors in the first half of 2026, a substantial 7.1% year-on-year increase. Demonstrating the success of the ADX's global outreach, foreign investors accounted for 77% of these new registrations. Investors also saw immense value creation during this period, with total dividends distributed increasing to 49.9 billion dirhams.

Enhanced Market Access and Global Participation

The ADX also advanced its global connectivity agenda since the start of the year. HSBC became the first foreign General Clearing Member, joining First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB). Morgan Stanley entered as the first international remote trading participant. These milestones expanded access to Abu Dhabi's market infrastructure and supported more efficient participation by global institutions.

The ADX broadened cross-border market links through roadshows in London and Hong Kong, the signing of a Letter of Intent with Borsa Italiana, and the continued expansion of the Tabadul hub. The network was strengthened by integrating the Amman Stock Exchange and by adding ADIB Securities, the brokerage arm of Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, as the first UAE bank to join the network.

The exchange also welcomed four new listings, including two dual-listed exchange-traded funds (ETFs) from the New York Stock Exchange, broadening investor choice and enabling greater access to international exposure through the ADX. In addition, the ADX supported efficient capital raising through successful rights issues for Sharjah Islamic Bank and Annan Investment Holding.

To broaden access to Abu Dhabi's capital market, the ADX partnered with FINTECH.TV to establish the first international financial news studio in a stock exchange in the MENA region.

Continued Efforts in Financial Inclusion

To support financial inclusion, the ADX launched a unique "Digital Loans against Investments" solution with Wio Bank. In addition, the exchange launched the first-of-its-kind initiative with Zoud, the National Financial Wellbeing and Sustainability Initiative, to promote investment education and broaden market awareness. Engagement was further supported by the Al Ramz Trading Competition and by ADX Managed Services (AMS), in which two market participants integrated the trading platform solution.

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About Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX)

The Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) was established on 15 November 2000 pursuant to Local Law No. (3) of 2000, which granted the exchange legal rights with independent financial and administrative status, as well as the necessary supervisory and executive powers necessary to carry out its functions. On 17 March 2020, the ADX was converted from a public entity into a Public Joint Stock Company (PJSC) in accordance with Law No. (8) of 2020.

The ADX Group, a market infrastructure group comprising the exchange (ADX) and its post-trade ecosystem, including its wholly owned subsidiaries AD Depository and AD Clear, was established. Through its integrated and globally aligned business structure, the ADX Group supports efficient, transparent, and resilient capital markets across trading, clearing, settlement, and custody.

The Group provides an efficient and regulated marketplace for the trading of securities, including equities issued by public joint-stock companies, bonds issued by governments and corporations, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), and other financial instruments approved by the UAE Capital Market Authority.

The ADX is the second-largest exchange in the Arab region by market capitalization. Its strategy of delivering stable financial performance through diversified revenue streams is aligned with the UAE's national development agenda, "Towards the Next 50", which aims to build a sustainable, diversified, and high-value-added economy.

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