

ADX Won “The Arab Exchange with the Highest Market Cap. to GDP Ratio” at AFCM Annual Conference Awards

- The ADX’s market capitalization-to-GDP ratio outperformed the regional average in 2025

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; 30 September 2026: The Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX), one of the fastest-growing exchange groups in the Middle East, was recognized as the “Arab Exchange with the Highest Market Capitalization to GDP Ratio” for its 2025 market performance by the Arab Federation of Capital Markets (AFCM) at its Annual Conference and Gala Dinner in Abu Dhabi.

According to AFCM data, the ADX’s market capitalization-to-GDP ratio of 261.7% in 2025 surpassed the Arab world’s average of 129.9%, representing more than double the Arab regional average. This figure underscores the Abu Dhabi’s rapid evolution into a mature, globally connected capital markets hub.

Abdulla Salem Alnuaimi, Group Chief Executive Officer of the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) Group, said: “We are honored by this recognition and motivated to hasten our initiatives to broaden market access in ADX for overseas issuers and institutional investors, enhance market liquidity, and expand listings across diverse asset classes. We aim to foster a mature, highly liquid platform capable of driving long-term institutional growth. ADX will continue to double-down its initiatives and efforts to reinforce its role as one of the key pillars of the emirate’s long-term economic growth and a preferred gateway for global capital in the region.”

The AFCM Annual Conference in Abu Dhabi, hosted by the ADX Group, has attracted more than 600 industry participants including global stock exchanges, capital market regulators, clearing houses, depositories, trading firms and institutional investors.

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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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