Across the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) region, companies are looking to implement more optimised capital structures.

Meanwhile, inbound and outbound M&A activity is maturing, while new financing realities are driving governments to pursue privatisations and embrace public-private partnership. As a result, full-service investment banking services are in great demand across the region.

Serving both banks and their customers, DIFC offers a tried and tested, globally recognised, common-law jurisdiction for investment banks looking to provide M&A and advisory services, project finance, international loan securitisations and other similar services.

The Dubai location puts DIFC-based firms at the epicentre of banking and finance in the region. Investment banks gain direct access to diverse opportunities that also are fuelled by the rising tide of south-south trade and investment. Investment Banking is one of five areas within the Banks and Capital Markets focus at DIFC.

The other areas include <u>Banking</u>, <u>Investment</u> <u>Banking</u>, <u>Brokerage</u> and <u>Capital Markets</u>.