



IPOs in the Gulf and MENA Region
October 19, 10:00 am

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Overview

Despite the financial market turmoil, in the first 9 months of 2008 the value of **IPOs in the GCC countries rose by almost 100%** to US\$11.7 billion. This result underscores the strong medium term prospects of the Gulf, which remains an oasis of relative tranquility. Actually the mayhem in developed markets opens up **huge opportunities for Gulf companies** and financial institutions. A wave of 151 new IPOs is expected in the Gulf from now until end 2011.

The Forum, held in co-ordination with IPOX Schuster LLC, a leading international consultancy in this area, will cover all the most important aspects of IPO motivation, strategies and planning. The seminar is opened to financial market professionals looking to taking advantage of these opportunities and being ready for the next phase of financial expansion.

To confirm your attendance please send an email to forum@difc.ae.

Participation in the event is free of charges . For further information call 04-362-2551



Schedule of the Forum

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10:00 Registration and Coffee

10:30 Opening Remarks

Dr. Nasser Saidi
Chief Economist, DIFC

Dr. Josef Schuster
CEO, IPOX Schuster LLC

11:00 Recent developments in IPOs: returns, regulation, techniques

Prof. Tim Jenkinson
Said Business School, Oxford University

12:00 Features of the MENA IPO market

Asar Mashkour
Managing Director
Co-Head Investment Banking
Emirates NBD

12:30 Q&A Session

1:00 Lunch and Networking

2:00 IPOX® - A Global Investment Approach to IPOs and Spin-offs

Dr. Josef Schuster
CEO and Director, IPOX Schuster LLC

3:00 Looking beyond the financial crisis: Global and Regional IPO Outlook

Phil Gandier
Managing Partner, Ernst & Young Consulting Limited

4:00 Q&A Session

4:30 Closing Remarks

Dr. Fabio Scacciavillani
Director Macroeconomics & Statistics, DIFC

17:00 Close of Forum

