

Schedule

Day 1 - Tuesday, 08.09.2026

08:30 - 09:00	Fund Academy Introduction	Introduction to the course, objectives, schedule and introduction of the participants.	Andreas Wäschle (Fund Academy) Vera Doljenkova (Vero360)
09:00 - 10:00	Opening Session	Introduction to DIFC, its role as a leading global financial centre, and an overview of Dubai's wealth and asset management ecosystem	Jack Hollingsworth (Dubai International Financial Centre Authority)
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break		
10:30 - 12:00	The Fund Eco System	Definition of Fund, Fund ecosystem participants and definitions, roles and responsibilities. Supervision and reporting of each role	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	Sandwiches and Softdrinks offered	
13:00 - 16:00	Regulation	Regulatory environment (Dubai); regulatory basics ESG; differences in regulation; regulators, laws, directives and regulations; Prospectus, other legal documents and publications; legal structures of funds	Christopher Scarf (DWF (Middle East) LLP)

Day 2 - Wednesday, 09.09.2026

08:30 - 10:00	Fund Management Company	Organisation, function, and duties, regulations UAE and international context	William Tohme (MFS)
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break		
10:30 - 12:00	Custodian Bank and TA	Custodian function: transparency, safeguarding assets, settlements, who regulates custodians, global custodians/prime broker vs sub-custodians vs brokers vs banks, margin calls, how this works	Mazen Khallaf (Arqaam Capital)
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	Sandwiches and Softdrinks offered	
13:00 - 14:30	Tax environment	Taxation history in UAE, QFZP, Applicable reliefs and exemptions, Taxation of funds, Taxation of Fund Manager, Taxation of GP/LPs, FATCA/CRS	Mohamad El Dirani (PricewaterhouseCoopers)
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee Break		
15:00 - 16:30	Controlling and Audit	Introduction to Fund Audit in accordance with existing rules, external audit, controlling, reporting. What auditors look for	Saad Maniar (Bakertilly)

Day 3 - Thursday, 10.09.2026

08:30 - 10:00	NAV Closed-Ended	Scope of Fund Admin, GP-LP structures, NAV calculation (with examples), Transfer Agency, NAV calculation, Drawdowns and distributions, MF, Carry, Hurdles, Practical issues, conflict of interest	Ameer Khan (Praxis Group)
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10:00 - 10:30	Break	Coffee Break	
10:30 - 12:00	NAV Open-Ended	Fund Admin Regulations, Unitized funds, NAV calculation, MF, Hedge Funds, HWM, Practical issues, conflict of interest	Nitesh Sharan (Apex Group)
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	Sandwiches and Softdrinks offered	
13:00 - 14:30	Risk and Compliance Management	Function of Compliance and Risk Officer, Types of Risks, Defence mechanisms, including internal Controls and Systems	Linda Undalova (Prometheus Capital Finance Ltd.)
14:30 - 14:45	Coffee Brake		
14:45 - 15:45	Executive Closing session	The Dubai Fund Industry today – where does the overall global significance of this fund place come from, what were the triggers and factors of success, where do we stand today, where are we heading to ?	
15:45 - 16:15	Test (not mandatory)	Graduation: Certificate; Multiple Choice	Vera Doljenkova (Vero360) Andreas Wäschle (Fund Academy)
16:15 - 16:30	Course Closing		Vera Doljenkova (Vero360) Andreas Wäschle (Fund Academy)