DFM Net Profit Before Tax Amounted to AED 443.2 Million as Trading Activity Increases 40.4% in H1 2026

- Operating revenue increased 44.4% year-on- year, reflected continued operational momentum
- Total traded value increased by 40.4% to AED 119.5 billion, while average daily traded value rose by 45.1% to AED 1.004 billion, supported by sustained institutional participation and continued international investor activity.
- DFM attracted 42,864 new investors, with international investors representing 71.4% of new registrations
- Institutional investors accounted for 71.2% of total traded value, while foreign investors contributed 51%

Dubai, UAE – 30 July 2026: Dubai Financial Market (DFM) today announced its consolidated financial results for the six-month period ending 30 June 2026, reporting a net profit before tax of AED 443.2 million.

Activity on DFM increased significantly during the first half of 2026, as investors traded more frequently and at greater value. Average daily traded value rose by 45.1% to AED 1.004 billion and average daily trades increased by 35.4% to approximately 18,759, driving total traded value up by 40.4% to AED 119.5 billion.

This increase in liquidity and trading intensity was recorded even as market capitalization ended the period 1.4% lower year-on-year at AED 981.6 billion. The DFM General Index closed the first half at 5,955.58 points.

Commenting on DFM's performance, **H.E. Helal Saeed Al Marri, Chairman of DFM,** said: "The increase in trading activity during the first half of 2026, with total traded value rising by 40% and average daily traded value exceeding AED 1 billion, reflects sustained investor engagement and the growing depth of Dubai's capital markets.

"The sustained engagement and participation recorded on the exchange are supported by Dubai's economic fundamentals, its expanding financial ecosystem and continued international investor interest. DFM will continue to advance transparent, liquid and globally connected capital markets, reinforcing Dubai's position as a leading international financial centre in line with the Dubai Economic Agenda D33."

Financial Metrics

DFM's total consolidated revenue reached AED 557 million during the first half of 2026, compared to AED 888.9 million in H1 2025 as a result of one-off income from sale of an investment property in H1 2025 of AED 462.2 million. Revenue included AED 384.8 million in operating income and AED 172.2 million in investment returns and other income. Net profit before tax stood at AED 443.2 million, compared with AED 777.1 million in H1 2025.

Expenses excluding tax were AED 113.8 million, compared with AED 111.8 million in H1 2025, reflecting continued investment in market infrastructure and technology, while maintaining management's commitment to spending efficiency.

During the second quarter of 2026, total consolidated revenue reached AED 303.9 million, compared with AED 702.5 million in Q2 2025. Net profit before tax stood at AED 249.9 million, compared with AED 642.2 million in Q2 2025.

Hamed Ali, CEO of DFM and Nasdaq Dubai, said: “The first-half performance reflects the continued depth of activity across DFM's market, supported by sustained liquidity and a diverse investor mix. The participation of institutional and international investors demonstrates continued confidence in the quality of opportunities available and the efficiency of our market infrastructure.

“We remain focused on broadening investment opportunities, strengthening our market infrastructure and delivering innovative services that reinforce Dubai’s position as a leading global financial centre.”

Increased Trading Activity and Market Performance

DFM recorded increased trading activity during H1 2026, with average daily traded value rising by 45.1% year-on-year to AED 1.004 billion. This led to total traded value of AED 119.5 billion, up 40.4% from AED 85.1 billion in H1 2025. The H1 2026 average daily traded value was approximately 45% above the AED 692 million recorded in 2025, when DFM reported its highest level of liquidity in more than a decade.

The total number of trades increased by 31% to 2.23 million, while average daily trades rose by 35.4% to approximately 18,759, reflecting broader and more frequent participation across the market. The increase in traded value and transaction volumes was recorded across 119 trading days, compared with 123 days in H1 2025, further highlighting the higher level of daily market activity.

Market capitalization stood at AED 981.6 billion at the end of June 2026, compared with AED 995.6 billion at the end of H1 2025.

Growing Investor Participation

DFM attracted 42,864 new investors during the first six months of 2026, with international investors representing 71.4% of new registrations.

Institutional investors accounted for 71.2% of total traded value, compared with 70.8% in H1 2025. Foreign investors contributed 51% of trading activity, maintaining their significant role within DFM’s investor base. Foreign ownership stood at 20.06% of market capitalization, compared with 20.04% in H1 2025, while institutional ownership reached 86.5%.

The continued participation of institutional and international investors reflects DFM’s appeal as an accessible and globally connected market providing exposure to Dubai’s economic growth.

Looking ahead, DFM remains focused on increasing liquidity, widening market access and strengthening the infrastructure and product range supporting the continued development of Dubai’s capital markets.

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About Dubai Financial Market:

Dubai Financial Market (DFM) was established as a public institution with its own independent corporate body. DFM operates as a secondary market for the trading of securities issued by public shareholding companies, bonds issued by the Federal Government or any of the local Governments and public institutions in the country, units of investment funds and any other financial instruments, local or foreign, which are accepted by the market. The DFM commenced operations on March 26, 2000 and became the first Islamic Shari'a-compliant exchange globally since 2007. Following its initial public offering in November 2006, when DFM offered 1.6 billion shares, representing 20 per cent of its paid-up capital of AED 8 billion, DFM became a public joint stock company, and its shares were listed on 7 March 2007 with the trading symbol (DFM). Following the IPO, the Government of Dubai retained the remaining 80 per cent of DFM Company through Borse Dubai Limited. www.dfm.ae

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