

# DLT and Securities Market Business

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### ADX is regulated by the Securities & Commodities Authority (SCA)



Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) was established on 15th of November 2000 by Local Law No. (3) of 2000, the provisions of which vests the Market with a legal entity of autonomous status, independent finance and management, and gives ADX the necessary supervisory and executive powers to exercise its functions. Moreover, ADX has the authority to establish centers and branches outside the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and so far it has done so in Al Ain, Zayed City, Fujairah, Ras Al Khaimah and Sharjah.

ADX's board of directors is comprised of seven members nominated by Amiri Decree. The members of the board hold office for a term of three years. The first board of directors was constituted by Amiri Decree No. (8) of 2000.

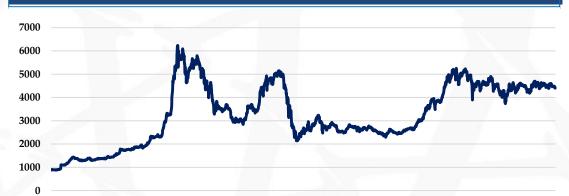


### ADX At Glance

#### Key data points (As of end of Q3 2017 unless stated)

- □ Number of listed securities
  - 64 public listed companies (o/w 3 foreign)
  - 2 private listed companies (Second Market)
  - 1 AD Government Bond
  - 1 Convertible Bond
  - 1 Exchange Traded Fund
- Market capitalization
  - Domestic: AED 423.7 bn
  - Foreign: AED 26.4 bn
- ☐ Total Trading value (Buy + Sell)
  - Domestic AED 41.5 bn
  - Foreign AED 34.8 bn
- ☐ Total Trading volume (Buy + Sell)
  - Domestic 28.3 bn
  - Foreign 17.7 bn
- Number of brokers
  - **4**5
- Number of employees
- **11**7
- ☐ Number of investors
- 962 K
- ☐ Dividend Yield: 5.3%

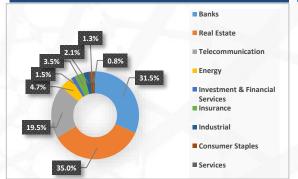




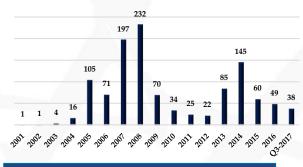
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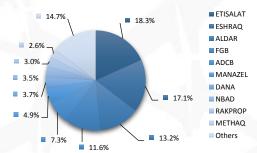
#### Key industries by trading value - 2016



#### Trading Value (AED bn)



#### Key listed companies by trading value - 2016



### A Leading Innovative MENA Stock Exchange

Listing of Exchange Traded Funds (ETF) Become a member in World Federation of Exchange (WFE)

ADX Upgraded to Emerging market status - MSCI and S & P Dow Jones

Launch Block Chain technology for e-Voting services















Achieve ISO 27001 Certification for Information Security





Most Innovative Exchange GCC 2015 Award





Launch Technical Short Selling





ADX Upgraded to Emerging market status FTSE





ADX Upgraded to Emerging market status Russell Investments and S&P

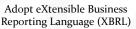
















Launch Smart Kiosk (SAHMI)









The Best Government-To-Customer (G2C) Service Of 2017





### Strong Access to Individual Investors Across the Globe

Total Investors In ADX

962 K

Institutional Investors -Domestic

1,905





Institutional Investors – Foreign 5,435



**UAE** investors 577 K



**Arab Investors** 340 K

Other Investors



### ADX is A home of international Pension Funds

02 Europe





03 Asia







**04** Australia



**05**Africa and middle East



Source: 2015 Willis Towers Watson research



### A Wide Range of Service Delivery Channels In UAE











Abu Dhabi Region

Abu Dhabi H.O

Al Dhafra Br.

Al Ain Br.





Northern **Emirates Region** 

Sharjah Br.

Ras Al-Khaimah Br.

**Eastern Emirates** Region

Fujairah Br.



ADX Social Media (adx\_ae)

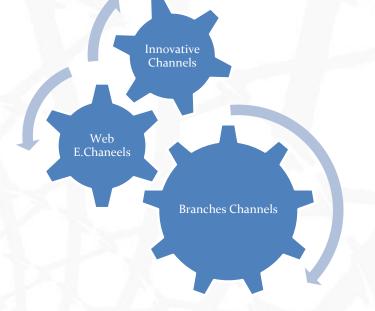










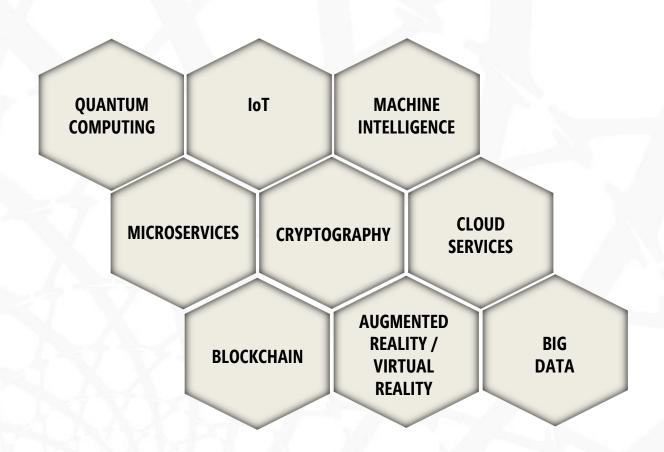




# ADX approach to new technologies including DLT



# Several new technologies affecting us

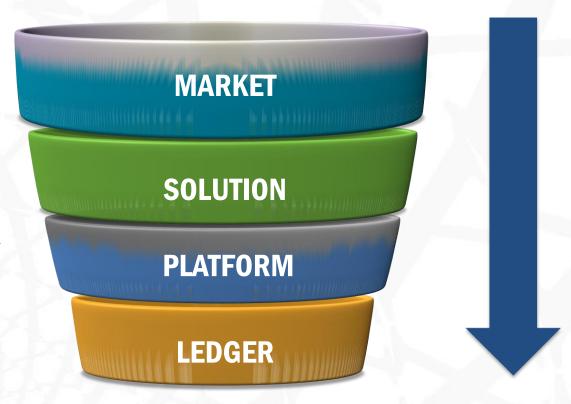




## **Top-Down Approach to Technology Innovation**

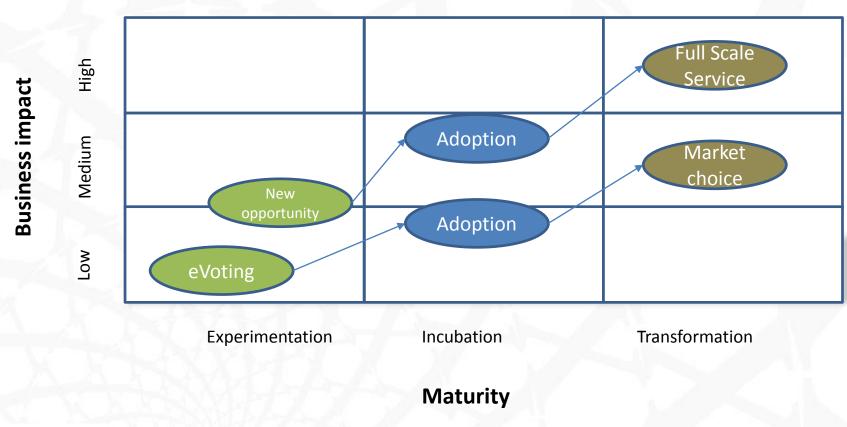
Technology is business enabler.

It should not lead innovation!





# From experimentation to business validation





# ADX Blockchain based e-Voting solution



# ADX DLT enabled e-Voting solution













# DLT news from the world



# News from global markets

JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon Bitcoin is a Fraud



Singapore Market Authority DLT spin-off projects to test DLT with SGX

### Bundesbank

No realistic prospect of central bank-issued digital currency being rolled out in the foreseeable future

#### **UK FSA**

Building blockchain App for mortgage reporting with R3 consortium

### ICO

Bank of England Blockchain not yet mature for robust systems 100

TMX of Canada Collaboration with CCB

# Accenture and McLagan

DLT could save 30% of investment banks infrastructure costs

### **Smart Dubai**

Announcing blockchain based city

ICO

China Bans ICOs

# ICO

Central Bank of Russia

Bitcoins in capital market not mature enough to be regulated.

Bans ICOs

### **Deutsche Borse**

Doubtful on blockchain

**ASX** 

Chess replacement based on DLT?

Hong Kong regulator Looking for regulating ICOs as securities

# ADX potential DLT enabled business opportunities



## DLT's opportunities

- Reducing complexity enabling simplicity;
- Improving end-to-end processing speed and thus availability of assets and funds;
- Decreasing the need for reconciliation across multiple recordkeeping infrastructures;
- Increasing transparency and immutability in transaction record keeping;
- Improving network resilience through distributed data management; and
- Reducing operational and financial risks.



# Challenges

- Potential uncertainty about operational and security issues arising from the technology;
- The lack of interoperability with existing processes and infrastructures such as with payment systems;
- The lack of industry standards and shared rules;
- Questions regarding the soundness of the legal underpinning for DLT implementations;
- The absence of an effective and robust governance framework;
- Issues related to data integrity, immutability and privacy. DLT is an evolving technology that has not yet been proven sufficiently robust for wide scale implementation;
- Significant transition challenges.



# Use case opportunity examples for experimentation

Securitized assets	Transaction processing	Other
<ul> <li>New not yet regulated markets and assets, without legacy and burden of history</li> <li>Registry keeping</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Data sharing such as reference and KYC data</li> <li>Cross-border transacting (including collateral)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Workflow management</li> <li>Payment system integration, cryptocurrencies</li> </ul>
<ul><li>New ways to source capital</li><li>Crowdfunding, ICO</li></ul>		
<ul> <li>Processing pre-IPO such as corporate finance bookrunning</li> </ul>		



# Conclusions and next steps



### Conclusions

- No urgency to replace core systems
- Concentrating the value and value chain! Looking for opportunities for <u>re-intermediation!</u>
- Further these need to be understood:
  - How technology impacts to the ecosystem especially those of ADX customer?
  - How systems of different technologies interact with each other such as with payment systems and customers back-office solutions?
  - What would be the payment system? Fiat or cryptocurrency or both? Who issues bitcoins?
  - Are regulators ready for DLT also from general legal perspective?

ADX is a member of Global CSD Working Group evaluating ICOs and other Digital Assets

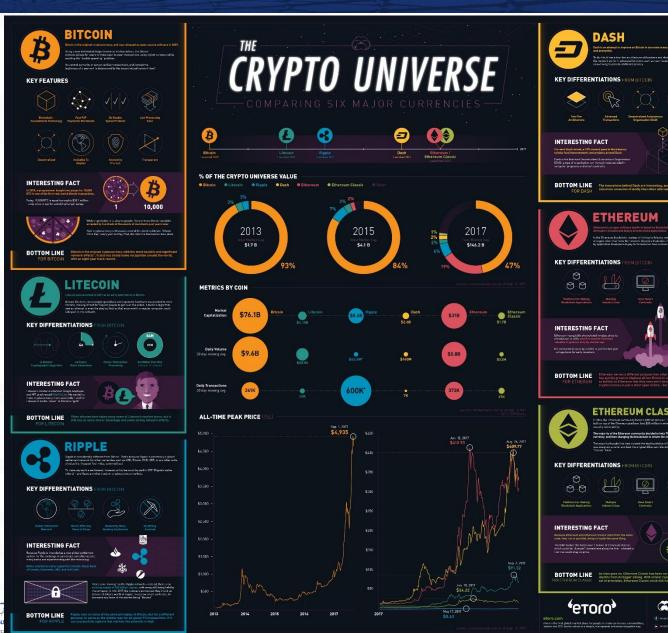


# Thank you



# Backup

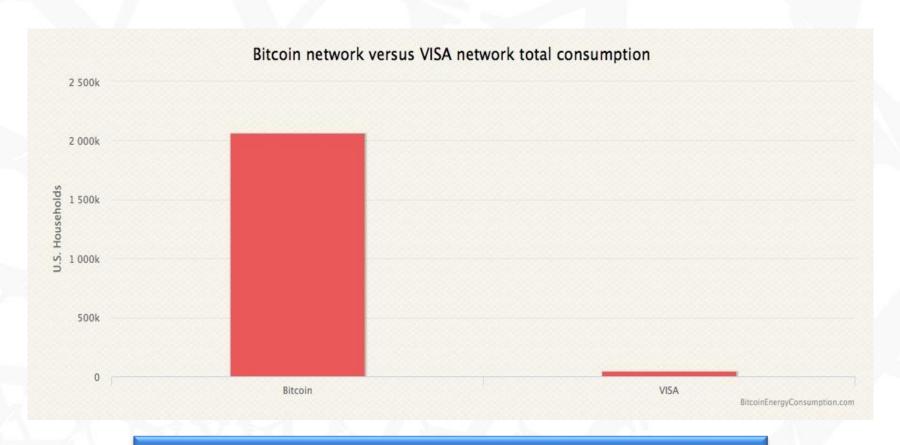








# **Energy intensiveness**



Average annual energy cost of one bitcoin equates to 20 barrels of oil equivalent

## Top 10 Mistakes in Enterprise Blockchain Projects by Gartner Group

