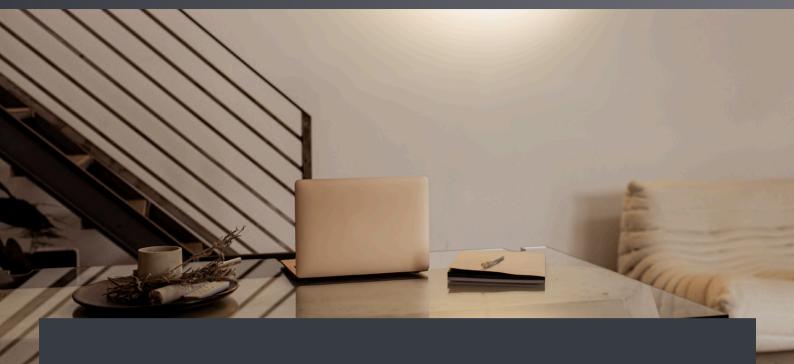


The Ultimate Real Estate Guide to Dubai ALTERGOTT REAL ESTATE







Dear Reader,

Welcome to your comprehensive guide to real estate investments in Dubai! My name is Valentin Altergott, and together with my team, I assist German-speaking investors in successfully engaging with Dubai's growing market.

Over the past decades, Dubai has grown into a global metropolis. Its excellent infrastructure, political stability, and above-average returns have made the city a magnet for capital from all over the world. With this guide, I aim to help you understand all the relevant aspects of entering Dubai's real estate market safely and profitably.

Whether you are taking your first steps or already have investment experience, this guide will provide you with transparent, detailed, and practical insights on how to invest in Dubai while avoiding common pitfalls. Our focus is always on what German investors need most: German-speaking support, clear legal frameworks, reliable information about taxes and financing, and trustworthy contacts on the ground.

I hope you enjoy reading this guide and look forward to potentially accompanying you on your journey into Dubai's real estate market.

Warm regards,

Valentin Altergott



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WHY DUBAI?

Economic Growth

Over the past decades, Dubai has transformed from a small trading town on the Gulf into one of the most dynamic metropolises in the world. This rapid development is largely due to the diversification of its economy. Initially heavily reliant on the oil sector, Dubai today thrives on industries such as tourism, trade, logistics, real estate, and financial services.

- Globally Renowned Companies: Iconic businesses like Emirates Airline and DP World are just a few examples of Dubai's success and economic strength.
- Attractive Investment Opportunities: Lucrative prospects are particularly abundant in sectors like technology, green energy, real estate, and hospitality projects.
- Strategic Location: Positioned at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa, Dubai serves as a critical hub for international trade, consistently attracting foreign investors and highly skilled professionals.

With its modern infrastructure, political stability, and long-term vision, Dubai has established itself as a global center for innovation and growth, offering unparalleled opportunities for businesses and investors worldwide.

Tax Benefits in Dubai

One of the most compelling incentives for international entrepreneurs, investors, and expats is the extensive tax advantages offered by the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

- No Income Tax: Individuals in Dubai do not pay income tax on their salaries, making it a highly attractive location for professionals and entrepreneurs alike.
- **Business-Friendly Free Zones:** Companies operating in designated Free Zones (e.g., DMCC, JAFZA, DIFC) benefit from 100% foreign ownership, favorable corporate tax rates, as well as customs and import duty exemptions.
- Recent Changes: While the UAE has recently introduced a 9% corporate tax for certain businesses, Dubai remains one of the most tax-friendly destinations globally, offering a competitive edge for investors and companies.



Political Stability

Dubai benefits from a stable political leadership that prioritizes long-term planning and continuous development. This foundation has created an environment that attracts businesses, investors, and residents from around the world.

- Safety: The UAE is considered one of the safest countries in the Middle East, with crime rates significantly lower than the global average.
- Consistent Policies: The government actively promotes investment through clear regulatory frameworks and is renowned for its focus on innovation, exemplified by initiatives such as Smart City projects and support for future technologies.
- International Collaboration: The UAE maintains strong diplomatic relationships with numerous countries and is recognized as a reliable trade partner. This global cooperation enhances Dubai's status as a premier international business hub.

This combination of security, progressive policies, and global connectivity ensures that Dubai remains a top destination for investment and economic growth.

Modern Infrastructure

Dubai's rapid development would not have been possible without its forward-thinking and growth-oriented infrastructure. The city's commitment to innovation and efficiency has created a world-class foundation for residents, businesses, and visitors.

- World-Class Transportation System: Dubai is exceptionally well-connected, featuring the Dubai International Airport (DXB), Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC), and a state-of-the-art road network. The public transport system, including the Dubai Metro, trams, and buses, has been consistently expanded to meet growing demand.
- Innovative Real Estate Projects: The city is renowned for architectural landmarks such as the Burj Khalifa and the man-made Palm Jumeirah islands. Upcoming mega-projects like Dubai Creek Tower and Dubai South highlight the city's ongoing drive for innovation.
- Digital Infrastructure: Dubai is a global leader in adopting cutting-edge technologies such as 5G and digital government services. E-Government platforms, Smart Services, and the vision of a Smart City make living and working in Dubai highly efficient and seamless.

This combination of advanced transportation, iconic real estate developments, and digital innovation positions Dubai as one of the most modern cities in the world.



WHAT DO I NEED TO PURCHASE A PROPERTY IN DUBAI?

INDI	INDIVIDUAL INVESTOR				
		PASSPORT			
		VISA			
1.	FOR UAE RESIDENCE	EMIRATES ID			
		KYC			
		Proof of Address, Email ID, Contact #			
		PASSPORT			
2.	FOR NON-RESIDENCE	KYC			
2.		ID (National ID / Driving License)			
		Proof of Address, Email ID, Contact #			

FOR	FOR COMPANIES				
		Trade License/Incorporation Certificate			
		Owners Passport, Visa and Emirates ID			
		Certificate of Good standing (English & Arabic Translation)			
	FOR COMPANY (UNDER FREEZONE)	MOA (English & Arabic Translation)			
		NOC for Purchasing Property (English & Arabic Translation)			
3.		Incumbency Certificate/Extract of Registry (English & Arabic Translation)			
		Share Certificate (if more than 1 partner)			
		Proof of Address (UAE address), Email ID, Contact #			
		KYC - Individual Partner			
		KYC - Corporate			



	FOR COMPANY UNDER 4. DUBAI LAND DEPARTMENT LLC	Trade License
		MOA (English and Arabic Translation)
		Share Certificate (if more than 1 partner)
4.		Owners Passport, Visa and Emirates ID
		Proof of Address, Email ID, Contact #
		KYC – Individual Partner
		KYC- Corporate



WHERE TO INVEST?

IMAGE DOWNTOWN

Short-Term Investment (1-2 Years)

For investors aiming to sell within 2 years, the focus should be on established areas with high demand, robust infrastructure, and limited supply. These areas already demonstrate steady appreciation due to their premium locations and strong rental yields.

Recommended Area	Why?	Property Types	Appreciation Drivers
Downtown Dubai	Home to iconic landmarks like the Burj Khalifa and Dubai Mall, Downtown remains a prime location with limited supply and global appeal.	High-end apartments and serviced residences.	Proximity to business hubs, tourism demand, and scarcity of new projects.
Dubai Marina A mature waterfront community with strong demand from expats and tourists.		Luxury apartments with marina views.	Limited new supply and continuous demand for waterfront properties.
Business Bay	Central location, proximity to Downtown, and a mix of commercial and residential developments.	Mid- to high-end apartments.	Growing corporate presence and strategic location.

Short-Term Investment (1-2 Years)

Investors looking at a 3-year horizon should focus on upcoming areas with a balance of current development and future growth. These areas benefit from large-scale infrastructure projects nearing completion.

Recommended	Why?	Property	Appreciation
Area		Types	Drivers
Dubai Creek Harbour	The future "downtown of Dubai" with the Creek Tower as its centerpiece. Though development is ongoing, Creek Harbour is already showing steady interest.	Luxury apartments and waterfront units.	Proximity to Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary, planned public transport links, and high tourism potential.



Meydan (MBR City)	A master-planned community with a focus on luxury living, green spaces, and entertainment.	Villas and high- end apartments.	Proximity to Downtown Dubai and Meydan Racecourse, as well as upcoming developments like the Crystal Lagoon.
Jumeirah Village Circle (JVC)	A growing community that offers affordable property with strong rental yields.	Apartments and townhouses.	Popular among mid- income expats, strategic location near Sheikh Zayed Road and Al Khail Road.

Long-Term Investment (5 Years or More)

For investors planning to hold property for 5 years or longer, focus on emerging areas with extensive long-term growth potential. These areas are aligned with Dubai's 2040 Master Plan and will see significant appreciation as infrastructure and amenities develop.

Recommended Area	Why?	Property Types	Appreciation Drivers
Dubai South	Home to Al Maktoum International Airport and Expo City Dubai, Dubai South is set to become a major logistics and residential hub.	Affordable apartments and townhouses.	Proximity to future transport links, Expo City's transformation, and job creation in logistics and aviation sectors.
Tilal Al Ghaf	A premium master- planned community focused on sustainability and luxury living.	Villas and townhouses.	Lagoon amenities, green spaces, and alignment with Dubai's eco-friendly development vision.
Planned to revitalize Old Dubai with beachfront living and tourism appeal.		Apartments and mixed-use developments.	Waterfront location and significant investment in infrastructure.



Apartment Type	Total Price	Equity Requirement	Area	Financing
Studio Apartment	€150,000 (~\$162,000 USD)	€75,000 (~\$81,000 USD)	38 m² (~409 sqft)	0% interest-free developer loan available
One- Bedroom Apartment	€250,000 (~\$270,000 USD)	€125,000 (~\$135,000 USD)	70 m² (~753 sqft)	0% interest-free developer loan available
Two- Bedroom Apartment	€430,000 (~\$464,000 USD)	€215,000 (~\$232,000 USD)	125 m² (~1,345 sqft)	0% interest-free developer loan available



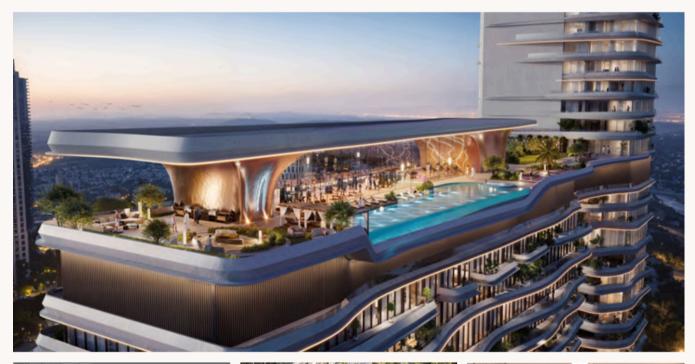








Apartment Type	Total Price	Equity Requirement	Area	Financing
Studio Apartment	€157,000 (~\$169,400 USD)	€79,000 (~\$85,200 USD)	32 m² (~344 sqft)	0% interest-free developer loan available
One- Bedroom Apartment	€255,000 (~\$275,000 USD)	€128,000 (~\$138,000 USD)	70 m² (~753 sqft)	0% interest-free developer loan available
Two- Bedroom Apartment	€436,000 (~\$470,200 USD)	€218,000 (~\$235,000 USD)	119 m² (~1,281 sqft)	0% interest-free developer loan available











Apartment Type	Total Price	Equity Requirement	Area	Financing
Three- Bedroom Townhouse	€480,000 (~\$518,400 USD; ~AED 2,000,000)	€384,000 (~\$414,720 USD)	221 m² (~2,379 sqft)	0% interest-free developer loan available
Four- Bedroom Townhouse	€600,000 (~\$648,000 USD; ~AED 2,500,000)	€480,000 (~\$518,400 USD)	243 m² (~2,616 sqft)	0% interest-free developer loan available











Apartment Type	Total Price	Equity Requirement	Area	Financing
Four- Bedroom Apartment (Option 1)	€2,082,000 (~\$2,247,840 USD)	€1,041,000 (~\$1,123,920 USD)	308 m² (~3,315 sqft)	0% interest-free developer loan available
Four- Bedroom Apartment (Option 2)	€3,624,000 (~\$3,911,040 USD)	€1,812,000 (~\$1,955,520 USD)	484 m² (~5,210 sqft)	0% interest-free developer loan available











Apartment Type	Total Price	Area
Duplex Apartment with 2 Bedrooms and Living Area (Dubai Frame) – Option 1	€4,100,000 (~\$4,421,000 USD)	229.18 m² (~2,467 sqft)
Duplex Apartment with 2 Bedrooms and Living Area (Dubai Frame) – Option 2	€4,100,000 (~\$4,421,000 USD)	185.29 m² (~1,995 sqft)







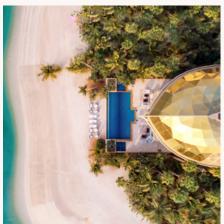




Apartment Type	Total Price	Area	Bedrooms
Luxury Property	€30,000,000 (~\$32,340,000 USD)	2,200 m² (~23,680 sqft)	8











RETURN ON EQUITY WITH A REAL-LIFE EXAMPLE

Return on Equity (ROE) is a key metric that indicates how efficiently a company uses its shareholders' equity. In other words, it answers the question of how much profit is generated for each unit of equity invested.







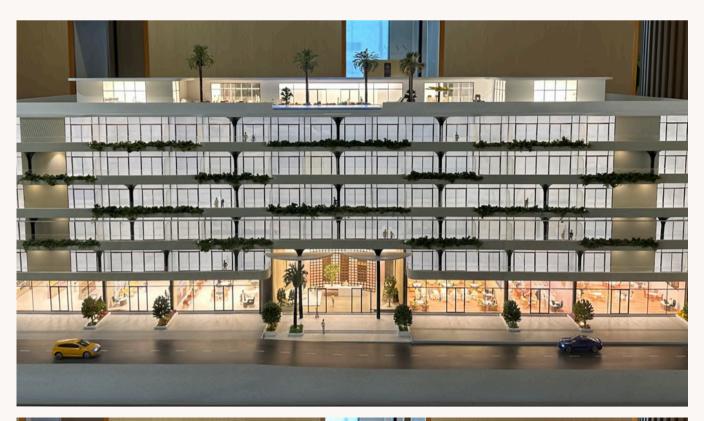






Uncover insider secrets to finding the best project, the perfect apartment, and the highest returns. Learn what European tenants expect, how to compare floor plans, and why "top floor" or "cheapest" isn't always best.

Entire project





1 Bedroom Apartments



Entire project



We selected this specific apartment because it aligns perfectly with the priorities of European buyers—namely, efficient layouts, dedicated storage options, and high-quality finishes. European tenants and homeowners from markets like Germany, Switzerland, and Austria typically prioritize practical spaces that offer both functionality and design appeal. This apartment's well-thought-out floor plan, ample storage, and refined interior details meet those standards, ensuring strong rental demand and long-term value.

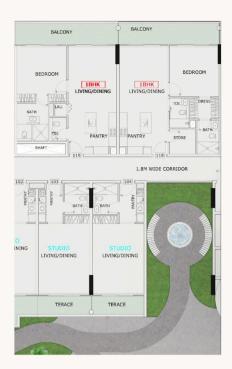






Fifth Floor





Why an Extra Room in a One-Bedroom Apartment in Dubai Makes Your Investment More Profitable

Dubai is renowned for its premium real estate market, attracting expats and investors from around the globe. But what sets a property apart in this competitive environment? One of the most influential factors that can elevate your investment from a solid choice to a real winner is the added value of flexible living space-like an extra room in a one-bedroom apartment.

Versatility: One Room, Many Possibilities

An extra room takes a property to the next level by offering multiple uses. Popular choices include:

- Home Office/Study: In today's increasingly digital world, a dedicated workspace at home is highly sought after-especially in Dubai, a dynamic business hub attracting professionals from around the world.
- Walk-In Closet: Dubai places a strong emphasis on luxury. A private dressing area is not only practical but also enhances the apartment's appeal and perceived value.
- Storage Room: In a city where functional storage space is often limited, a well-planned storage area can significantly improve tenants' or buyers' quality of life.

By providing this additional room, you offer more than just extra square footage—you give tenants or buyers the flexibility to customize their living space to suit their specific needs.

Greater Demand, Higher Rental Yields

Rental Returns Comparison Apartment 118, Apartment 119, Apartment 116

Category 1: Without Valentine. Realestate

Purchase at Full Price: No discount negotiated, property bought directly from the developer at market rate.

Unit	Price	Yearly	Ancillary	Net Rent	Gross ROI	Net ROI
	(€)	Rent (€)	Costs (€)	(€)	(%)	(%)
Unit 118 (Best Price/Layout)	323,400	20,800	2,062.5	18,737.5	6.43	5.79



Unit 119 (Lower Demand Layout)	311,960	18,200	1,912.5	16,287.5	5.83	5.22
Unit 116 (Same Layout as 118)	339,000	20,800	2,062.5	18,737.5	6.14	5.53

Category 2: With Valentine Realestate



Purchase at Full Price: No discount negotiated, property bought directly from the developer at market rate.

Unit	Price (€)	Yearly Rent (€)	Ancillary Costs (€)	Net Rent (€)	Gross ROI (%)	Net ROI (%)
Unit 118 (Best Price/Layout)	278,124	20,800	2,062.5	18,737.5	7.48	6.74
Unit 119 (Lower Demand Layout)	311,960	18,200	1,912.5	16,287.5	5.83	5.22
Unit 116 (Same Layout as 118)	339,000	20,800	2,062.5	18,737.5	6.14	5.53



THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES YOU NEED FOR A SUCCESSFUL INVESTMENT

Furniture Packages

Package	Description
Basic Package	Functional furniture and appliances for instant rental readiness.
Premium Package	High-quality furnishings with an attractive design.
Luxury Package	Tailor-made interiors featuring advanced technology and upscale materials.

Post-Purchase Support

Service	Description
Utility Registration	Setup of electricity, water, and internet services.
Furnishing	Assistance in selecting suitable furniture packages.
Leasing	Professional management to make your property rental-ready.

Legal Documentation and Representation

Service	Description
Power of Attorney	Representation in all legal matters, from registration to dispute resolution.
Estate Planning	Ensuring property security for future generations with legally compliant wills.
Property Gifting	Guidance on gifting or transferring ownership to family members.

Included in All Packages

Services	Details
DEWA, Gas, and Internet Registration	Setup of essential utility services.
Professional Cleaning	Ensuring the property is ready for move-in.



Tenant Management

Service	Description
Marketing	Listing properties on top platforms to attract tenants.
Tenant Screening	Conducting comprehensive background checks.
Maintenance	Coordinating repairs and handling tenant requests.
Financial Management	Rent collection and detailed financial reporting.

Legal Documentation and Representation

Service	Description
Company Formation	Customized solutions for Free Zone and Mainland companies.
Bank Account Setup	Assistance with personal and corporate bank account creation.
Relocation Services	Visa processing, family integration, and full relocation assistance.



RETURN ON EQUITY WITH A REAL-LIFE EXAMPLE









Category	Amount (AED)
Purchase Price	792,379
Land Department Fees (4%)	31,695
Trustee Fees	4,200
Sales Progression	5,000
Valuation Fees	3,150
Mortgage Registration Fees	3,250
Brokerage Fees (2%)	15,848
Bank Processing Fees (1%)	7,924
Total Upfront Costs	71,067
Down Payment (30%)	237,713
Mortgage Amount (70%)	554,666
Interest Rate (Fixed 3 Years)	4.24%
Loan Term	25 Years
Monthly Mortgage Payment	2,996
Annual Mortgage Payment	35,952
Total Payment Over Term	898,800
Service Charges (Annual)	6,339
Annual Costs (Service Charges + Mortgage)	42,291
Net Income	29,200.84
ROI Calculation	3.92%
Loan to Value Ratio (LTV)	70%



COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO SERVICE CHARGES

Category (EUR/m²)	Amount (€)
Services	15.42
Maintenance	10.68
Utilities Services	6.49
Management Services	2.64
Insurance	0.75
Master Community	2.13
Reserved Fund	2.99
General Fund Rate	38.25
Total Rate	41.18





UNDERSTANDING SERVICE CHARGES IN DUBAI REAL ESTATE

A Simple Guide

For first-time investors or those curious about Dubai's real estate, the term service charges often sounds complicated. However, these charges are straightforward when broken down. Service charges are annual fees paid by property owners to cover the maintenance, operation, and management of the building and its shared facilities. Here's a breakdown of each part of the service charge, with clear explanations of what is covered.

Category	Rate (AED/sq. ft)	What It Covers	Examples
Services	5.73	Basic operational services for the property	Cleaning of shared spaces, security, waste disposal
Maintenance	3.97	Upkeep of the building's systems and infrastructure	Elevator maintenance, HVAC servicing, structural repairs
Utilities Services	2.41	Costs for shared utilities in the property	Electricity for common areas, water supply, irrigation systems
Management Services	0.98	Administrative and operational costs related to managing the building	Property management salaries, administration costs, resident communication
Insurance	0.28	Insurance premiums for the property and shared areas	Building insurance, public liability insurance
Master Community	0.79	Contributions to the broader community infrastructure	Road maintenance, shared amenities, community events
Reserved Fund	1.11	Funds set aside for major future expenses	Major repairs, renovations, emergency repairs
General Fund Rate	14.16	Total of all the above components	-
Total Rate	15.27	Final service charge rate, including all components, excluding any arrears or overdue payments	-



Key Takeaways for First-Time Investors

- Transparency Is Key: Developers and property managers must disclose how service charges are allocated. Always request the breakdown.
- Annual Payments: Service charges are typically billed annually and are calculated based on the size of your property in square feet.
- Balcony Charges: Balconies are often included in the calculation at a reduced rate (e.g., 50%), unless stated otherwise.
- Why Service Charges Matter: These fees ensure that the property remains functional, secure, and well-maintained, which protects your investment and maintains property value.

Example Calculation

If you own a 1,000 sq. ft apartment:

Service Charge Rate: AED 15.27/sq. ft

Annual Charge: 1,000 sq. ft × 15.27 = AED 15,270

By understanding these charges, you'll be better equipped to make informed investment decisions in Dubai real estate. Let me know if you'd like this guide formatted into a professional brochure or need further insights!



ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE EXAMPLES FOR 40M², 80M², AND 120M² APARTMENTS

Category	Cost (\$)
Services	16.96
Maintenance	11.75
Utilities	7.14
Administrative Services	2.90
Insurance	0.83
Community Contributions	2.34
Reserve Fund	3.29
General Fund Costs	42.08
Total Rate	45.30

Apartment Size 40 m²:

Gesamtrate: \$45.30/m²

Calculation: 40 m² x 45.30 \$ = 1812 \$/ Year

Apartment Size 80 m²:

Gesamtrate: \$45.30/m²

Calculation: 80 m² x 45.30 \$ = 3624 \$ / Year

Apartment Size 120 m²:

Gesamtrate: \$45.30/m²

Calculation: 120 m² x 45.30 \$ = 5436 \$/ Year

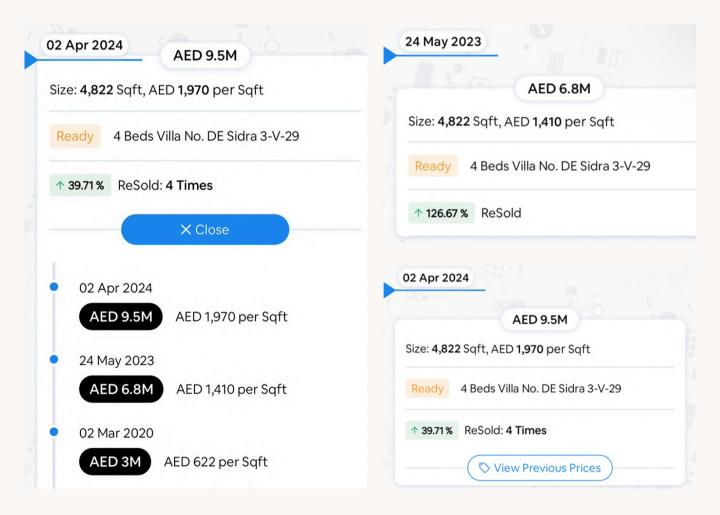


Date Selling Price (AED) Price per Sqft (AED) Appreciation (%)

- > 02 March 2020 3,000,000 622 Baseline (0%)
- > 24 May 2023 6,800,000 1,410 +127%
- > 02 April 2024 9,500,000 1,970 +39.71%

Example Calculation

- Overall Appreciation from 2020 to 2024: The villa appreciated by 216.67% over four years.
- Steady Appreciation: The villa showed a significant jump of 127% in 2023 and an additional 39.71% by 2024.





WHAT IS A REAL ESTATE BUBBLE?

Investors enter the market, driving prices higher. This "irrational exuberance" fuels expectations of further price increases, as investors extrapolate recent price trends far into the future. The sharp rise in the market is typically justified in popular culture by a superficially plausible "new era" theory, which legitimizes the departure from traditional valuation metrics.

An example could be the excessive attraction of people to a specific profession after a significant breakthrough in that field. The bubble mechanism, in this case, can be modeled very similarly to price formation: explosive growth attracts newcomers who project this growth into the future. However, once the easily accessible new opportunities are exhausted, the field may suffer from an oversupply of labor. Another relevant example could be the number of people following a particular fashion trend or the popularity of a rock band.



(often, less sophisticated) investors enter the market and bid up prices. This "irrational exuberance" heightens expectations of further price increases, as investors extrapolate recent price action far into the future. The market's meteoric rise is typically justified in the popular culture by some superficially plausible "new era" theory that validates the abandonment of traditional valuation metrics. But the bubble carries the seeds of its own destruction; if prices begin to sag, pessimism can take hold, causing some investors to exit the market. Downward price motion begets expectations of further downward motion, and so on, until the bottom is eventually reached".

It is reasonable to assume that bubble formation in asset prices has its root in some basic aspects of the human social psychology, which may manifest itself as soon as some necessary conditions (such as existence of basic liquid markets) are satisfied. Moreover, it is likely that bubble formation and collapse phenomena appear in areas of social dynamics beyond the asset price formation. One example may be attraction of an excessive number of people to some profession, after there has been a significant breakthrough. The mechanism of the bubble in this case can be modeled very similarly to the price formation: explosive growth attracts newcomers who project growth into the future. Once the readily available new applications have been worked through, however, the profession may suffer from overcapacity of labor. Other relevant example can be the number of people following certain fashion or popularity of a rock group.

The existing research literature on asset price bubble formation is too enormous to attempt a complete overview in this article. There are many different approaches and direc-



WHAT IS A REAL ESTATE BUBBLE?

A Stable Market Rather Than a Classic Bubble

According to the speculative bubble model—also described by Stanford University —one might initially suspect that Dubai, with its rapidly rising real estate prices and strong influx of investors, is on the verge of a bubble. However, a closer look reveals a different picture: Demand in Dubai is primarily real and sustainable, supported by high equity ratios, strict regulatory measures, and a steady inflow of capital and wealthy individuals from around the world.

Reasons for the Market's Stability

- Solid Financing Structure: Low debt and high equity requirements, especially for off-plan projects.
- Attractive Geographical Location: Dubai serves as an international hub between Europe, Asia, and Africa.
- Robust Regulation: Measures such as escrow accounts, mortgage caps, and transfer fees curb speculation.
- Global Demand: International investors, expats, and companies view Dubai as a promising long-term market.

Because of these factors, Dubai stands out significantly from the typical real estate bubbles we've seen in other markets.





What Does This Mean for Potential Investors?

- Dynamic Yet Healthy Market Development: Price increases are not solely driven by speculation, but by sound fundamentals.
- Stability Through Equity: Higher equity requirements reduce the risk of sudden market overheating.
- Sustainable Value Appreciation: Long-term price development is primarily driven by economic growth and Dubai's global positioning, rather than short-term price manipulation.