

## International Financial Centre - Dubai



### Dubai International Financial Centre is in safe hands

The Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) which opened in September 2004, is the world's most recent international financial institution. The Centre was designed to plug the gap between major existing complexes in London and Frankfurt, and those in the Far East - Singapore, Tokyo and Hong Kong.

After considerable investigation into the most efficient smoke containment systems available, Coopers were selected to provide the barrier system within the car parking areas under the building. Installed as part of an integrated fire engineered solution, the smoke containment curtains substantially limit the spread of smoke and heat, the life threatening effluent generated by a fire - allowing valuable time for the car park to be evacuated. The barriers are designed to contain the smoke and gases within designated zones in the car park area before it is extracted by the smoke ventilation system.

DIFC has attracted high calibre firms both locally and from around the globe. The Dubai International Financial Exchange (DIFX) is located in the new Centre and began trading in September 2005.

The DIFC is a 110-acre designated free zone containing an impressive line up of new buildings. The complex forms part of a large-scale development plan to create an environment for progress and economic growth in the UAE and the wider region. The plan is fully supported by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, in conjunction with the Government of Dubai.

Coopers expertise in supplying environmental control systems to diverse projects worldwide is second to none. Many barrier systems are already operating successfully in major new projects throughout the UAE.