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BUSINESS PROJECTS FOR THE UAE

An informed start begins with a better question.

Opportunity hypotheses / source-linked compliance

Startup and operating scenarios / break-even / SWOT

90-day validation plans / risks / decision gates

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Screening studies. Costs are editorial assumptions, not quotations.

No demand, finance, approval, complete budget or investment return guaranteed.

Use evidence before committing capital

This book contains 101 specific business models, with buyers, offers, operating constraints, compliance pathways, explicit cost scenarios and paid-validation gates. It is designed for early screening and founder discussion. It is not a bankable certified feasibility study.

What has - and has not - been verified

Official-source pathway/context research, including search excerpts and selected page sections. No primary customer interviews, supplier quotations, lender approval or field pilot was conducted. This is a screening library, not bankable certified feasibility.

The source register contains 59 records (54 unique URLs). Review depth and jurisdiction are stated. Some evidence is limited to official search extracts; selected pages and PDF sections were inspected. All models need current written authority confirmation.

Read the budget in three layers

- One-time and monthly ranges are editorial small-operator scenarios. Obtain premises, equipment, staffing, professional-service and supplier quotations.

- The scenario subtotal equals one-time costs plus six months of fixed overhead. It is an incomplete gross-cost buffer, not a forecast of cash need. Add licence, sector approval, visa, tax, finance and extra inventory/receivables requirements.

- Published authority examples are presented separately. They are not auto-added to model costs, and activity eligibility and package scope must be confirmed.

- Owner management compensation is explicitly included in fixed-cost scenarios. Direct variable fulfilment costs must not count salaried core labour, stock consumption or pass-through spending twice.

Economic scenarios are deliberately falsifiable

Base uses the midpoint of monthly overhead and illustrative unit price, direct cost and monthly volume. Break-even units = overhead / unit contribution, rounded up. Downside uses price -10%, variable cost +15%, volume -25% and overhead at the high range. Operating balance is before excluded charges, debt service and taxes; it is not net profit, ROI or promised payback.

Commit only after a lawful, paid test

Customer interviews and collected pilot revenue should replace assumptions. Specialist businesses must obtain required permissions and qualified supervision before providing services. Historical sector policy or tourism activity does not prove demand in a particular district, product or customer segment.

Published authority examples - keep scope separate

DMCC: separate standard fees and packages

The schedule shows standard setup annual licence AED20,285, while its standard trading/service renewal section shows AED20,265. It also lists a Basic Biz package AED35,484; these are different scope lines, not amounts to combine.

Check package terms, activity eligibility, premises, visas, taxes/levies and renewals. No DMCC price is automatically applied to a project or treated as a complete quote.

Official source

Shams: advertised starting point

The official landing page advertises setup options starting at AED5,750.

Inclusions, selected activity, premises/visa needs and renewal are not confirmed here. Treat it as a dated promotional entry point, not a turnkey launch cost or tax-exemption promise.

Official source

RAKEZ: reconcile conflicting official headline scopes

The offers page advertises AED6,000 setup and AED14,000 all-inclusive wording. The official getting-started page separately advertises AED16,500 per year.

Different pages/scopes may differ or be stale. Obtain a current written itemised quote and renewal schedule; do not select the lowest headline as the applicable total.

Official source

Separate official getting-started page

Common compliance decision map

- Confirm the exact licensed activity, legal form, ownership, premises and local operating rights with the selected emirate or zone; obtain written external-approval requirements.

- Assess VAT and corporate-tax registration, recordkeeping and filing obligations separately. Consult current FTA rules and any current relief conditions; do not assume every free-zone business is tax-free.

- Check work permits, contracts, wages, payroll/WPS applicability, insurance and immigration under the relevant employment regime before hiring.

- Prepare beneficial ownership, source of funds and business-purpose evidence for bank due diligence. No account-opening timeline or lending approval is assumed.

- Map personal-data handling, contracts, consumer/product duties and any sector-specific AML, health, safety or environmental responsibilities. Seek qualified advice for the applicable jurisdiction.

Record the responsible authority, exact entity/activity, required evidence, confirmed dates and accountable owner. Common planning prompts are not a complete statutory checklist. Current corporate-tax relief conditions can change: use the Ministry of Finance register and FTA guidance rather than an old article or promotional tax claim.

Choose your next business question

Click a project title to jump to its four-page study. The same project number appears in the website library.

001 SME workflow automation consultancy

002 Vertical CRM SaaS

003 Managed IT support

004 Cybersecurity readiness consultancy

005 Cloud migration consultancy

006 Arabic-English website studio

007 E-commerce operations agency

008 B2B digital marketing agency

009 Product photography studio

010 Video production studio

011 Podcast production studio

012 UX research and design studio

013 Technical translation agency

014 B2B content and localisation agency

015 Corporate training provider

016 Coding and robotics learning centre

017 Corporate language training

018 Bookkeeping service

019 Finance-operations software implementation

020 HR administration consultancy

Choose your next business question

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021 Recruitment agency

022 Outsourced customer support

023 Virtual business administration service

024 Business research subscription

025 Data analytics consultancy

026 BIM drafting studio

027 Interior design consultancy

028 Exhibition design studio

029 Corporate event organiser

030 Audio-visual equipment rental

031 Corporate gifting and merchandise

032 Uniform supply business

033 Office stationery B2B supplier

034 Business document digitisation service

035 Specialty coffee kiosk

036 Healthy meal-preparation kitchen

037 Corporate catering kitchen

038 Bakery and pastry production

039 Packaged spice and sauce brand

040 Frozen ready-meal brand

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041 Food import and distribution

042 Premium dates and gift-food brand

043 Reusable food-packaging supplier

044 Specialty grocery e-commerce

045 Modest fashion e-commerce

046 Workwear and safety-equipment trading

047 Baby and maternity products trading

048 Pet accessories e-commerce

049 Pet grooming salon

050 Salon and beauty studio

051 Mobile beauty services

052 Cosmetics and personal-care brand

053 Perfume and fragrance brand

054 Jewellery repair and customisation

055 Gold and jewellery trading

056 Refurbished electronics trading

057 Phone and laptop repair

058 Home appliance repair

059 Furniture refurbishment

060 Home organising service

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061 Residential cleaning company

062 Commercial cleaning contractor

063 Laundry pickup and processing

064 Eco-friendly car wash

065 Auto detailing studio

066 Auto spare-parts trading

067 Tyre and battery service centre

068 Bicycle and e-bike repair shop

069 Last-mile delivery operator

070 SME fulfilment warehouse

071 Cold-chain logistics service

072 Import-export sourcing agency

073 Freight-forwarding company

074 Fleet maintenance workshop

075 EV charging installation contractor

076 Solar-panel cleaning service

077 Energy-efficiency consultancy

078 Smart-building controls installer

079 Air-conditioning maintenance contractor

080 Plumbing and electrical maintenance

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081 Landscaping and irrigation contractor

082 Water-saving systems supplier

083 Commercial pest-control service

084 Recycling collection and sorting

085 E-waste collection and recovery

086 Reusable transport-packaging rental

087 Small-batch food manufacturing

088 Metal fabrication workshop

089 CNC and 3D-print prototyping

090 Construction materials trading

091 Industrial consumables distributor

092 Hydroponic produce farm

093 Mushroom cultivation unit

094 Agricultural inputs trading

095 Tourism experience operator

096 Holiday-home management

097 Corporate travel agency

098 Sports coaching academy

099 Physiotherapy clinic

100 Home healthcare provider

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101 Childcare nursery

PROJECT 001 / DIGITAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

SME workflow automation consultancy

Build a focused offer around purchase-order approval with measurable rework reduction.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / 20-100-person trading businesses

PROBLEM / order approvals and invoice re-entry

OFFER / a two-workflow discovery, implementation and handover package

ENTRY WEDGE / purchase-order approval with measurable rework reduction

Digital Dubai's sector-digitisation objective is policy context, not an automation spending survey. The commercial hypothesis is that trading-company operations managers will fund one painful approval bottleneck before buying a broad transformation programme. Existing ERP features, spreadsheets and internal administrators are the substitutes. Reach buyers through accounting-system implementers and founder referrals; demonstrate one anonymised order flow. Capacity depends on understanding undocumented exceptions, not building attractive dashboards. A falsifiable pilot compares approval time and correction counts before and after deployment over the same transaction types. Stop if savings depend on staff bypassing controls or clients refuse paid process discovery.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact sme workflow automation consultancy activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 001 / DIGITAL / COST SCENARIOS

SME workflow automation consultancy

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Process-mapping and integration test environment	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Workflow connectors and sandbox subscriptions	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

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- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 001 / DIGITAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

SME workflow automation consultancy

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: two-workflow implementation project. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 6,500	AED 5,850
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,800	AED 2,070
Units / month	5	3.75
Monthly revenue	AED 32,500	AED 21,938
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 23,500	AED 14,175
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -1,650	AED -22,825

Base break-even: 6 two-workflow implementation project per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow purchase-order approval with measurable rework reduction offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among 20-100-person trading businesses can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; failed integrations and staff adoption can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- failed integrations and staff adoption; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 5 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 001 / DIGITAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

SME workflow automation consultancy

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 20-100-person trading businesses; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of order approvals and invoice re-entry.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the purchase-order approval with measurable rework reduction sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 6500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for purchase-order approval with measurable rework reduction, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for 20-100-person trading businesses; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For sme workflow automation consultancy, purchase-order approval with measurable rework reduction must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D3] Digital economy priorities - Digital Dubai

Official objectives include strategic-sector digital maturity and a competitive ICT sector. Scope: Dubai policy context; does not verify SME demand or spending.

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PROJECT 002 / DIGITAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Vertical CRM SaaS

Build a focused offer around annual maintenance renewal reminders.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small facilities-maintenance companies

PROBLEM / job enquiries disappear between sales and dispatch

OFFER / subscription CRM with quotation, renewal and service histories

ENTRY WEDGE / annual maintenance renewal reminders

Digital Dubai encourages a competitive ICT sector; this does not establish a market for another CRM. The niche hypothesis is that maintenance operators value renewal reminders linked to site and contract history more than generic lead tracking. Existing CRM subscriptions and dispatch spreadsheets compete directly. Acquire design partners through facilities-service networks, then charge for a small working subscription rather than collecting feature requests indefinitely. Import cleanup and user onboarding constrain delivery before software hosting does. Test whether five operators use renewal lists weekly and two pay after a trial. Reject the niche if buyers mainly demand bespoke dispatch systems without recurring subscription willingness.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact vertical crm saas activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

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PROJECT 002 / DIGITAL / COST SCENARIOS

Vertical CRM SaaS

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One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Prototype, tenant isolation and onboarding tools	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Hosting, monitoring and product analytics	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

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- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 002 / DIGITAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Vertical CRM SaaS

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: active maintenance-company subscriber-month. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 650	AED 585
Direct cost / unit	AED 150	AED 172
Units / month	40	30.00
Monthly revenue	AED 26,000	AED 17,550
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 20,000	AED 12,375
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -5,150	AED -24,625

Base break-even: 51 active maintenance-company subscriber-month per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow annual maintenance renewal reminders offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among small facilities-maintenance companies can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; slow onboarding and customer churn can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- slow onboarding and customer churn; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 40 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 002 / DIGITAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Vertical CRM SaaS

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 small facilities-maintenance companies; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of job enquiries disappear between sales and dispatch.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the annual maintenance renewal reminders sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 650 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for annual maintenance renewal reminders, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for small facilities-maintenance companies; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder funds and paid design partners first. Angel/venture investment is only a potential fit after repeat usage, retention and defensible software economics; no investor or grant eligibility is assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For vertical crm saas, annual maintenance renewal reminders must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

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Official objectives include strategic-sector digital maturity and a competitive ICT sector. Scope: Dubai policy context; does not verify SME demand or spending.

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PROJECT 003 / DIGITAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Managed IT support

Build a focused offer around fixed support hours and documented escalation.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / offices with 10-50 endpoints

PROBLEM / untracked devices and unpredictable support

OFFER / endpoint inventory, patching and helpdesk retainer

ENTRY WEDGE / fixed support hours and documented escalation

The federal data framework makes handling employee and customer information an operating concern, but it does not quantify managed-support demand. A plausible buyer is an office manager who wants predictable support ownership across laptops, accounts and backups. Freelance technicians, vendor warranties and in-house staff are substitutes. Accountant and office-fit-out referrals can introduce firms during moves or hiring. Technician travel and simultaneous incidents limit account capacity. Pilot a defined endpoint band and support window, tracking tickets, response time and hours consumed. Decline accounts whose unresolved legacy systems require unlimited support at a fixed price. Paid renewals and restored-backup tests matter more than endpoint counts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

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UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

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PROJECT 003 / DIGITAL / COST SCENARIOS

Managed IT support

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Endpoint diagnostic and backup test equipment	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Helpdesk, monitoring and endpoint management tools	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

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- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 003 / DIGITAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Managed IT support

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: office support retainer-month. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 2,500	AED 2,250
Direct cost / unit	AED 900	AED 1,035
Units / month	12	9.00
Monthly revenue	AED 30,000	AED 20,250
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 19,200	AED 10,935
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -5,950	AED -26,065

Base break-even: 16 office support retainer-month per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow fixed support hours and documented escalation offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among offices with 10-50 endpoints can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; out-of-hours support and ransomware exposure can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- out-of-hours support and ransomware exposure; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 12 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 003 / DIGITAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Managed IT support

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 offices with 10-50 endpoints; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of untracked devices and unpredictable support.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the fixed support hours and documented escalation sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 2500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for fixed support hours and documented escalation, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for offices with 10-50 endpoints; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

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[D3] Digital economy priorities - Digital Dubai

Official objectives include strategic-sector digital maturity and a competitive ICT sector. Scope: Dubai policy context; does not verify SME demand or spending.

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PROJECT 004 / DIGITAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Cybersecurity readiness consultancy

Build a focused offer around supplier questionnaire readiness without certification promises.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / SME suppliers facing client security questionnaires

PROBLEM / missing security evidence blocks procurement

OFFER / baseline review, remediation roadmap and evidence register

ENTRY WEDGE / supplier questionnaire readiness without certification promises

Data-protection obligations support a need to examine access and information handling; they do not make every SME a cybersecurity consulting customer. The proposed buyer faces a specific supplier-security questionnaire or tender evidence request. Certification firms, IT providers and free templates compete for that budget. Build referrals with procurement advisers and managed IT firms, while avoiding unsupported compliance certifications. Analyst time reviewing evidence and explaining remediation is the capacity constraint. Test a paid readiness review against one real buyer questionnaire, recording gaps closed and procurement feedback. Do not accept penetration testing without written authority, defined targets and specialist competence.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact cybersecurity readiness consultancy activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 004 / DIGITAL / COST SCENARIOS

Cybersecurity readiness consultancy

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Secure assessment workstation and evidence templates	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Secure evidence vault and assessment tooling	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 004 / DIGITAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Cybersecurity readiness consultancy

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: supplier-readiness assessment. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 8,500	AED 7,650
Direct cost / unit	AED 2,500	AED 2,875
Units / month	4	3.00
Monthly revenue	AED 34,000	AED 22,950
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 24,000	AED 14,325
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -1,150	AED -22,675

Base break-even: 5 supplier-readiness assessment per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow supplier questionnaire readiness without certification promises offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among SME suppliers facing client security questionnaires can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; professional liability and unauthorised testing can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- professional liability and unauthorised testing; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 4 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 004 / DIGITAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Cybersecurity readiness consultancy

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 SME suppliers facing client security questionnaires; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of missing security evidence blocks procurement.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the supplier questionnaire readiness without certification promises sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 8500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for supplier questionnaire readiness without certification promises, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for SME suppliers facing client security questionnaires; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For cybersecurity readiness consultancy, supplier questionnaire readiness without certification promises must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D3] Digital economy priorities - Digital Dubai

Official objectives include strategic-sector digital maturity and a competitive ICT sector. Scope: Dubai policy context; does not verify SME demand or spending.

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PROJECT 005 / DIGITAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Cloud migration consultancy

Build a focused offer around one workload migration with rollback rehearsal.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / growing professional-service firms

PROBLEM / fragmented files and unmanaged cloud bills

OFFER / migration assessment, cutover and cost governance

ENTRY WEDGE / one workload migration with rollback rehearsal

Digital Dubai's digitisation policy supports exploration of cloud services, without verifying migration budgets. A narrow buyer case is a growing consultancy whose file permissions, remote access and backups no longer work reliably. Vendor migration partners, existing IT providers and simply retaining current systems are substitutes. Target firms at lease renewal, merger or remote-team expansion through IT and accountancy referrals. Cutover planning, data cleanup and rollback rehearsal constrain capacity more than copying files. Pilot one low-risk workload and measure user downtime, permission errors and the next month's cloud bill. Avoid projects whose data restrictions or support responsibilities cannot be resolved before transfer.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact cloud migration consultancy activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 005 / DIGITAL / COST SCENARIOS

Cloud migration consultancy

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Migration lab and restore-test environment	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Migration tooling, cloud sandbox and monitoring	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 005 / DIGITAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Cloud migration consultancy

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: single-workload migration project. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 12,000	AED 10,800
Direct cost / unit	AED 4,000	AED 4,600
Units / month	3	2.25
Monthly revenue	AED 36,000	AED 24,300
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 24,000	AED 13,950
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -1,150	AED -23,050

Base break-even: 4 single-workload migration project per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow one workload migration with rollback rehearsal offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among growing professional-service firms can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; downtime and unexpected cloud consumption can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- downtime and unexpected cloud consumption; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 3 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 005 / DIGITAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Cloud migration consultancy

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 growing professional-service firms; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of fragmented files and unmanaged cloud bills.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the one workload migration with rollback rehearsal sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 12000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for one workload migration with rollback rehearsal, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for growing professional-service firms; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For cloud migration consultancy, one workload migration with rollback rehearsal must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D3] Digital economy priorities - Digital Dubai

Official objectives include strategic-sector digital maturity and a competitive ICT sector. Scope: Dubai policy context; does not verify SME demand or spending.

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PROJECT 006 / CREATIVE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Arabic-English website studio

Build a focused offer around Arabic right-to-left usability and fast enquiry capture.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / local B2B service SMEs

PROBLEM / poor bilingual journeys lose qualified enquiries

OFFER / accessible bilingual website with analytics and enquiry routing

ENTRY WEDGE / Arabic right-to-left usability and fast enquiry capture

The UAE government's privacy overview is relevant to enquiry forms and analytics; it does not verify bilingual website conversion gains. The hypothesis is that local service companies with Arabic-speaking buyers will pay for clearer navigation and reliable lead routing. Template builders, low-cost freelancers and existing social-media pages compete. Find buyers through neglected enquiry journeys and introductions from accountants, then demonstrate a small bilingual prototype. Arabic content approval, rights and revisions constrain throughput. Pilot a fixed-page website with agreed conversion events and compare qualified enquiries rather than page views. Stop offering fixed fees when clients cannot supply approved content or nominate an approver.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact arabic-english website studio activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 006 / CREATIVE / COST SCENARIOS

Arabic-English website studio

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Bilingual component library and demo websites	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Design tools, testing devices and staging hosting	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 006 / CREATIVE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Arabic-English website studio

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: fixed-scope bilingual website project. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 7,500	AED 6,750
Direct cost / unit	AED 2,500	AED 2,875
Units / month	4	3.00
Monthly revenue	AED 30,000	AED 20,250
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 20,000	AED 11,625
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -5,150	AED -25,375

Base break-even: 6 fixed-scope bilingual website project per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow Arabic right-to-left usability and fast enquiry capture offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among local B2B service SMEs can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; revision creep and unpaid content work can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- revision creep and unpaid content work; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 4 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 006 / CREATIVE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Arabic-English website studio

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 local B2B service SMEs; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of poor bilingual journeys lose qualified enquiries.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the Arabic right-to-left usability and fast enquiry capture sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 7500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for Arabic right-to-left usability and fast enquiry capture, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for local B2B service SMEs; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For arabic-english website studio, Arabic right-to-left usability and fast enquiry capture must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 007 / DIGITAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

E-commerce operations agency

Build a focused offer around SKU-level profit and stock exception reports.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small consumer brands already selling online

PROBLEM / catalogue errors and returns erode margin

OFFER / catalogue, stock reconciliation and returns reporting retainer

ENTRY WEDGE / SKU-level profit and stock exception reports

Digital Dubai identifies digital maturity as a priority; merchant profitability still needs direct validation. An operations buyer already has sales but suffers catalogue inconsistencies, stock mismatches and return-processing delays. Marketplace support, warehouse staff and in-house coordinators are substitutes. Partner with fulfilment providers to reach merchants whose bottleneck is operational rather than traffic acquisition. Account count is constrained by SKU variation and platform exceptions. Run a paid retainer on one channel, tracking listing errors, return turnaround and contribution after agency cost. Reject engagements where the merchant cannot provide reliable inventory feeds or expects the agency to guarantee platform sales.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact e-commerce operations agency activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 007 / DIGITAL / COST SCENARIOS

E-commerce operations agency

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Catalogue cleanup and stock-reconciliation pilot tools	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Marketplace operations and reconciliation subscriptions	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 007 / DIGITAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

E-commerce operations agency

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: merchant operations retainer-month. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 4,000	AED 3,600
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,600	AED 1,840
Units / month	8	6.00
Monthly revenue	AED 32,000	AED 21,600
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 19,200	AED 10,560
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -5,950	AED -26,440

Base break-even: 11 merchant operations retainer-month per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow SKU-level profit and stock exception reports offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among small consumer brands already selling online can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; platform changes and inaccurate merchant inventory can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- platform changes and inaccurate merchant inventory; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 8 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 007 / DIGITAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

E-commerce operations agency

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 small consumer brands already selling online; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of catalogue errors and returns erode margin.
- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the SKU-level profit and stock exception reports sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.
- Test the illustrative AED 4000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.
- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for SKU-level profit and stock exception reports, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.
- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.
- Build a sample deliverable for small consumer brands already selling online; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For e-commerce operations agency, SKU-level profit and stock exception reports must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D3] Digital economy priorities - Digital Dubai

Official objectives include strategic-sector digital maturity and a competitive ICT sector. Scope: Dubai policy context; does not verify SME demand or spending.

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PROJECT 008 / DIGITAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

B2B digital marketing agency

Build a focused offer around sales-accepted pipeline rather than impressions.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / industrial and professional suppliers

PROBLEM / lead volume hides weak qualification

OFFER / sector content, landing pages and attribution retainer

ENTRY WEDGE / sales-accepted pipeline rather than impressions

The Media Council advertiser guide gives a concrete advertising-permit checkpoint; it does not prove a marketing return. The buyer hypothesis is a B2B supplier whose technical offer needs explanation before sales calls become useful. In-house salespeople, trade exhibitions and broad digital agencies are substitutes. Use sector associations and supplier networks to sell one campaign with a jointly defined qualified-lead standard. Account capacity depends on technical interviews, approvals and sales feedback. A paid pilot should reconcile enquiries with sales acceptance and collected orders where the sales cycle permits. Stop if the buyer measures only impressions or will not disclose follow-up outcomes.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact b2b digital marketing agency activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Media Council [D11]

Check media activity licensing, individual advertiser-permit applicability and content standards for every channel and presenter.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 008 / DIGITAL / COST SCENARIOS

B2B digital marketing agency

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Attribution setup and sector landing-page prototypes	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Creative tools and reporting subscriptions excluding client ad spend	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 008 / DIGITAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

B2B digital marketing agency

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: B2B campaign retainer-month. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 5,500	AED 4,950
Direct cost / unit	AED 2,300	AED 2,645
Units / month	6	4.50
Monthly revenue	AED 33,000	AED 22,275
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 19,200	AED 10,372
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -5,950	AED -26,628

Base break-even: 8 B2B campaign retainer-month per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow sales-accepted pipeline rather than impressions offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among industrial and professional suppliers can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; advertising claims and attribution disputes can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- advertising claims and attribution disputes; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 6 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 008 / DIGITAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

B2B digital marketing agency

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 industrial and professional suppliers; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of lead volume hides weak qualification.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the sales-accepted pipeline rather than impressions sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 5500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for sales-accepted pipeline rather than impressions, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for industrial and professional suppliers; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For b2b digital marketing agency, sales-accepted pipeline rather than impressions must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D11] Advertiser guide - UAE Media Council

2025 guide describes individual advertiser permits for social-media advertising content and underlying media regulation. Scope: Federal media; individual exemptions and agency activity need separate review.

[D3] Digital economy priorities - Digital Dubai

Official objectives include strategic-sector digital maturity and a competitive ICT sector. Scope: Dubai policy context; does not verify SME demand or spending.

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PROJECT 009 / CREATIVE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Product photography studio

Build a focused offer around same-angle batches for 50-SKU catalogues.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / catalogue-driven retailers and wholesalers

PROBLEM / inconsistent imagery delays listings

OFFER / repeatable product shoots with agreed image specifications

ENTRY WEDGE / same-angle batches for 50-SKU catalogues

Dubai's film authority publishes photography permit guidance, establishing a practical production checkpoint rather than evidence of studio demand. A testable buyer is a merchant preparing a catalogue refresh with repeatable image specifications. Supplier-provided images, freelancers and do-it-yourself lightboxes compete. Reach customers through catalogue designers, fulfilment partners and wholesale networks. Throughput depends on product preparation, reflective surfaces and client approvals, not camera ownership alone. Pilot one paid batch with an agreed shot list and count accepted images, reshoots and hours per SKU. Rent specialist equipment initially and decline batches without clear product handling, damage responsibility and usage rights.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact product photography studio activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai Film and TV Commission [D10]

Check location and production permit requirements with the film authority, obtain property and talent permissions and clear music/image rights before shooting.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 009 / CREATIVE / COST SCENARIOS

Product photography studio

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Camera, lenses, lights, backgrounds and handling station	15,000 - 45,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	10,000 - 45,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	3,500 - 12,000	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Editing tools, equipment maintenance and studio consumables	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 35,000 - AED 126,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 15,800 - AED 45,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 129,800 - AED 399,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 009 / CREATIVE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Product photography studio

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: 50-SKU product-image batch. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 3,000	AED 2,700
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,200	AED 1,380
Units / month	8	6.00
Monthly revenue	AED 24,000	AED 16,200
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 14,400	AED 7,920
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,650	AED 45,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -16,250	AED -37,580

Base break-even: 18 50-SKU product-image batch per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow same-angle batches for 50-SKU catalogues offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among catalogue-driven retailers and wholesalers can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; reshoots and product damage can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- reshoots and product damage; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 8 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 009 / CREATIVE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Product photography studio

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 catalogue-driven retailers and wholesalers; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of inconsistent imagery delays listings.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the same-angle batches for 50-SKU catalogues sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 3000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for same-angle batches for 50-SKU catalogues, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to equipment or a studio lease.

- Build a sample deliverable for catalogue-driven retailers and wholesalers; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity, customer deposits and supplier terms are practical starting hypotheses. Asset finance or working-capital credit needs lender approval, documentation and cash-flow evidence; no financing approval is assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For product photography studio, same-angle batches for 50-SKU catalogues must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

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[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D10] Filming FAQs - Dubai Film and TV Commission

Production, broadcasting and photography activities are eligible for filming permits; certain productions require script clearance. Scope: Dubai filming; project and location conditions must be confirmed.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 010 / CREATIVE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Video production studio

Build a focused offer around one industrial process explained in Arabic and English.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / B2B manufacturers and event exhibitors

PROBLEM / technical offers are hard to demonstrate remotely

OFFER / script, interview and short demonstration video package

ENTRY WEDGE / one industrial process explained in Arabic and English

The Dubai filming FAQ identifies eligible production activities and script-clearance questions. This supports planning production permissions, not a claim that corporate-video budgets are growing. The buyer hypothesis is an industrial supplier needing a short demonstration for overseas prospects. Smartphone clips, agency retainers and supplier catalogues compete. Acquire work through exhibition designers and technical marketing partners. Scheduling machinery access, subject experts and location approvals limits capacity. Test a paid demonstration video with a clear audience, script and revision ceiling; ask sales teams whether prospects understand the process afterwards. Reject projects lacking permission ownership or demanding unlimited edits after filming.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact video production studio activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai Film and TV Commission [D10]

Check location and production permit requirements with the film authority, obtain property and talent permissions and clear music/image rights before shooting.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 010 / CREATIVE / COST SCENARIOS

Video production studio

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Camera, sound, lighting and editing workstation	15,000 - 45,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	10,000 - 45,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	3,500 - 12,000	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Editing software, equipment servicing and storage	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 35,000 - AED 126,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 15,800 - AED 45,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 129,800 - AED 399,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 010 / CREATIVE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Video production studio

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: short industrial demonstration video project. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 11,000	AED 9,900
Direct cost / unit	AED 5,000	AED 5,750
Units / month	3	2.25
Monthly revenue	AED 33,000	AED 22,275
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 18,000	AED 9,338
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,650	AED 45,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -12,650	AED -36,162

Base break-even: 6 short industrial demonstration video project per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow one industrial process explained in Arabic and English offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among B2B manufacturers and event exhibitors can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; location permissions and expensive reshoots can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- location permissions and expensive reshoots; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 3 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 010 / CREATIVE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Video production studio

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 B2B manufacturers and event exhibitors; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of technical offers are hard to demonstrate remotely.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the one industrial process explained in Arabic and English sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 11000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for one industrial process explained in Arabic and English, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to equipment or a studio lease.

- Build a sample deliverable for B2B manufacturers and event exhibitors; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity, customer deposits and supplier terms are practical starting hypotheses. Asset finance or working-capital credit needs lender approval, documentation and cash-flow evidence; no financing approval is assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For video production studio, one industrial process explained in Arabic and English must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D10] Filming FAQs - Dubai Film and TV Commission

Production, broadcasting and photography activities are eligible for filming permits; certain productions require script clearance. Scope: Dubai filming; project and location conditions must be confirmed.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 011 / CREATIVE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Podcast production studio

Build a focused offer around four-episode industry interview season.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / trade associations and specialist consultancies

PROBLEM / expert interviews lack consistent production

OFFER / recording, editing, transcripts and distribution package

ENTRY WEDGE / four-episode industry interview season

Film and media guidance provides production and content checkpoints; it does not establish listener demand for a business podcast. The hypothesis is that a trade body values a finite interview season for member engagement and reusable content. Webinars, event panels and ordinary video interviews compete. Sell through association managers and specialist consultancies rather than depending on advertising revenue. Guest scheduling and editorial review constrain output before recording-room capacity. Pilot four episodes under a sponsor-approved editorial brief, track completion and member feedback, and seek a second paid season. Avoid promising audience growth or sponsorship until a credible distribution channel exists.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact podcast production studio activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai Film and TV Commission [D10]

Check location and production permit requirements with the film authority, obtain property and talent permissions and clear music/image rights before shooting.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 011 / CREATIVE / COST SCENARIOS

Podcast production studio

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Microphones, audio interface, acoustic treatment and editing setup	15,000 - 45,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	10,000 - 45,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	3,500 - 12,000	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Audio software, secure storage and equipment maintenance	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 35,000 - AED 126,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 15,800 - AED 45,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 129,800 - AED 399,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 011 / CREATIVE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Podcast production studio

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: four-episode podcast season. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 6,500	AED 5,850
Direct cost / unit	AED 2,700	AED 3,105
Units / month	5	3.75
Monthly revenue	AED 32,500	AED 21,938
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 19,000	AED 10,294
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,650	AED 45,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -11,650	AED -35,206

Base break-even: 9 four-episode podcast season per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow four-episode industry interview season offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among trade associations and specialist consultancies can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; guest cancellation and copyrighted audio can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- guest cancellation and copyrighted audio; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 5 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 011 / CREATIVE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Podcast production studio

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 trade associations and specialist consultancies; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of expert interviews lack consistent production.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the four-episode industry interview season sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 6500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for four-episode industry interview season, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to equipment or a studio lease.

- Build a sample deliverable for trade associations and specialist consultancies; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity, customer deposits and supplier terms are practical starting hypotheses. Asset finance or working-capital credit needs lender approval, documentation and cash-flow evidence; no financing approval is assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For podcast production studio, four-episode industry interview season must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D10] Filming FAQs - Dubai Film and TV Commission

Production, broadcasting and photography activities are eligible for filming permits; certain productions require script clearance. Scope: Dubai filming; project and location conditions must be confirmed.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 012 / CREATIVE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

UX research and design studio

Build a focused offer around Arabic mobile checkout usability study.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / regional software and commerce teams

PROBLEM / assumptions replace Arabic user evidence

OFFER / moderated tests, synthesis and prototype improvements

ENTRY WEDGE / Arabic mobile checkout usability study

Personal-data obligations matter when recruiting participants and recording usability sessions. They do not establish demand for UX research in every product team. The hypothesis is that a regional software buyer will pay to resolve one observed Arabic mobile task failure before redesigning an entire service. Internal analytics, product managers and offshore design agencies compete. Acquire clients through development studios with a research gap. Participant recruitment and synthesis quality constrain capacity. Pilot five to eight appropriately recruited sessions against agreed tasks, then test a revised prototype. Stop if the client has no decision tied to the study or cannot obtain lawful participant consent.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact ux research and design studio activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 012 / CREATIVE / COST SCENARIOS

UX research and design studio

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Research prototype and recording workstation	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Research recruitment systems and design subscriptions	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 012 / CREATIVE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

UX research and design studio

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: focused usability research study. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 14,000	AED 12,600
Direct cost / unit	AED 5,000	AED 5,750
Units / month	3	2.25
Monthly revenue	AED 42,000	AED 28,350
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 27,000	AED 15,412
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 1,850	AED -21,588

Base break-even: 3 focused usability research study per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow Arabic mobile checkout usability study offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among regional software and commerce teams can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; participant recruitment and biased samples can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- participant recruitment and biased samples; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 3 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 012 / CREATIVE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

UX research and design studio

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 regional software and commerce teams; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of assumptions replace Arabic user evidence.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the Arabic mobile checkout usability study sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 14000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for Arabic mobile checkout usability study, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for regional software and commerce teams; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For ux research and design studio, Arabic mobile checkout usability study must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 013 / PROFESSIONAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Technical translation agency

Build a focused offer around controlled bilingual maintenance-manual glossary.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / engineering suppliers and software vendors

PROBLEM / incorrect terminology creates support and tender friction

OFFER / human-reviewed translation, glossary and layout checking

ENTRY WEDGE / controlled bilingual maintenance-manual glossary

MOJ's registration service distinguishes accredited legal translation from ordinary technical language work; that boundary must shape the offer. The hypothesis is that equipment vendors value controlled terminology and human review because ambiguous manuals create customer support friction. Machine translation, in-house bilingual engineers and large language agencies compete. Reach buyers through industrial distributors and documentation consultants. Specialist review and source-file quality limit throughput, so quote after sampling the document. Pilot a paid manual section with a signed glossary and measure reviewer corrections. Refer certified legal work to accredited capacity and decline technical subjects without a qualified reviewer.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact technical translation agency activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Ministry of Justice [D6]

Separate technical localisation from certified legal translation; use MOJ-accredited capacity where legal certification is required and confirm the business activity.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 013 / PROFESSIONAL / COST SCENARIOS

Technical translation agency

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Terminology database and bilingual QA setup	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Translation memory, layout tools and secure file transfer	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 013 / PROFESSIONAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Technical translation agency

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: technical document package up to agreed word limit. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 2,500	AED 2,250
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,100	AED 1,265
Units / month	12	9.00
Monthly revenue	AED 30,000	AED 20,250
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 16,800	AED 8,865
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -8,350	AED -28,135

Base break-even: 18 technical document package up to agreed word limit per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow controlled bilingual maintenance-manual glossary offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among engineering suppliers and software vendors can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; technical errors and confidential document leakage can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- technical errors and confidential document leakage; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 12 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 013 / PROFESSIONAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Technical translation agency

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 engineering suppliers and software vendors; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of incorrect terminology creates support and tender friction.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the controlled bilingual maintenance-manual glossary sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 2500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for controlled bilingual maintenance-manual glossary, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for engineering suppliers and software vendors; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For technical translation agency, controlled bilingual maintenance-manual glossary must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D6] Legal translator registration - UAE Ministry of Justice

MOJ operates legal-translator registration with qualification and documentation requirements. Scope: Legal translation accreditation; not evidence that all commercial translation is legal translation.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 014 / CREATIVE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

B2B content and localisation agency

Build a focused offer around customer-approved evidence-led case studies.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / exporting manufacturers and SaaS companies

PROBLEM / generic copy does not explain technical value

OFFER / interviews, case studies and bilingual sales collateral

ENTRY WEDGE / customer-approved evidence-led case studies

The advertiser guide supplies a publishing checkpoint where content becomes regulated advertising; it does not prove content-marketing demand. A specific buyer is a technical supplier whose sales staff repeatedly explain the same application to prospects. Generic copywriters, internal marketing staff and AI drafting are substitutes. Win introductions from exporters and software implementers, then sell a customer-approved case study rather than a large editorial calendar. Interviews, evidence gathering and approvals constrain capacity. Pilot two assets and track sales-team usage and qualified conversations. Refuse invented performance claims and content packages without access to a technical subject expert or final approver.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact b2b content and localisation agency activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Media Council [D11]

Check media activity licensing, individual advertiser-permit applicability and content standards for every channel and presenter.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 014 / CREATIVE / COST SCENARIOS

B2B content and localisation agency

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Case-study templates, interview and localisation pilot	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Editorial workflow, design and localisation tools	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 014 / CREATIVE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

B2B content and localisation agency

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: monthly technical-content retainer. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 5,000	AED 4,500
Direct cost / unit	AED 2,100	AED 2,415
Units / month	7	5.25
Monthly revenue	AED 35,000	AED 23,625
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 20,300	AED 10,946
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -4,850	AED -26,054

Base break-even: 9 monthly technical-content retainer per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow customer-approved evidence-led case studies offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among exporting manufacturers and SaaS companies can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; unverifiable claims and unlimited revisions can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- unverifiable claims and unlimited revisions; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 7 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 014 / CREATIVE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

B2B content and localisation agency

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 exporting manufacturers and SaaS companies; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of generic copy does not explain technical value.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the customer-approved evidence-led case studies sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 5000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for customer-approved evidence-led case studies, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for exporting manufacturers and SaaS companies; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For b2b content and localisation agency, customer-approved evidence-led case studies must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D11] Advertiser guide - UAE Media Council

2025 guide describes individual advertiser permits for social-media advertising content and underlying media regulation. Scope: Federal media; individual exemptions and agency activity need separate review.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 015 / EDUCATION / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Corporate training provider

Build a focused offer around frontline team-leader practical programme.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / SMEs developing first-line managers

PROBLEM / workshops lack measurable workplace application

OFFER / short cohorts with supervisor follow-up and skills checks

ENTRY WEDGE / frontline team-leader practical programme

KHDA publishes a Dubai training-institute permit route; this establishes an approval question, not employer demand or programme endorsement. The hypothesis is that SMEs will buy practical supervisor training when managers can observe workplace application. Internal mentoring, online libraries and established institutes are substitutes. Reach HR managers through industry associations and supplier ecosystems. Trainer quality, cohort scheduling and supervisor participation constrain delivery. Pilot one employer-paid cohort with baseline tasks and a follow-up workplace assessment. Require an agreed outcome and attendance ownership. Reject requests for unapproved qualifications or claims of recognised accreditation without the applicable authorisation.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact corporate training provider activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

KHDA [D4]

Obtain KHDA classification guidance on the proposed institute, course delivery and premises; resolve safeguarding and trainer documentation before enrolling learners.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 015 / EDUCATION / COST SCENARIOS

Corporate training provider

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Curriculum, assessment materials and training equipment	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Learning platform and curriculum maintenance	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 015 / EDUCATION / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Corporate training provider

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: employer-funded practical training cohort. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 12,000	AED 10,800
Direct cost / unit	AED 5,000	AED 5,750
Units / month	3	2.25
Monthly revenue	AED 36,000	AED 24,300
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 21,000	AED 11,362
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -4,150	AED -25,638

Base break-even: 4 employer-funded practical training cohort per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow frontline team-leader practical programme offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among SMEs developing first-line managers can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; permit classification and inconsistent outcomes can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- permit classification and inconsistent outcomes; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 3 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 015 / EDUCATION / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Corporate training provider

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 SMEs developing first-line managers; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of workshops lack measurable workplace application.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the frontline team-leader practical programme sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 12000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for frontline team-leader practical programme, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for SMEs developing first-line managers; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For corporate training provider, frontline team-leader practical programme must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D4] Training institute educational permit - KHDA

Dubai training institutes need the educational permit process and relevant licensing-authority approvals. Scope: Dubai training institute reference; course and premises classification must be confirmed.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 016 / EDUCATION / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Coding and robotics learning centre

Build a focused offer around small cohorts with demonstrable final projects.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / families seeking structured enrichment

PROBLEM / activity sessions lack visible progression

OFFER / age-banded supervised coding and robotics terms

ENTRY WEDGE / small cohorts with demonstrable final projects

KHDA's institute permit information creates a real approval checkpoint for a Dubai learning centre. It does not validate family demand for coding or robotics. The hypothesis is that parents value safe small cohorts with visible project progression over one-off entertainment. School clubs, camps and online tutorials compete. Acquire learners through permitted school partnerships and parent referrals after resolving safeguarding and premises suitability. Instructor ratios, equipment sharing and session scheduling limit capacity. Pilot a short paid introductory month and measure attendance, project completion and paid continuation. Delay a long lease until recurring enrolment supports the permitted venue and teaching model.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact coding and robotics learning centre activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

KHDA [D4]

Obtain KHDA classification guidance on the proposed institute, course delivery and premises; resolve safeguarding and trainer documentation before enrolling learners.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 016 / EDUCATION / COST SCENARIOS

Coding and robotics learning centre

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Robotics kits, laptops, safeguarding and classroom setup	15,000 - 45,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	10,000 - 45,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	3,500 - 12,000	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Learning subscriptions, kit servicing and classroom consumables	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 35,000 - AED 126,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 15,800 - AED 45,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 129,800 - AED 399,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 016 / EDUCATION / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Coding and robotics learning centre

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: active learner-month (three-month term prorated). Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 600	AED 540
Direct cost / unit	AED 217	AED 250
Units / month	35	26.25
Monthly revenue	AED 21,000	AED 14,175
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 13,405	AED 7,624
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,650	AED 45,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -17,245	AED -37,876

Base break-even: 81 active learner-month (three-month term prorated) per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow small cohorts with demonstrable final projects offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among families seeking structured enrichment can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; safeguarding and venue utilisation can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- safeguarding and venue utilisation; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 35 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 016 / EDUCATION / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Coding and robotics learning centre

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 families seeking structured enrichment; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of activity sessions lack visible progression.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the small cohorts with demonstrable final projects sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 1800 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for small cohorts with demonstrable final projects, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to equipment or a studio lease.

- Build a sample deliverable for families seeking structured enrichment; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity, customer deposits and supplier terms are practical starting hypotheses. Asset finance or working-capital credit needs lender approval, documentation and cash-flow evidence; no financing approval is assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For coding and robotics learning centre, small cohorts with demonstrable final projects must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D4] Training institute educational permit - KHDA

Dubai training institutes need the educational permit process and relevant licensing-authority approvals. Scope: Dubai training institute reference; course and premises classification must be confirmed.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 017 / EDUCATION / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Corporate language training

Build a focused offer around warehouse safety vocabulary and customer handovers.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / hospitality and logistics employers

PROBLEM / workplace instructions fail across language barriers

OFFER / job-specific language cohorts and supervisor assessments

ENTRY WEDGE / warehouse safety vocabulary and customer handovers

KHDA's educational-permit route is relevant to a Dubai training business; it does not demonstrate employer willingness to buy language lessons. The hypothesis is that logistics or hospitality managers pay for task-specific communication improvements rather than general fluency. Bilingual supervisors, online language apps and established institutes compete. Reach HR and operations teams jointly through sector networks. Shift patterns, placement testing and attendance constrain useful cohort sizes. Pilot one paid workplace-vocabulary cohort using job simulations and supervisor scoring before and after instruction. Stop if the employer cannot release staff for sessions or expects broad language proficiency from a short intervention.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact corporate language training activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

KHDA [D4]

Obtain KHDA classification guidance on the proposed institute, course delivery and premises; resolve safeguarding and trainer documentation before enrolling learners.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 017 / EDUCATION / COST SCENARIOS

Corporate language training

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Job-specific language materials and assessment kit	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Learning platform and language-content tools	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 017 / EDUCATION / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Corporate language training

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: workplace-language training cohort. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 8,000	AED 7,200
Direct cost / unit	AED 3,200	AED 3,680
Units / month	4	3.00
Monthly revenue	AED 32,000	AED 21,600
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 19,200	AED 10,560
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -5,950	AED -26,440

Base break-even: 6 workplace-language training cohort per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow warehouse safety vocabulary and customer handovers offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among hospitality and logistics employers can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; attendance gaps and unsuitable proficiency levels can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- attendance gaps and unsuitable proficiency levels; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 4 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 017 / EDUCATION / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Corporate language training

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 hospitality and logistics employers; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of workplace instructions fail across language barriers.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the warehouse safety vocabulary and customer handovers sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 8000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for warehouse safety vocabulary and customer handovers, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for hospitality and logistics employers; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For corporate language training, warehouse safety vocabulary and customer handovers must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

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[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D4] Training institute educational permit - KHDA

Dubai training institutes need the educational permit process and relevant licensing-authority approvals. Scope: Dubai training institute reference; course and premises classification must be confirmed.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 018 / PROFESSIONAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Bookkeeping service

Build a focused offer around ten-day month-end close with receipt backlog reduction.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / owner-managed service companies

PROBLEM / late bank reconciliation hides cash problems

OFFER / monthly bookkeeping, reconciliations and management packs

ENTRY WEDGE / ten-day month-end close with receipt backlog reduction

The FTA's tax-agent registration service marks a boundary between bookkeeping and regulated tax representation. The commercial hypothesis is that owners will pay for reconciled records and a dependable month-end pack, even when they already own accounting software. Freelancers, internal administrators and bundled accountancy packages compete. Acquire customers through software resellers and founder communities. Missing receipts and mixed personal/business transactions constrain close speed. Pilot two paid month-end closes with a document-submission calendar; track unreconciled items and owner usage of cash reports. Decline unsupported balances and tax-agent claims without the relevant registered capacity.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact bookkeeping service activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Federal Tax Authority [D7]

Define bookkeeping scope; confirm FTA registration and authorisation before offering tax-agent representation. Do not market bookkeeping as an audit opinion.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 018 / PROFESSIONAL / COST SCENARIOS

Bookkeeping service

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Secure reconciliation templates and onboarding migration	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Accounting review tools and encrypted client portal	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 018 / PROFESSIONAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Bookkeeping service

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: bookkeeping customer retainer-month. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 1,800	AED 1,620
Direct cost / unit	AED 700	AED 805
Units / month	20	15.00
Monthly revenue	AED 36,000	AED 24,300
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 22,000	AED 12,225
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -3,150	AED -24,775

Base break-even: 23 bookkeeping customer retainer-month per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow ten-day month-end close with receipt backlog reduction offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among owner-managed service companies can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; missing documents and tax-advice scope creep can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- missing documents and tax-advice scope creep; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 20 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 018 / PROFESSIONAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Bookkeeping service

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 owner-managed service companies; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of late bank reconciliation hides cash problems.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the ten-day month-end close with receipt backlog reduction sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 1800 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for ten-day month-end close with receipt backlog reduction, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for owner-managed service companies; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For bookkeeping service, ten-day month-end close with receipt backlog reduction must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D7] Tax agent registration - Federal Tax Authority

Tax-agent registration and activation are separate regulated services. Scope: Federal tax representation; bookkeeping does not establish tax-agent status.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 019 / DIGITAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Finance-operations software implementation

Build a focused offer around purchase-to-pay workflow with audited opening balances.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / multi-branch SMEs

PROBLEM / accounting tools do not match purchasing and approvals

OFFER / chart-of-accounts mapping, migration and user training

ENTRY WEDGE / purchase-to-pay workflow with audited opening balances

Digital Dubai's digital-maturity objective gives policy context; it does not verify demand for accounting-system replacement. The buyer hypothesis is a multi-branch SME whose purchasing controls no longer fit its software configuration. Vendor partners, internal accountants and retaining spreadsheets compete. Form referrals with bookkeeping firms while maintaining clear responsibility for accounting decisions. Data migration, opening-balance reconciliation and user training constrain project capacity. Pilot one branch and one approval workflow before group rollout. Compare exception counts and reconciliation time, then obtain signed acceptance. Avoid projects where nobody owns source-data accuracy or where implementation is expected to substitute for regulated tax advice.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact finance-operations software implementation activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 019 / DIGITAL / COST SCENARIOS

Finance-operations software implementation

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Migration test environment and reconciliation templates	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Finance sandbox, migration and workflow-testing tools	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 019 / DIGITAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Finance-operations software implementation

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: finance-system implementation project for one entity. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 16,000	AED 14,400
Direct cost / unit	AED 6,000	AED 6,900
Units / month	3	2.25
Monthly revenue	AED 48,000	AED 32,400
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 30,000	AED 16,875
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 4,850	AED -20,125

Base break-even: 3 finance-system implementation project for one entity per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow purchase-to-pay workflow with audited opening balances offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among multi-branch SMEs can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; migration defects and financial control gaps can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- migration defects and financial control gaps; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 3 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 019 / DIGITAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Finance-operations software implementation

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 multi-branch SMEs; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of accounting tools do not match purchasing and approvals.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the purchase-to-pay workflow with audited opening balances sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 16000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for purchase-to-pay workflow with audited opening balances, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for multi-branch SMEs; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For finance-operations software implementation, purchase-to-pay workflow with audited opening balances must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D3] Digital economy priorities - Digital Dubai

Official objectives include strategic-sector digital maturity and a competitive ICT sector. Scope: Dubai policy context; does not verify SME demand or spending.

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PROJECT 020 / PROFESSIONAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

HR administration consultancy

Build a focused offer around clean employee master data and expiry reminders.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / SMEs without a full HR team

PROBLEM / employee files and leave records are inconsistent

OFFER / policy templates, onboarding checklists and HR-system setup

ENTRY WEDGE / clean employee master data and expiry reminders

The federal privacy framework is directly relevant to employee records; it does not prove a market for outsourced HR administration. The hypothesis is that an SME owner values reliable onboarding files, leave balances and expiry reminders more than a lengthy policy handbook. Internal administrators, HR software and employment consultants compete. Reach owners through payroll providers and accountant referrals. File cleanup and unclear managerial decisions constrain output. Test a paid employee-master-data cleanup followed by one monthly administration cycle. Measure missing records and unresolved requests. Separate administrative support from legal opinions, recruitment mediation and sponsorship decisions that require different authority or professional input.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact hr administration consultancy activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 020 / PROFESSIONAL / COST SCENARIOS

HR administration consultancy

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Employee-file audit and HR workflow templates	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
HR administration and secure document tools	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 020 / PROFESSIONAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

HR administration consultancy

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: HR administration retainer-month. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 3,500	AED 3,150
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,400	AED 1,610
Units / month	10	7.50
Monthly revenue	AED 35,000	AED 23,625
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 21,000	AED 11,550
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -4,150	AED -25,450

Base break-even: 12 HR administration retainer-month per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow clean employee master data and expiry reminders offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among SMEs without a full HR team can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; employment advice errors and employee privacy can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- employment advice errors and employee privacy; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 10 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 020 / PROFESSIONAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

HR administration consultancy

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 SMEs without a full HR team; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of employee files and leave records are inconsistent.
- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the clean employee master data and expiry reminders sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.
- Test the illustrative AED 3500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.
- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for clean employee master data and expiry reminders, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.
- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.
- Build a sample deliverable for SMEs without a full HR team; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For hr administration consultancy, clean employee master data and expiry reminders must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 021 / PROFESSIONAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Recruitment agency

Build a focused offer around one engineering or software specialism.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / employers seeking specialist technical talent

PROBLEM / generic CV volumes waste hiring-manager time

OFFER / licensed employer-paid search with structured screening

ENTRY WEDGE / one engineering or software specialism

MOHRE lists recruitment-agency licensing and guarantee services, making regulatory feasibility a first decision gate rather than a routine consultancy formality. The hypothesis is that employers pay for a tightly screened technical shortlist in one occupation. Job boards, internal recruiters and established agencies compete. Build employer relationships through sector communities before taking search fees or candidate data. Consultant specialism, candidate availability and replacement obligations constrain capacity. After securing the proper scope, pilot an employer-paid mandate with agreed screening criteria and payment triggers. Stop if employers demand candidate-paid fees, unlicensed labour supply or guarantees the agency cannot fund.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact recruitment agency activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

MOHRE [D5]

Confirm MOHRE recruitment/mediation activity, ownership conditions, guarantees, premises and employer/worker charging rules before accepting searches; ordinary consultancy approval is insufficient.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 021 / PROFESSIONAL / COST SCENARIOS

Recruitment agency

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Candidate assessment workflow and secure recruitment tools	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Applicant tracking, screening databases and secure communications	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 021 / PROFESSIONAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Recruitment agency

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: completed employer-paid specialist placement. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 16,000	AED 14,400
Direct cost / unit	AED 5,500	AED 6,325
Units / month	3	2.25
Monthly revenue	AED 48,000	AED 32,400
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 31,500	AED 18,169
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 6,350	AED -18,831

Base break-even: 3 completed employer-paid specialist placement per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow one engineering or software specialism offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among employers seeking specialist technical talent can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; licensing guarantees and replacement obligations can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- licensing guarantees and replacement obligations; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 3 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 021 / PROFESSIONAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Recruitment agency

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 employers seeking specialist technical talent; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of generic CV volumes waste hiring-manager time.
- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the one engineering or software specialism sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.
- Test the illustrative AED 16000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.
- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for one engineering or software specialism, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.
- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.
- Build a sample deliverable for employers seeking specialist technical talent; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For recruitment agency, one engineering or software specialism must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D5] Recruitment agency licensing service directory - MOHRE

Official directory includes recruitment mediation/temporary-employment licensing and bank-guarantee services. Scope: Federal recruitment services; exact activity conditions require current authority confirmation.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 022 / PROFESSIONAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Outsourced customer support

Build a focused offer around order-status and returns queues with response targets.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / online merchants with repeat enquiries

PROBLEM / slow Arabic-English responses raise dissatisfaction

OFFER / shared support desk with quality checks and escalation

ENTRY WEDGE / order-status and returns queues with response targets

Privacy and cross-border-data requirements are operating constraints for a support desk, not evidence of demand. The hypothesis is that an online merchant pays for dependable bilingual order-status and returns handling during defined hours. In-house agents, platform automation and offshore outsourcing compete. Acquire customers through fulfilment providers and e-commerce implementers. Queue peaks, training on merchant policies and escalation coverage constrain capacity. Pilot one channel with real enquiries, measuring quality, first-response time and cost per resolved ticket. Avoid unlimited-volume retainers and clarify whether sales calls trigger separate telemarketing obligations. Renewal should depend on quality and collected fees rather than ticket volume alone.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact outsourced customer support activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 022 / PROFESSIONAL / COST SCENARIOS

Outsourced customer support

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Support playbooks, headset and secure desk setup	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Helpdesk subscriptions and call-quality systems	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 022 / PROFESSIONAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Outsourced customer support

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: merchant support retainer-month with defined ticket allowance. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 7,500	AED 6,750
Direct cost / unit	AED 4,100	AED 4,715
Units / month	6	4.50
Monthly revenue	AED 45,000	AED 30,375
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 20,400	AED 9,158
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -4,750	AED -27,842

Base break-even: 8 merchant support retainer-month with defined ticket allowance per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow order-status and returns queues with response targets offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among online merchants with repeat enquiries can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; staff coverage and customer-data exposure can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- staff coverage and customer-data exposure; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 6 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 022 / PROFESSIONAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Outsourced customer support

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 online merchants with repeat enquiries; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of slow Arabic-English responses raise dissatisfaction.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the order-status and returns queues with response targets sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 7500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for order-status and returns queues with response targets, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for online merchants with repeat enquiries; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For outsourced customer support, order-status and returns queues with response targets must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 023 / PROFESSIONAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Virtual business administration service

Build a focused offer around weekly founder operations report and bounded task credits.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / solo consultants and small agencies

PROBLEM / scheduling and invoice chasing consume founder time

OFFER / remote inbox, scheduling and document administration

ENTRY WEDGE / weekly founder operations report and bounded task credits

The UAE privacy overview matters when assistants access inboxes and business records; it does not demonstrate demand for virtual administration. The hypothesis is that solo professionals buy a predictable weekly task allowance once repetitive work interrupts billable time. Personal assistants, calendar automation and doing the work themselves compete. Introductions from accountant and freelancer networks offer a focused channel. Context switching, delegated authority and client response delays constrain capacity. Pilot a paid month with a task ledger and explicit exclusions, comparing founder time recovered with administration cost. Never accept broad payment authority or unlogged account access simply to accelerate delivery.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact virtual business administration service activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 023 / PROFESSIONAL / COST SCENARIOS

Virtual business administration service

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Secure access setup and task-ledger templates	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Password management, scheduling and administration tools	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 023 / PROFESSIONAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Virtual business administration service

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: founder administration retainer-month with bounded task credits. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 1,800	AED 1,620
Direct cost / unit	AED 850	AED 977
Units / month	18	13.50
Monthly revenue	AED 32,400	AED 21,870
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 17,100	AED 8,674
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -8,050	AED -28,326

Base break-even: 27 founder administration retainer-month with bounded task credits per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow weekly founder operations report and bounded task credits offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among solo consultants and small agencies can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; account access misuse and task scope creep can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- account access misuse and task scope creep; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 18 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 023 / PROFESSIONAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Virtual business administration service

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 solo consultants and small agencies; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of scheduling and invoice chasing consume founder time.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the weekly founder operations report and bounded task credits sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 1800 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for weekly founder operations report and bounded task credits, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for solo consultants and small agencies; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For virtual business administration service, weekly founder operations report and bounded task credits must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 024 / PROFESSIONAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Business research subscription

Build a focused offer around one niche UAE procurement landscape.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / B2B founders and corporate development teams

PROBLEM / decision makers cannot maintain source-backed sector notes

OFFER / curated market briefs, source logs and quarterly interviews

ENTRY WEDGE / one niche UAE procurement landscape

Personal-data rules become relevant if interviews or contact databases identify individuals; they do not validate subscription demand for market intelligence. The hypothesis is that founders in one narrow B2B sector pay for source-backed procurement and competitor updates they cannot maintain themselves. Free official releases, consultants and general newsletters compete. Acquire readers through a sample briefing and sector community partnerships. Source review, interviews and update discipline constrain output. Test ten paid subscriber-months and record which briefs influence an actual decision. Avoid investment recommendations and do not resell protected databases. Stop if readers praise content but will not renew at a sustainable editorial cost.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact business research subscription activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 024 / PROFESSIONAL / COST SCENARIOS

Business research subscription

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Source-register design and first research briefing	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Research tools, archival storage and editorial subscriptions	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 024 / PROFESSIONAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Business research subscription

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: active sector-research subscriber-month. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 900	AED 810
Direct cost / unit	AED 250	AED 288
Units / month	40	30.00
Monthly revenue	AED 36,000	AED 24,300
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 26,000	AED 15,675
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 850	AED -21,325

Base break-even: 39 active sector-research subscriber-month per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow one niche UAE procurement landscape offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among B2B founders and corporate development teams can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; stale sources and copyright restrictions can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- stale sources and copyright restrictions; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 40 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 024 / PROFESSIONAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Business research subscription

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 B2B founders and corporate development teams; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of decision makers cannot maintain source-backed sector notes.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the one niche UAE procurement landscape sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 900 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for one niche UAE procurement landscape, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for B2B founders and corporate development teams; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For business research subscription, one niche UAE procurement landscape must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 025 / DIGITAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Data analytics consultancy

Build a focused offer around SKU margin and slow-stock dashboard.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / distributors and multi-location service businesses

PROBLEM / spreadsheets give conflicting margin and sales results

OFFER / data cleanup, KPI definitions and dashboard delivery

ENTRY WEDGE / SKU margin and slow-stock dashboard

Digital Dubai's policy supports data-driven exploration, not a claim that every distributor buys analytics. A concrete hypothesis is that owners pay to reconcile inconsistent SKU margins and identify slow stock using existing records. ERP reports, spreadsheets and in-house analysts compete. Work with accounting implementers to reach customers after transaction data is stable. Cleanup and reconciling definitions consume more capacity than dashboard design. Pilot one product family and reconcile results to signed source totals, then assess whether the owner changes a purchasing decision. Refuse attractive dashboards built on unexplained data gaps or uncontrolled employee/customer information access.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact data analytics consultancy activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 025 / DIGITAL / COST SCENARIOS

Data analytics consultancy

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Data-cleaning workstation and reconciliation prototype	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Analytics tools, data connectors and secure compute	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 025 / DIGITAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Data analytics consultancy

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: SKU-margin analytics implementation project. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 12,000	AED 10,800
Direct cost / unit	AED 4,500	AED 5,175
Units / month	4	3.00
Monthly revenue	AED 48,000	AED 32,400
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 30,000	AED 16,875
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 4,850	AED -20,125

Base break-even: 4 SKU-margin analytics implementation project per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow SKU margin and slow-stock dashboard offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among distributors and multi-location service businesses can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; poor source data and uncontrolled access can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- poor source data and uncontrolled access; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 4 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 025 / DIGITAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Data analytics consultancy

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 distributors and multi-location service businesses; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of spreadsheets give conflicting margin and sales results.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the SKU margin and slow-stock dashboard sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 12000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for SKU margin and slow-stock dashboard, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for distributors and multi-location service businesses; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For data analytics consultancy, SKU margin and slow-stock dashboard must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D3] Digital economy priorities - Digital Dubai

Official objectives include strategic-sector digital maturity and a competitive ICT sector. Scope: Dubai policy context; does not verify SME demand or spending.

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PROJECT 026 / PROFESSIONAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

BIM drafting studio

Build a focused offer around one discipline with strict model naming and QA.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / licensed engineering consultants and contractors

PROBLEM / drawing backlogs cause coordination delays

OFFER / model production and clash-report drafting under client direction

ENTRY WEDGE / one discipline with strict model naming and QA

Dubai Municipality's engineering-practice registers establish a real scope boundary for a BIM studio. They do not verify outsourcing demand or authorise independent design submissions. The hypothesis is that licensed consultants buy overflow model production when naming conventions and review responsibilities are clear. Offshore drafting teams, internal technicians and contractor design teams compete. Acquire work through engineering-office referrals and a disciplined sample model. Model complexity, revisions and coordination exchanges constrain capacity. Pilot one defined discipline package under client direction and track review comments and accepted model hours. Decline responsibility for engineering design or signatures without the required professional authorisation.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact bim drafting studio activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai Municipality [D8]

Ask Dubai Municipality to classify the exact drafting/design scope and identify engineering registration, qualified staff and submission/signature requirements.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 026 / PROFESSIONAL / COST SCENARIOS

BIM drafting studio

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
BIM-capable workstations and model-QA setup	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
BIM software subscriptions and secure model collaboration	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 026 / PROFESSIONAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

BIM drafting studio

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: single-discipline BIM production package. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 18,000	AED 16,200
Direct cost / unit	AED 8,500	AED 9,775
Units / month	3	2.25
Monthly revenue	AED 54,000	AED 36,450
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 28,500	AED 14,456
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 3,350	AED -22,544

Base break-even: 3 single-discipline BIM production package per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow one discipline with strict model naming and QA offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among licensed engineering consultants and contractors can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; design responsibility and revision churn can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- design responsibility and revision churn; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 3 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 026 / PROFESSIONAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

BIM drafting studio

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 licensed engineering consultants and contractors; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of drawing backlogs cause coordination delays.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the one discipline with strict model naming and QA sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 18000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for one discipline with strict model naming and QA, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for licensed engineering consultants and contractors; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For bim drafting studio, one discipline with strict model naming and QA must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D8] Dubai engineering practice registers - Dubai Municipality

Consulting-engineering practice is linked to licensing, authorisation and registration. Scope: Dubai engineering activities; obtain current classification for design versus drafting.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 027 / CREATIVE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Interior design consultancy

Build a focused offer around small-office workflow and phased fit-out brief.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small offices and retail operators

PROBLEM / layout decisions are made before workflows are understood

OFFER / space planning, visualisation and materials specification

ENTRY WEDGE / small-office workflow and phased fit-out brief

Dubai Municipality's engineering information creates a classification checkpoint where interior proposals cross into regulated design or building submissions. It does not prove demand for a new studio. The hypothesis is that small office operators buy layout decisions tied to workflow before committing to fit-out spend. Fit-out contractors, furniture vendors and freelance designers compete. Referrals from tenant representatives and furniture suppliers can identify buyers early. Site verification, decision cycles and materials approval constrain capacity. Pilot a paid concept with a measured survey and clear submission exclusions. Do not treat visualisations as engineering approval or commit to construction costs before licensed professionals and contractors validate them.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact interior design consultancy activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai Municipality [D8]

Ask Dubai Municipality to classify the exact drafting/design scope and identify engineering registration, qualified staff and submission/signature requirements.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 027 / CREATIVE / COST SCENARIOS

Interior design consultancy

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Survey equipment, rendering workstation and material library	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Design software, sample-library upkeep and project collaboration	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 027 / CREATIVE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Interior design consultancy

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: small-office concept and specification project. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 15,000	AED 13,500
Direct cost / unit	AED 5,500	AED 6,325
Units / month	3	2.25
Monthly revenue	AED 45,000	AED 30,375
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 28,500	AED 16,144
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 3,350	AED -20,856

Base break-even: 3 small-office concept and specification project per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow small-office workflow and phased fit-out brief offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among small offices and retail operators can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; approval boundaries and construction liability can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- approval boundaries and construction liability; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 3 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 027 / CREATIVE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Interior design consultancy

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 small offices and retail operators; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of layout decisions are made before workflows are understood.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the small-office workflow and phased fit-out brief sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 15000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for small-office workflow and phased fit-out brief, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for small offices and retail operators; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For interior design consultancy, small-office workflow and phased fit-out brief must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D8] Dubai engineering practice registers - Dubai Municipality

Consulting-engineering practice is linked to licensing, authorisation and registration. Scope: Dubai engineering activities; obtain current classification for design versus drafting.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 028 / CREATIVE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Exhibition design studio

Build a focused offer around reusable modular concepts with contractor coordination.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / B2B exhibitors and stand contractors

PROBLEM / booths communicate too many messages and miss buyer journeys

OFFER / concept design, production drawings and exhibitor toolkit

ENTRY WEDGE / reusable modular concepts with contractor coordination

Dubai's event-permit process supplies a coordination checkpoint; it does not establish exhibition-design demand. The hypothesis is that repeat B2B exhibitors pay for a reusable booth concept that communicates one offer and fits contractor constraints. Stand builders' bundled design, global agencies and standard shell schemes compete. Partner with contractors whose production capacity exceeds design capacity. Venue technical reviews, revisions and production lead times constrain throughput. Pilot one paid concept with approved messaging, dimensions and handover drawings; review visitor flow with the exhibitor afterwards. Avoid treating concept fees as covering fabrication, structural certification or event permits.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact exhibition design studio activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai DET [D9]

Agree who owns venue NOC, event permit, ticketing approval and temporary structure/sign-off obligations; obtain event-specific authority confirmation.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 028 / CREATIVE / COST SCENARIOS

Exhibition design studio

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Rendering workstation, display mockups and sample materials	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Design subscriptions and drawing collaboration tools	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 028 / CREATIVE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Exhibition design studio

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: exhibition stand concept and production-drawing package. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 13,000	AED 11,700
Direct cost / unit	AED 5,000	AED 5,750
Units / month	4	3.00
Monthly revenue	AED 52,000	AED 35,100
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 32,000	AED 17,850
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 6,850	AED -19,150

Base break-even: 4 exhibition stand concept and production-drawing package per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow reusable modular concepts with contractor coordination offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among B2B exhibitors and stand contractors can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; venue rules and late exhibitor changes can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- venue rules and late exhibitor changes; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 4 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 028 / CREATIVE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Exhibition design studio

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 B2B exhibitors and stand contractors; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of booths communicate too many messages and miss buyer journeys.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the reusable modular concepts with contractor coordination sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 13000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for reusable modular concepts with contractor coordination, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for B2B exhibitors and stand contractors; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For exhibition design studio, reusable modular concepts with contractor coordination must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D9] Dubai event permit - Dubai DET

Business events are among the event categories requiring a permit; venue NOC and additional event-specific documents are identified. Scope: Dubai events; ticketing and venue jurisdictions can add requirements.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 029 / CREATIVE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Corporate event organiser

Build a focused offer around 80-150-person sector roundtable with qualified invitations.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / trade associations and B2B companies

PROBLEM / events run without reliable budgets and lead follow-up

OFFER / planning, supplier coordination and post-event reporting

ENTRY WEDGE / 80-150-person sector roundtable with qualified invitations

DET explicitly includes business events in its event-permit process, with venue NOC and event-specific documentation. This is a compliance fact rather than proof of commercial opportunity. The hypothesis is that trade bodies buy well-run niche roundtables with clear attendee and sponsor value. Hotel event teams, established organisers and webinars compete. Acquire clients through association managers and B2B sponsors. Supplier coordination, attendance quality and cash timing constrain capacity. Pilot one employer- or sponsor-funded roundtable with a signed budget and deposit schedule; measure attendance quality and renewal intent. Do not count registration interest as revenue or absorb uncapped supplier cancellation exposure.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact corporate event organiser activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai DET [D9]

Agree who owns venue NOC, event permit, ticketing approval and temporary structure/sign-off obligations; obtain event-specific authority confirmation.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 029 / CREATIVE / COST SCENARIOS

Corporate event organiser

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Event planning templates, registration setup and reusable signage	6,000 - 18,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	2,000 - 8,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	1,000 - 3,500	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Event-management software and supplier coordination administration	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 18,000 - AED 62,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 13,300 - AED 37,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 97,800 - AED 284,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Separate project venue, catering and production invoices from fixed overhead. Illustrative unit variable cost includes project suppliers; increase it for any additional pass-through spending.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 029 / CREATIVE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Corporate event organiser

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: managed corporate roundtable project including contracted venue/supplier delivery. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 24,000	AED 21,600
Direct cost / unit	AED 17,000	AED 19,550
Units / month	3	2.25
Monthly revenue	AED 72,000	AED 48,600
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 21,000	AED 4,612
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 25,150	AED 37,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -4,150	AED -32,388

Base break-even: 4 managed corporate roundtable project including contracted venue/supplier delivery per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow 80-150-person sector roundtable with qualified invitations offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among trade associations and B2B companies can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; supplier cancellation and permit delays can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- supplier cancellation and permit delays; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 3 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 029 / CREATIVE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Corporate event organiser

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 trade associations and B2B companies; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of events run without reliable budgets and lead follow-up.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the 80-150-person sector roundtable with qualified invitations sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 24000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for 80-150-person sector roundtable with qualified invitations, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to long software or office contracts.

- Build a sample deliverable for trade associations and B2B companies; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder savings and pilot revenue generally suit a small service launch. Consider external capital only after repeatable delivery and a clear use of funds; grants and bank facilities require separate eligibility checks.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For corporate event organiser, 80-150-person sector roundtable with qualified invitations must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D9] Dubai event permit - Dubai DET

Business events are among the event categories requiring a permit; venue NOC and additional event-specific documents are identified. Scope: Dubai events; ticketing and venue jurisdictions can add requirements.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 030 / CREATIVE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Audio-visual equipment rental

Build a focused offer around repeatable meeting-room sound and display kit.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small event organisers and corporate venues

PROBLEM / equipment compatibility and setup failures interrupt events

OFFER / tested AV packages with technician and backup checklist

ENTRY WEDGE / repeatable meeting-room sound and display kit

Dubai's event guidance creates permit and venue coordination questions for AV suppliers, without proving equipment-rental demand. The hypothesis is that small organisers value a tested meeting kit with technician support over a cheap collection of incompatible devices. Venue-owned equipment, production companies and dry-hire suppliers compete. Partner with venues lacking full technical coverage. Equipment utilisation, transport and simultaneous bookings constrain returns on capital. Pilot rented equipment first across several paid events and log setup time, failures and customer rebooking. Buy assets only when repeat bookings justify maintenance and backup stock; event approvals and electrical safety responsibilities must remain explicit.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact audio-visual equipment rental activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai DET [D9]

Agree who owns venue NOC, event permit, ticketing approval and temporary structure/sign-off obligations; obtain event-specific authority confirmation.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 030 / CREATIVE / COST SCENARIOS

Audio-visual equipment rental

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Speakers, mixer, displays, cables, cases and backup equipment	15,000 - 45,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	10,000 - 45,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	3,500 - 12,000	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Equipment servicing, asset tracking and storage	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 35,000 - AED 126,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 15,800 - AED 45,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 129,800 - AED 399,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 030 / CREATIVE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Audio-visual equipment rental

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: meeting-room AV rental-and-technician day. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 4,500	AED 4,050
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,800	AED 2,070
Units / month	10	7.50
Monthly revenue	AED 45,000	AED 30,375
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 27,000	AED 14,850
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,650	AED 45,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -3,650	AED -30,650

Base break-even: 12 meeting-room AV rental-and-technician day per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow repeatable meeting-room sound and display kit offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among small event organisers and corporate venues can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; asset damage and peak-season concentration can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- asset damage and peak-season concentration; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 10 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 030 / CREATIVE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Audio-visual equipment rental

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 small event organisers and corporate venues; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of equipment compatibility and setup failures interrupt events.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the repeatable meeting-room sound and display kit sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 4500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for repeatable meeting-room sound and display kit, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to equipment or a studio lease.

- Build a sample deliverable for small event organisers and corporate venues; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity, customer deposits and supplier terms are practical starting hypotheses. Asset finance or working-capital credit needs lender approval, documentation and cash-flow evidence; no financing approval is assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For audio-visual equipment rental, repeatable meeting-room sound and display kit must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D9] Dubai event permit - Dubai DET

Business events are among the event categories requiring a permit; venue NOC and additional event-specific documents are identified. Scope: Dubai events; ticketing and venue jurisdictions can add requirements.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 031 / TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Corporate gifting and merchandise

Build a focused offer around small-batch onboarding packs with transparent substitutions.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / HR and marketing procurement teams

PROBLEM / last-minute branding and poor quality undermine campaigns

OFFER / sample-approved gifts, branding and scheduled delivery

ENTRY WEDGE / small-batch onboarding packs with transparent substitutions

Dubai Customs business registration provides a route for customs transactions; it does not verify gifting demand or product-specific clearance. The hypothesis is that HR teams pay for dependable small-batch onboarding packs with approved branding. Promotional wholesalers, marketplace products and internal procurement compete. Use sample packs and referrals from HR service providers. Supplier minimum orders, branding defects and delivery deadlines constrain cash and capacity. Pilot one paid batch after written sample approval, recording rejects and landed contribution. Hold minimal speculative inventory and verify conformity or labelling for each selected product. Customer deposits should fund production where contract terms permit.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact corporate gifting and merchandise activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai Customs [D12]

Confirm commodity trading activity, importer-of-record arrangements, customs registration, HS classification and any product conformity or labelling controls before importing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 031 / TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Corporate gifting and merchandise

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Sample kits, branding proofs and starter packaging tools	15,000 - 45,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Initial inventory and supplier samples	18,000 - 65,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	10,000 - 45,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	3,500 - 12,000	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Order-management software and sample/showroom upkeep	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 50,000 - AED 179,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 15,800 - AED 45,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 144,800 - AED 452,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 031 / TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Corporate gifting and merchandise

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: approved 100-pack corporate gifting order. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 12,000	AED 10,800
Direct cost / unit	AED 8,400	AED 9,660
Units / month	8	6.00
Monthly revenue	AED 96,000	AED 64,800
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 28,800	AED 6,840
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,650	AED 45,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -1,850	AED -38,660

Base break-even: 9 approved 100-pack corporate gifting order per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow small-batch onboarding packs with transparent substitutions offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among HR and marketing procurement teams can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; dead stock and supplier quality failures can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- dead stock and supplier quality failures; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 8 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 031 / TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Corporate gifting and merchandise

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 HR and marketing procurement teams; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of last-minute branding and poor quality undermine campaigns.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the small-batch onboarding packs with transparent substitutions sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 12000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for small-batch onboarding packs with transparent substitutions, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to equipment or a studio lease.

- Build a sample deliverable for HR and marketing procurement teams; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity, customer deposits and supplier terms are practical starting hypotheses. Asset finance or working-capital credit needs lender approval, documentation and cash-flow evidence; no financing approval is assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For corporate gifting and merchandise, small-batch onboarding packs with transparent substitutions must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

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[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D12] Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration enables transactions with Dubai Customs and produces a customs code. Scope: Dubai import/export administration; product-specific controls remain separate.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 032 / TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Uniform supply business

Build a focused offer around role-based size records and repeat-order service.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / hospitality and facilities-management operators

PROBLEM / inconsistent sizing and replacement delays disrupt teams

OFFER / measured samples, production and replenishment contracts

ENTRY WEDGE / role-based size records and repeat-order service

Customs registration is a relevant import-administration checkpoint, not evidence of a uniform market gap. The hypothesis is that facilities and hospitality employers value accurate size records and dependable replenishment more than the lowest initial unit price. Established garment suppliers, overseas factories and retail workwear compete. Approach operations managers through facilities-service networks and offer a controlled sample fitting. Fabric consistency, minimum quantities and alterations constrain capacity and working capital. Pilot one role-specific batch with signed size and wash-test acceptance, then measure returns and repeat demand. Avoid claiming specialised protective performance without the applicable product standards and verified supplier evidence.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact uniform supply business activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai Customs [D12]

Confirm commodity trading activity, importer-of-record arrangements, customs registration, HS classification and any product conformity or labelling controls before importing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 032 / TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Uniform supply business

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fit samples, measuring tools and fabric reference library	15,000 - 45,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Initial inventory and supplier samples	18,000 - 65,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	10,000 - 45,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	3,500 - 12,000	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Order/size-record software and sample maintenance	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 50,000 - AED 179,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 15,800 - AED 45,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 144,800 - AED 452,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 032 / TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Uniform supply business

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: approved 200-garment uniform order. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 18,000	AED 16,200
Direct cost / unit	AED 12,500	AED 14,375
Units / month	6	4.50
Monthly revenue	AED 108,000	AED 72,900
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 33,000	AED 8,213
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,650	AED 45,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 2,350	AED -37,287

Base break-even: 6 approved 200-garment uniform order per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow role-based size records and repeat-order service offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among hospitality and facilities-management operators can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; size returns and fabric inconsistencies can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- size returns and fabric inconsistencies; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 6 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 032 / TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Uniform supply business

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 hospitality and facilities-management operators; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of inconsistent sizing and replacement delays disrupt teams.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the role-based size records and repeat-order service sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 18000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for role-based size records and repeat-order service, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to equipment or a studio lease.

- Build a sample deliverable for hospitality and facilities-management operators; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity, customer deposits and supplier terms are practical starting hypotheses. Asset finance or working-capital credit needs lender approval, documentation and cash-flow evidence; no financing approval is assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For uniform supply business, role-based size records and repeat-order service must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

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[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D12] Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration enables transactions with Dubai Customs and produces a customs code. Scope: Dubai import/export administration; product-specific controls remain separate.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 033 / TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Office stationery B2B supplier

Build a focused offer around monthly baskets with central procurement controls.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small multi-branch offices

PROBLEM / uncontrolled consumable orders fragment spending

OFFER / approved catalogue, scheduled replenishment and branch billing

ENTRY WEDGE / monthly baskets with central procurement controls

Dubai Customs provides an importer-registration route where direct importing is chosen; that fact does not validate another stationery supplier. The hypothesis is that multi-branch offices buy spending control and reliable replenishment instead of individual discounted items. Large distributors, online marketplaces and supermarket purchasing compete. Acquire customers through office administrators and serviced-office relationships. Route density, order accuracy and customer credit terms constrain contribution in a thin-margin model. Pilot five nearby customers with approved baskets and measure delivery cost, stockouts and collected gross contribution. Start from local wholesalers before importing and decline credit terms that exceed available working capital.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact office stationery b2b supplier activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

Dubai Customs [D12]

Confirm commodity trading activity, importer-of-record arrangements, customs registration, HS classification and any product conformity or labelling controls before importing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 033 / TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Office stationery B2B supplier

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Catalogue samples, shelving and order-picking setup	15,000 - 45,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Initial inventory and supplier samples	18,000 - 65,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	10,000 - 45,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	3,500 - 12,000	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
Order-processing software and storage administration	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 50,000 - AED 179,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 15,800 - AED 45,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 144,800 - AED 452,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 033 / TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Office stationery B2B supplier

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: branch stationery replenishment order. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 3,000	AED 2,700
Direct cost / unit	AED 2,250	AED 2,588
Units / month	25	18.75
Monthly revenue	AED 75,000	AED 50,625
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 18,750	AED 2,109
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,650	AED 45,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -11,900	AED -43,391

Base break-even: 41 branch stationery replenishment order per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow monthly baskets with central procurement controls offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among small multi-branch offices can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; thin margin and customer credit exposure can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- thin margin and customer credit exposure; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 25 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 033 / TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Office stationery B2B supplier

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 small multi-branch offices; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of uncontrolled consumable orders fragment spending.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the monthly baskets with central procurement controls sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 3000 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for monthly baskets with central procurement controls, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to equipment or a studio lease.

- Build a sample deliverable for small multi-branch offices; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity, customer deposits and supplier terms are practical starting hypotheses. Asset finance or working-capital credit needs lender approval, documentation and cash-flow evidence; no financing approval is assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For office stationery b2b supplier, monthly baskets with central procurement controls must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

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[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D12] Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration enables transactions with Dubai Customs and produces a customs code. Scope: Dubai import/export administration; product-specific controls remain separate.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 034 / PROFESSIONAL / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Business document digitisation service

Build a focused offer around box-by-box chain of custody and indexed retrieval.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / SMEs with paper archives

PROBLEM / unsearchable records slow operations and audits

OFFER / secure scanning, indexing, quality checks and handover

ENTRY WEDGE / box-by-box chain of custody and indexed retrieval

The privacy overview gives a concrete reason to assess secure handling of scanned records; it does not establish willingness to pay for digitisation. The hypothesis is that SMEs value searchable retrieval and documented custody when paper archives delay daily work. Office scanners, internal administrators and established records-management firms compete. Acquire customers through accountants and office-relocation partners. Document preparation, indexing ambiguity and quality checking constrain throughput more than scanner speed. Pilot a paid archive batch with an agreed index and retrieval test, recording errors and hours per box. Never destroy originals without separately authorised retention decisions, and resolve restricted-document handling before collection.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET / chosen emirate or free-zone licensing authority [D1]

Confirm exact business document digitisation service activity, legal form, premises permission and external approvals in writing. Dubai reference; emirate varies.

UAE Government [D2]

Map personal-data categories, controller/processor responsibilities, access rights, retention and overseas tools before taking client data; determine applicable federal or free-zone regime.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 034 / PROFESSIONAL / COST SCENARIOS

Business document digitisation service

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Production scanner, secure workstation and locked document storage	15,000 - 45,000	Scenario depends on new/used equipment and ownership versus rental.
Website, sample work and sales collateral	3,000 - 10,000	Founder-built versus specialist support.
Contracts, process design and initial professional advice	4,000 - 14,000	Planning allowance; obtain professional quotes.
Pilot delivery, demos and technical validation	3,000 - 12,000	Pilot scale assumption; purchase only after approved specifications.
Premises deposits and basic setup	10,000 - 45,000	Location and permitted use can materially alter this.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Founder pay for management and business development	9,000 - 22,000	Editorial non-delivery founder pay. Unit variable cost covers hired/subcontracted fulfilment. Allocate founder delivery pay once if relevant.
Workspace, utilities and connectivity	3,500 - 12,000	Scenario only; confirm premises suitability.
OCR software, scanner servicing and secure archive tools	800 - 3,500	Check user counts, usage and data terms.
Sales visits, samples and customer acquisition	1,500 - 5,000	Run tracked experiments before scaling spend.
Bookkeeping, insurance provision and administration	1,000 - 3,000	Insurance is quote-dependent; this is a reserve assumption.

One-time subtotal: AED 35,000 - AED 126,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 15,800 - AED 45,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 129,800 - AED 399,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, registrations, permits, visas and renewals: unknown; obtain current itemised official quotations.
- Regulatory guarantees and minimum capital, if applicable: unknown and excluded.
- VAT, corporate tax, financing charges and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Client-funded media spend, venue hire, project materials and other pass-through costs excluded unless explicitly in unit economics.
- Trade customer receivables and supplier minimum-order exposure need a separate cash-cycle model.

PROJECT 034 / PROFESSIONAL / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Business document digitisation service

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: indexed archive batch up to agreed page and box limit. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 6,500	AED 5,850
Direct cost / unit	AED 2,700	AED 3,105
Units / month	7	5.25
Monthly revenue	AED 45,500	AED 30,712
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 26,600	AED 14,411
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,650	AED 45,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -4,050	AED -31,089

Base break-even: 9 indexed archive batch up to agreed page and box limit per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / A narrow box-by-box chain of custody and indexed retrieval offer makes outcomes easier to demonstrate and quality easier to standardise.

WEAKNESS / Founder-led delivery limits capacity until documented processes and a second capable operator exist.

OPPORTUNITY / Winning a repeatable niche among SMEs with paper archives can create referrals and recurring work; this remains an unvalidated hypothesis.

THREAT / Established suppliers may bundle similar work cheaply; lost originals and unauthorised disclosure can erase project contribution.

Operating risks

- lost originals and unauthorised disclosure; assign an accountable owner and costed mitigation before quoting.
- Customers may delay acceptance or payment; use deposits where commercially viable, staged handover and clear dispute rules.
- Demand may not support the assumed 7 units per month; model half-volume and extended collection delays before hiring.

PROJECT 034 / PROFESSIONAL / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Business document digitisation service

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 SMEs with paper archives; ask for the last purchase, approval process, budget and consequence of unsearchable records slow operations and audits.

- Obtain three competitor/supplier proposals and written activity guidance; build the box-by-box chain of custody and indexed retrieval sample.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Deliver two paid pilots with signed acceptance criteria; log delivery hours, rework and client approval delays.

- Test the illustrative AED 6500 price against actual buyer willingness, then replace all cost allowances with supplier quotes.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek three renewals or repeat orders; measure collected cash rather than verbal interest.

- Compare contribution, delivery capacity and cash conversion; narrow the offer or stop if paid demand and licensing fit remain unproven.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Create a scope sheet for box-by-box chain of custody and indexed retrieval, including deliverables, exclusions, acceptance tests and who owns client approvals.

- Obtain activity and premises classification plus itemised authority quotations before committing to equipment or a studio lease.

- Build a sample deliverable for SMEs with paper archives; secure suitable insurance advice, signed terms, payment milestones and a documented quality review.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity, customer deposits and supplier terms are practical starting hypotheses. Asset finance or working-capital credit needs lender approval, documentation and cash-flow evidence; no financing approval is assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only after two paid pilots demonstrate acceptable quality, positive contribution after rework, timely collection and a confirmed lawful operating scope. For business document digitisation service, box-by-box chain of custody and indexed retrieval must remain deliverable within the quoted capacity; otherwise redesign before fixed commitments.

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[D1] Dubai business licensing - Dubai DET

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Scope: Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

[D2] Data protection laws - UAE Government

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Scope: Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

[D14] VAT registration - Federal Tax Authority

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Scope: Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

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PROJECT 035 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Specialty coffee kiosk

A reliable five-minute coffee stop

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Office workers in one mixed-use building

PROBLEM / Long queues and inconsistent coffee before meetings

OFFER / A compact espresso menu with prepaid pickup slots

ENTRY WEDGE / Secure building access and measure morning repeat orders before considering a second kiosk.

High footfall alone does not prove spend: nearby employer attendance, queue length and existing coffee concessions determine whether a small kiosk works. Test two price points and a milk-alternative option without expanding the menu. Verified evidence: Dubai publishes food-layout and transport guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts. Validate repeat purchasing, complaints and delivery economics through actual collected orders.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipality / local food-safety authority [C1]

Confirm approved food activity, layout and food-safety operating procedures with the local municipality before any commercial preparation; a Dubai reference does not authorise another emirate.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C2]

Water supply, power capacity and permitted food preparation must fit the kiosk layout. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 035 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / COST SCENARIOS

Specialty coffee kiosk

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Coffee equipment and water treatment	45,000 - 110,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	30,000 - 100,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	6,000 - 15,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	12,000 - 26,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 84,000 - AED 244,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 30,000 - AED 68,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 264,000 - AED 655,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 035 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Specialty coffee kiosk

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Espresso drink. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 18	AED 16
Direct cost / unit	AED 6	AED 7
Units / month	2500	1,875.00
Monthly revenue	AED 45,000	AED 30,375
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 30,000	AED 17,438
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 49,250	AED 68,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -19,250	AED -51,062

Base break-even: 4,105 Espresso drink per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Queue speed and repeatable quality

WEAKNESS / Location dependence and restricted storage

OPPORTUNITY / Employer subscriptions and meeting trays

THREAT / An incumbent concession may undercut rent-supported pricing

Operating risks

- Water supply, power capacity and permitted food preparation must fit the kiosk layout.
- Cup wastage or slow milk handling can erase peak-hour margin.
- A landlord may restrict signage, hours or competing concessions.

PROJECT 035 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Specialty coffee kiosk

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a paid tasting or batch test through an already approved food operator.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 18 per espresso drink using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Secure building access and measure morning repeat orders before considering a second kiosk.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track expiry and preparation waste.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[C1] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food codes, activity requirements, food transport guidance and nutrition-claim resources. Scope: Dubai food operations; confirm latest activity requirements.

[C2] Dubai Municipality services - Dubai Municipality

Food layout approval, label assessment and imported-food release service descriptions. Scope: Dubai; service scope is not a nationwide approval.

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PROJECT 036 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Healthy meal-preparation kitchen

Consistent weekday meals, transparently labelled

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Busy residents seeking reliable weekday food

PROBLEM / Meal subscriptions frequently fail on consistency, delivery timing and preference handling

OFFER / Five-day prepaid meal bundles from an approved shared kitchen

ENTRY WEDGE / Launch one delivery cluster and a short menu with explicit allergen information.

A viable niche may be customers seeking predictable portions rather than medical nutrition advice. The hypothesis is that fewer menus and clustered delivery improve reliability; willingness to renew matters more than social followers. Avoid treating dietary trends as verified demand. Verified evidence: Dubai publishes food-layout and transport guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipality / local food-safety authority [C1]

Confirm approved food activity, layout and food-safety operating procedures with the local municipality before any commercial preparation; a Dubai reference does not authorise another emirate.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C2]

Nutritional or health claims need review; medical diet advice may need separate professional authorisation. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 036 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / COST SCENARIOS

Healthy meal-preparation kitchen

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Kitchen equipment and chilled-storage allocation	40,000 - 100,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	30,000 - 100,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	6,000 - 15,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	12,000 - 26,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 79,000 - AED 234,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 30,000 - AED 68,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 259,000 - AED 645,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 036 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Healthy meal-preparation kitchen

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Delivered meal. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 35	AED 32
Direct cost / unit	AED 17	AED 20
Units / month	1800	1,350.00
Monthly revenue	AED 63,000	AED 42,525
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 32,400	AED 16,133
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 49,250	AED 68,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -16,850	AED -52,368

Base break-even: 2,737 Delivered meal per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Predictable prepaid production

WEAKNESS / Perishable stock and daily delivery pressure

OPPORTUNITY / Employer wellness meal contracts

THREAT / Subscription churn and aggressive aggregator discounts

Operating risks

- Nutritional or health claims need review; medical diet advice may need separate professional authorisation.
- Temperature excursions can create a food-safety incident.
- Ingredient inflation or delivery reattempts can eliminate contribution.

PROJECT 036 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Healthy meal-preparation kitchen

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a paid tasting or batch test through an already approved food operator.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 35 per delivered meal using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Launch one delivery cluster and a short menu with explicit allergen information.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track expiry and preparation waste.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C1] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food codes, activity requirements, food transport guidance and nutrition-claim resources. Scope: Dubai food operations; confirm latest activity requirements.

[C2] Dubai Municipality services - Dubai Municipality

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PROJECT 037 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Corporate catering kitchen

Dependable food for recurring office events

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Office managers and training venues

PROBLEM / Business buyers need reliable delivery, accurate counts and documented allergens

OFFER / Breakfast trays and meeting lunches with controlled menu options

ENTRY WEDGE / Win recurring training-day orders before buying a delivery vehicle.

The opportunity is operational reliability for procurement teams, not a claim that all offices need another caterer. Buyers may value punctuality and invoice accuracy more than exotic dishes. Test whether repeat weekday orders offset uneven event calendars and slow corporate payment. Verified evidence: Dubai publishes food-layout and transport guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipality / local food-safety authority [C1]

Confirm approved food activity, layout and food-safety operating procedures with the local municipality before any commercial preparation; a Dubai reference does not authorise another emirate.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C2]

Confirm food transport and hot/cold holding requirements for the chosen emirate. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 037 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / COST SCENARIOS

Corporate catering kitchen

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Production equipment and holding cabinets	65,000 - 160,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	30,000 - 100,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	6,000 - 15,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	12,000 - 26,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 104,000 - AED 294,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 30,000 - AED 68,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 284,000 - AED 705,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 037 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Corporate catering kitchen

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Catering cover. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 55	AED 50
Direct cost / unit	AED 24	AED 28
Units / month	1800	1,350.00
Monthly revenue	AED 99,000	AED 66,825
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 55,800	AED 29,565
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 49,250	AED 68,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 6,550	AED -38,935

Base break-even: 1,589 Catering cover per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Batch production and repeat business accounts

WEAKNESS / Receivables and peak-day bottlenecks

OPPORTUNITY / Training centres and small conferences

THREAT / Event cancellations and incumbent caterer contracts

Operating risks

- Confirm food transport and hot/cold holding requirements for the chosen emirate.
- An inaccurate headcount creates waste or service failure.
- Corporate payment terms may exceed supplier credit.

PROJECT 037 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Corporate catering kitchen

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a paid tasting or batch test through an already approved food operator.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 55 per catering cover using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Win recurring training-day orders before buying a delivery vehicle.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track expiry and preparation waste.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C1] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food codes, activity requirements, food transport guidance and nutrition-claim resources. Scope: Dubai food operations; confirm latest activity requirements.

[C2] Dubai Municipality services - Dubai Municipality

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PROJECT 038 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Bakery and pastry production

A focused bake-to-order wholesale range

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Independent cafes and small hospitality venues

PROBLEM / Small outlets struggle to bake consistently without specialist staff

OFFER / Three signature pastry lines supplied on scheduled routes

ENTRY WEDGE / Get weekly purchase commitments for a narrow morning production run.

A small bakery competes best where a distinctive product and dependable supply reduce a cafe's labour burden. Shelf life, breakage and unsold returns can be more important than gross recipe margin. Test delivery quality after real transport, including hot-weather exposure and uneven order volumes. Verified evidence: Dubai publishes food-layout and transport guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipality / local food-safety authority [C1]

Confirm approved food activity, layout and food-safety operating procedures with the local municipality before any commercial preparation; a Dubai reference does not authorise another emirate.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C2]

Validate allergens, shelf-life substantiation and the food production activity before signing a workshop lease. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 038 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / COST SCENARIOS

Bakery and pastry production

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Ovens mixers and proofing equipment	80,000 - 200,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	30,000 - 100,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	6,000 - 15,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	12,000 - 26,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 119,000 - AED 334,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 30,000 - AED 68,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 299,000 - AED 745,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

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- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 038 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Bakery and pastry production

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Wholesale pastry. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 9	AED 8
Direct cost / unit	AED 4	AED 5
Units / month	7000	5,250.00
Monthly revenue	AED 63,000	AED 42,525
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 35,000	AED 18,375
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 49,250	AED 68,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -14,250	AED -50,125

Base break-even: 9,850 Wholesale pastry per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Specialist repeatable recipes

WEAKNESS / Early shifts and short product shelf life

OPPORTUNITY / White-label supply to independent cafes

THREAT / Cheap frozen alternatives and customer returns

Operating risks

- Validate allergens, shelf-life substantiation and the food production activity before signing a workshop lease.
- Overproduction can become daily waste.
- Equipment failure during overnight baking creates missed delivery windows.

PROJECT 038 / FOOD AND HOSPITALITY / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Bakery and pastry production

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a paid tasting or batch test through an already approved food operator.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 9 per wholesale pastry using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Get weekly purchase commitments for a narrow morning production run.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track expiry and preparation waste.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C1] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

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PROJECT 039 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Packaged spice and sauce brand

One memorable flavour with traceable ingredients

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Home cooks and niche grocery buyers

PROBLEM / Generic shelves leave room for distinctive recipes but little space for unproven stock

OFFER / Two shelf-stable products from an approved contract producer

ENTRY WEDGE / Prove repeat purchase in one cuisine community before printing a large packaging run.

A differentiated flavour can open a narrow market, but shelf placement and food registration are only entry conditions. The hypothesis is that recipe demonstrations and small replenishment packs create repeat use. Verify actual consumption frequency, willingness to pay and retailer deductions before treating first-batch sell-through as durable demand. Verified evidence: Dubai offers food-label and product assessment. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipality / food-safety authority [C1]

Confirm food product registration, label assessment, shelf-life evidence and the approved packing/production/storage route; obtain emirate-specific advice before importing or relabelling.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C2]

Assess food labels, allergens, preservatives and shelf-life evidence for each formulation. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 039 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Packaged spice and sauce brand

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Recipe trials packaging design and first production	25,000 - 75,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	5,000 - 20,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	2,500 - 7,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	6,000 - 14,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 39,000 - AED 129,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 20,500 - AED 48,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 162,000 - AED 420,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 039 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Packaged spice and sauce brand

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Retail bottle or pouch. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 24	AED 22
Direct cost / unit	AED 11	AED 13
Units / month	1800	1,350.00
Monthly revenue	AED 43,200	AED 29,160
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 23,400	AED 12,083
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 34,500	AED 48,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -11,100	AED -36,418

Base break-even: 2,654 Retail bottle or pouch per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Distinctive recipe and small initial range

WEAKNESS / Manufacturer minimum quantities

OPPORTUNITY / Specialty grocers and gifting bundles

THREAT / Private-label imitation and slow shelf turnover

Operating risks

- Assess food labels, allergens, preservatives and shelf-life evidence for each formulation.
- A supplier ingredient change can invalidate claims or consistency.
- Retailer listing costs and expiry returns may absorb the headline margin.

PROJECT 039 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Packaged spice and sauce brand

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a compliant small batch with blind tasting and repeat-order follow-up.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 24 per retail bottle or pouch using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Prove repeat purchase in one cuisine community before printing a large packaging run.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track expiry and packaging minimum quantities.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

SOURCE TRAIL / CHECKED 13 OCTOBER 2026

[C1] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food codes, activity requirements, food transport guidance and nutrition-claim resources. Scope: Dubai food operations; confirm latest activity requirements.

[C2] Dubai Municipality services - Dubai Municipality

Food layout approval, label assessment and imported-food release service descriptions. Scope: Dubai; service scope is not a nationwide approval.

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PROJECT 040 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Frozen ready-meal brand

Convenient freezer meals for a clear cuisine niche

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Households wanting convenient familiar meals

PROBLEM / Chilled takeaway may be expensive or inconsistent for routine family meals

OFFER / Three frozen meals with clear heating and storage instructions

ENTRY WEDGE / Start with outsourced compliant production and a single delivery zone.

Frozen products may reduce daily spoilage but introduce expensive cold-chain logistics and freezer inventory. The commercial hypothesis is that a cuisine-specific range serves households dissatisfied with generic choices. Validate texture after reheating, portion economics and replenishment frequency instead of assuming convenience automatically drives repeat demand. Verified evidence: Dubai offers food-label and product assessment. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipality / food-safety authority [C1]

Confirm food product registration, label assessment, shelf-life evidence and the approved packing/production/storage route; obtain emirate-specific advice before importing or relabelling.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C2]

Confirm validated shelf life, frozen transport temperatures and approved storage arrangements. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 040 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Frozen ready-meal brand

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Product development and initial frozen production	50,000 - 130,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	5,000 - 20,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	2,500 - 7,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	6,000 - 14,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 64,000 - AED 184,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 20,500 - AED 48,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 187,000 - AED 475,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 040 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Frozen ready-meal brand

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Frozen family meal. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 42	AED 38
Direct cost / unit	AED 21	AED 24
Units / month	1300	975.00
Monthly revenue	AED 54,600	AED 36,855
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 27,300	AED 13,309
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 34,500	AED 48,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -7,200	AED -35,191

Base break-even: 1,643 Frozen family meal per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Longer storage window than fresh meals

WEAKNESS / Frozen inventory and cold-chain costs

OPPORTUNITY / Specialty supermarkets and office freezers

THREAT / Freezer access and established national brands

Operating risks

- Confirm validated shelf life, frozen transport temperatures and approved storage arrangements.
- A cold-chain break can require disposal.
- Retail freezer placement may require high volumes and promotional support.

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Frozen ready-meal brand

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a compliant small batch with blind tasting and repeat-order follow-up.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 42 per frozen family meal using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Start with outsourced compliant production and a single delivery zone.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track expiry and packaging minimum quantities.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C1] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food codes, activity requirements, food transport guidance and nutrition-claim resources. Scope: Dubai food operations; confirm latest activity requirements.

[C2] Dubai Municipality services - Dubai Municipality

Food layout approval, label assessment and imported-food release service descriptions. Scope: Dubai; service scope is not a nationwide approval.

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PROJECT 041 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Food import and distribution

Reliable supply of a tightly defined food niche

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Specialty retailers restaurants and caterers

PROBLEM / Small buyers need dependable imports without managing overseas suppliers

OFFER / A focused portfolio of approved ambient food SKUs

ENTRY WEDGE / Collect buyer commitments before placing a container-scale order.

An importer creates value through reliable availability, documentation and disciplined stock rotation. The opportunity is not simply buying cheaply abroad: landed costs, label compliance and buyer credit determine viability. Test a consolidated small shipment and record true customs, testing, storage and expiry expenses before offering exclusive distribution commitments. Verified evidence: Dubai provides customs registration and food-release services. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Customs / municipality food-safety authority [C2]

Confirm importer/business registration, commodity classification, approved food storage, food labels and consignment release requirements at the actual port of entry.

Dubai Customs / entry-emirate customs [C10]

Confirm importer registration, food-item approval and consignment release at the actual entry emirate. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

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Food import and distribution

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
First inventory shipment and warehouse preparation	100,000 - 300,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	15,000 - 50,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	7,000 - 18,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	12,000 - 24,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 124,000 - AED 384,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 31,000 - AED 69,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 310,000 - AED 801,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 041 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Food import and distribution

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Wholesale case. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 180	AED 162
Direct cost / unit	AED 140	AED 161
Units / month	1800	1,350.00
Monthly revenue	AED 324,000	AED 218,700
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 72,000	AED 1,350
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 50,250	AED 69,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 21,750	AED -68,150

Base break-even: 1,257 Wholesale case per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Supplier relationships and documented provenance

WEAKNESS / Capital tied up in freight and receivables

OPPORTUNITY / Underserved specialty restaurant ingredients

THREAT / Port disruption foreign-exchange shifts and rejected consignments

Operating risks

- Confirm importer registration, food-item approval and consignment release at the actual entry emirate.
- Expiry or non-compliant labels can immobilise inventory.
- Customer credit can stretch beyond the reorder cycle.

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Food import and distribution

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design one properly cleared consolidated shipment tied to written buyer interest.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 180 per wholesale case using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Collect buyer commitments before placing a container-scale order.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track expiry, rejected consignments and receivables.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C2] Dubai Municipality services - Dubai Municipality

Food layout approval, label assessment and imported-food release service descriptions. Scope: Dubai; service scope is not a nationwide approval.

[C10] Customs business services - Dubai Customs

Business registration permits customs transactions; customs declarations include import. Scope: Dubai customs; confirm tariff classification, origin and entry route.

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PROJECT 042 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Premium dates and gift-food brand

Tasteful gifting with fresh traceable dates

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Corporate gifting buyers and visiting families

PROBLEM / Buyers want attractive gifts with predictable quality and delivery

OFFER / Date boxes with a limited assortment and custom corporate sleeves

ENTRY WEDGE / Validate corporate preorders before seasonal packaging commitments.

Dates offer a recognisable UAE gifting story, but the defensible advantage must be sourcing, freshness or service rather than a generic luxury label. Seasonal corporate orders can be useful yet concentrated. Test blind tasting, packaging damage and customer reorder behaviour, with a separate plan for the quieter months. Verified evidence: Dubai offers food-label and product assessment. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipality / food-safety authority [C1]

Confirm food product registration, label assessment, shelf-life evidence and the approved packing/production/storage route; obtain emirate-specific advice before importing or relabelling.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C2]

Check food packing activity, storage conditions, ingredient/allergen declarations for filled dates and shelf-life support. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 042 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Premium dates and gift-food brand

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
First date inventory and gift-packaging tooling	30,000 - 90,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	5,000 - 20,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	2,500 - 7,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	6,000 - 14,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 44,000 - AED 144,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 20,500 - AED 48,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 167,000 - AED 435,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

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Premium dates and gift-food brand

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Gift box. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 95	AED 86
Direct cost / unit	AED 45	AED 52
Units / month	650	487.50
Monthly revenue	AED 61,750	AED 41,681
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 32,500	AED 16,453
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 34,500	AED 48,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -2,000	AED -32,047

Base break-even: 690 Gift box per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Gift-ready presentation and familiar product

WEAKNESS / Seasonal demand and packaging stock

OPPORTUNITY / Corporate onboarding and celebration gifts

THREAT / Commodity comparison and heavy seasonal discounting

Operating risks

- Check food packing activity, storage conditions, ingredient/allergen declarations for filled dates and shelf-life support.
- Heat exposure can damage both food and presentation.
- Corporate customisation creates unusable stock if an order is cancelled.

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Premium dates and gift-food brand

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a compliant small batch with blind tasting and repeat-order follow-up.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 95 per gift box using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Validate corporate preorders before seasonal packaging commitments.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track expiry and packaging minimum quantities.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C1] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food codes, activity requirements, food transport guidance and nutrition-claim resources. Scope: Dubai food operations; confirm latest activity requirements.

[C2] Dubai Municipality services - Dubai Municipality

Food layout approval, label assessment and imported-food release service descriptions. Scope: Dubai; service scope is not a nationwide approval.

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PROJECT 043 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Reusable food-packaging supplier

Packaging that survives repeated use

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Caterers office canteens and specialist retailers

PROBLEM / Buyers need practical alternatives that meet material and hygiene requirements

OFFER / Reusable containers with use instructions and replenishment contracts

ENTRY WEDGE / Run a measured wash-and-return pilot with one caterer.

Dubai's single-use restrictions provide a concrete regulatory trigger, while commercial demand for any particular alternative remains unproven. The opportunity is supplying robust, appropriate food-contact products with clear cleaning instructions. Compare total cost per use, loss rates and return logistics against approved disposable alternatives before promising environmental or financial savings. Verified evidence: Dubai announced expanded single-use restrictions for January 2026. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

MOIAT / municipality [C12]

Confirm food-contact compliance for each material and SKU, relevant conformity route and local single-use restrictions; alternative-material marketing is not approval.

Municipality / MOIAT [C4]

Confirm product food-contact suitability and the exact banned/exempt categories; reusable does not mean automatically approved. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 043 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Reusable food-packaging supplier

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Food-contact samples test work and opening stock	40,000 - 120,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	5,000 - 15,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	3,000 - 8,500	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	6,000 - 14,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 54,000 - AED 169,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 21,000 - AED 50,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 180,000 - AED 469,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 043 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Reusable food-packaging supplier

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Container set. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 28	AED 25
Direct cost / unit	AED 16	AED 18
Units / month	1800	1,350.00
Monthly revenue	AED 50,400	AED 34,020
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 21,600	AED 9,180
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 35,500	AED 50,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -13,900	AED -40,820

Base break-even: 2,959 Container set per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Measurable reuse proposition

WEAKNESS / Returns loss and cleaning complexity

OPPORTUNITY / Corporate canteens seeking practical alternatives

THREAT / Cheap substitutes or misleading sustainability claims

Operating risks

- Confirm product food-contact suitability and the exact banned/exempt categories; reusable does not mean automatically approved.
- Customers may lose containers faster than the model assumes.
- Collection and washing can cost more than the product saving.

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Reusable food-packaging supplier

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design one buyer trial recording wash cycles, loss and replacement needs.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 28 per container set using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Run a measured wash-and-return pilot with one caterer.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track material suitability and container loss.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C12] Single-use plastic final phase - Dubai Municipality

24 December 2025 announcement identifies single-use plastic categories banned from 1 January 2026. Scope: Dubai single-use categories; exemptions and alternatives require SKU review.

[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates - Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Scope: Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

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PROJECT 044 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Specialty grocery e-commerce

Hard-to-find groceries in dependable small baskets

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Residents shopping for a specific cuisine or dietary preference

PROBLEM / Broad marketplaces do not always stock a complete specialist basket

OFFER / A curated ambient-food catalogue with scheduled delivery

ENTRY WEDGE / Start with locally approved suppliers and a narrow postcode cluster.

A speciality grocery can win through dependable assortment rather than rapid delivery. The hypothesis is that customers consolidate hard-to-find items into repeat baskets. Measure average basket size after delivery charges, substitution acceptance and expiry losses; a large catalogue is not evidence of demand and can create expensive slow-moving stock. Verified evidence: Official guidance requires appropriate online-trading licensing. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / municipality [C3]

Confirm e-commerce activity, approved food catalogue, compliant storage and delivery; do not add chilled or frozen products without a separate cold-chain assessment.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C1]

Confirm online trading activity plus food storage and delivery permissions; use approved products and maintain traceability. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 044 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Specialty grocery e-commerce

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Opening grocery stock and catalogue setup	35,000 - 100,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	8,000 - 25,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	3,000 - 8,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	7,000 - 16,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 52,000 - AED 159,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 22,000 - AED 51,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 184,000 - AED 468,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 044 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Specialty grocery e-commerce

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Delivered basket. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 140	AED 126
Direct cost / unit	AED 100	AED 115
Units / month	650	487.50
Monthly revenue	AED 91,000	AED 61,425
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 26,000	AED 5,363
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 36,750	AED 51,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -10,750	AED -46,137

Base break-even: 919 Delivered basket per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Curated assortment and community relevance

WEAKNESS / Thin margin after delivery and substitutions

OPPORTUNITY / Subscription pantry replenishment

THREAT / Marketplace price competition and low basket values

Operating risks

- Confirm online trading activity plus food storage and delivery permissions; use approved products and maintain traceability.
- Picking errors can harm repeat orders.
- Discounted close-to-expiry stock may obscure sustainable economics.

PROJECT 044 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Specialty grocery e-commerce

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a licensed limited-catalogue delivery trial with actual customer baskets.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 140 per delivered basket using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Start with locally approved suppliers and a narrow postcode cluster.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track expiry, substitutions and small baskets.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C3] eCommerce - UAE Government

Online trading requires appropriate licensing; describes 2023 technology-based trade legislation. Scope: Federal overview; mainland licence activity determined by emirate.

[C1] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food codes, activity requirements, food transport guidance and nutrition-claim resources. Scope: Dubai food operations; confirm latest activity requirements.

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PROJECT 045 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Modest fashion e-commerce

Fit confidence for a defined modestwear customer

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Women seeking consistent modest clothing fit

PROBLEM / Sizing uncertainty and generic photography drive costly online returns

OFFER / A small modestwear capsule with clear measurements and fabric videos

ENTRY WEDGE / Prove fit satisfaction through a controlled preorder drop.

The hypothesis is that consistent sizing and honest fabric information can outperform trend-led catalogue breadth. Distinct customer segments may prefer very different silhouettes and price levels. Interview buyers in one segment and quantify alterations, returns and second purchases. Avoid extrapolating national fashion demand from influencer engagement alone. Verified evidence: Official guidance distinguishes online licences and regulated products. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / MOIAT / customs [C3]

Confirm the precise trading and online activity, applicable SKU-level conformity/labels, customer disclosures and importer responsibilities; rules differ across product categories.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C4]

Confirm apparel trading and online activity, textile labelling and applicable product rules for the selected range. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 045 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Modest fashion e-commerce

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Samples first capsule stock and product photography	25,000 - 80,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	4,000 - 18,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	2,000 - 6,500	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	5,000 - 12,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 38,000 - AED 132,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 19,000 - AED 46,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 152,000 - AED 408,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 045 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Modest fashion e-commerce

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Garment. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 220	AED 198
Direct cost / unit	AED 115	AED 132
Units / month	350	262.50
Monthly revenue	AED 77,000	AED 51,975
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 36,750	AED 17,259
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 32,500	AED 46,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 4,250	AED -28,741

Base break-even: 310 Garment per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused fit and repeatable sizing

WEAKNESS / Returns and unsold sizes

OPPORTUNITY / Capsule replenishment and matching separates

THREAT / Low-cost marketplace copies and paid-ad inflation

Operating risks

- Confirm apparel trading and online activity, textile labelling and applicable product rules for the selected range.
- Fabric opacity or colour differences can cause returns.
- Inventory fragmentation across sizes consumes working capital.

PROJECT 045 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Modest fashion e-commerce

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a properly licensed small preorder or locally sourced stock drop.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 220 per garment using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Prove fit satisfaction through a controlled preorder drop.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track returns, slow inventory and customer-acquisition cost.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C3] eCommerce - UAE Government

Online trading requires appropriate licensing; describes 2023 technology-based trade legislation. Scope: Federal overview; mainland licence activity determined by emirate.

[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates - Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Scope: Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

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PROJECT 046 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Workwear and safety-equipment trading

Documented workwear supplied on schedule

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Small contractors warehouses and facility managers

PROBLEM / Buyers need reliable sizes and appropriate safety documentation

OFFER / Workwear and a small certified PPE range with scheduled replenishment

ENTRY WEDGE / Quote a standard kit for one trade and verify required protection classes.

Procurement reliability can matter more than selling the widest catalogue. The demand hypothesis is that smaller contractors lack dependable replenishment and documentation. Obtain job-specific requirements before choosing stock: clothing, gloves and protective footwear are not interchangeable safety categories, and cheap equipment may be unacceptable to client sites. Verified evidence: Official guidance distinguishes online licences and regulated products. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / MOIAT / customs [C4]

Confirm the precise trading and online activity, applicable SKU-level conformity/labels, customer disclosures and importer responsibilities; rules differ across product categories.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C10]

Classify each PPE SKU and check applicable conformity, labelling and client-required safety standards. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 046 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Workwear and safety-equipment trading

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Opening workwear PPE stock and sizing samples	50,000 - 150,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	4,000 - 18,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	2,000 - 6,500	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	5,000 - 12,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 63,000 - AED 202,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 19,000 - AED 46,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 177,000 - AED 478,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 046 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Workwear and safety-equipment trading

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Worker kit. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 180	AED 162
Direct cost / unit	AED 125	AED 144
Units / month	700	525.00
Monthly revenue	AED 126,000	AED 85,050
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 38,500	AED 9,581
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 32,500	AED 46,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 6,000	AED -36,419

Base break-even: 591 Worker kit per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Repeat replenishment and procurement documentation

WEAKNESS / Size fragmentation and buyer credit

OPPORTUNITY / Annual workforce replacement programmes

THREAT / Counterfeit certification and price-only tenders

Operating risks

- Classify each PPE SKU and check applicable conformity, labelling and client-required safety standards.
- Incorrect protection claims create serious liability.
- Slow-paying contractors can trap cash in customised stock.

PROJECT 046 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Workwear and safety-equipment trading

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a properly licensed small preorder or locally sourced stock drop.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 180 per worker kit using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Quote a standard kit for one trade and verify required protection classes.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track returns, slow inventory and customer-acquisition cost.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates - Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Scope: Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

[C10] Customs business services - Dubai Customs

Business registration permits customs transactions; customs declarations include import. Scope: Dubai customs; confirm tariff classification, origin and entry route.

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PROJECT 047 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Baby and maternity products trading

A carefully selected range with clear safety information

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / New parents and maternity gift buyers

PROBLEM / Parents face confusing claims and inconsistent product instructions

OFFER / Non-medical maternity accessories and selected compliant baby essentials

ENTRY WEDGE / Start without feeding devices car seats or electrical products until classification is confirmed.

Trust and product clarity may differentiate a small seller, but the category has higher safety exposure than general accessories. The hypothesis is that a tightly curated range reduces decision fatigue. Validate gift-basket economics and repeat needs while refusing unsupported developmental or health claims; safety approval and demand validation are separate questions. Verified evidence: Official guidance distinguishes online licences and regulated products. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / MOIAT / customs [C4]

Confirm the precise trading and online activity, applicable SKU-level conformity/labels, customer disclosures and importer responsibilities; rules differ across product categories.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C3]

Map each SKU to applicable toy, child-care or electrical rules; do not assume one certificate covers a mixed basket. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 047 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Baby and maternity products trading

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Opening accessory stock and safety-document review	40,000 - 120,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	4,000 - 18,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	2,000 - 6,500	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	5,000 - 12,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 53,000 - AED 172,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 19,000 - AED 46,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 167,000 - AED 448,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 047 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Baby and maternity products trading

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Product basket. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 180	AED 162
Direct cost / unit	AED 115	AED 132
Units / month	450	337.50
Monthly revenue	AED 81,000	AED 54,675
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 29,250	AED 10,041
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 32,500	AED 46,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -3,250	AED -35,959

Base break-even: 500 Product basket per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Trustworthy selection and plain instructions

WEAKNESS / Safety liability and supplier documentation burden

OPPORTUNITY / Hospital-adjacent gifting partnerships where permitted

THREAT / Unsafe imports and high customer-acquisition costs

Operating risks

- Map each SKU to applicable toy, child-care or electrical rules; do not assume one certificate covers a mixed basket.
- A recall can affect the entire brand.
- Medical claims may change product classification and approval needs.

PROJECT 047 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Baby and maternity products trading

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a properly licensed small preorder or locally sourced stock drop.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 180 per product basket using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Start without feeding devices car seats or electrical products until classification is confirmed.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track returns, slow inventory and customer-acquisition cost.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates - Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Scope: Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

[C3] eCommerce - UAE Government

Online trading requires appropriate licensing; describes 2023 technology-based trade legislation. Scope: Federal overview; mainland licence activity determined by emirate.

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PROJECT 048 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Pet accessories e-commerce

Practical accessories matched to the animal

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Urban pet owners seeking well-fitting daily essentials

PROBLEM / Poorly sized accessories and unreliable product descriptions create returns

OFFER / Harnesses leads travel bowls and grooming accessories without veterinary claims

ENTRY WEDGE / Validate fit guidance for a narrow dog-size or cat-owner segment.

The opportunity is a useful, reliable assortment rather than a generic pet marketplace. The hypothesis is that fit guidance and repeat consumables improve loyalty. Begin with accessories; adding pet food, live animals or veterinary products introduces different regulatory questions and must not be treated as a simple catalogue extension. Verified evidence: Official guidance distinguishes online licences and regulated products. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / MOIAT / customs [C3]

Confirm the precise trading and online activity, applicable SKU-level conformity/labels, customer disclosures and importer responsibilities; rules differ across product categories.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C6]

Confirm online and pet-accessory trading scope; separately assess rules before adding animal feed or medicines. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 048 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Pet accessories e-commerce

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Accessory inventory and fit-content production	20,000 - 65,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	4,000 - 18,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	2,000 - 6,500	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	5,000 - 12,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 33,000 - AED 117,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 19,000 - AED 46,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 147,000 - AED 393,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 048 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Pet accessories e-commerce

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Accessory basket. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 130	AED 117
Direct cost / unit	AED 72	AED 83
Units / month	450	337.50
Monthly revenue	AED 58,500	AED 39,488
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 26,100	AED 11,543
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 32,500	AED 46,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -6,400	AED -34,458

Base break-even: 561 Accessory basket per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused fit guidance and lightweight fulfilment

WEAKNESS / Easy substitution and low purchase frequency

OPPORTUNITY / Trainer and grooming referral partnerships

THREAT / Marketplace discounting and product-safety complaints

Operating risks

- Confirm online and pet-accessory trading scope; separately assess rules before adding animal feed or medicines.
- Chew damage can expose unsafe materials.
- Low repeat frequency may not repay advertising costs.

PROJECT 048 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Pet accessories e-commerce

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a properly licensed small preorder or locally sourced stock drop.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 130 per accessory basket using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Validate fit guidance for a narrow dog-size or cat-owner segment.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track returns, slow inventory and customer-acquisition cost.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C3] eCommerce - UAE Government

Online trading requires appropriate licensing; describes 2023 technology-based trade legislation. Scope: Federal overview; mainland licence activity determined by emirate.

[C6] Veterinary services requirements - Dubai Municipality

Official veterinary requirements index includes pet-grooming salons and pet boarding. Scope: Dubai; Arabic requirements and activity-specific review.

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PROJECT 049 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Pet grooming salon

Calm grooming with documented animal handovers

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Pet owners in one residential catchment

PROBLEM / Owners need transparent handling and reliable appointments

OFFER / Wash trim and basic grooming with intake and incident records

ENTRY WEDGE / Serve one catchment and build repeat bookings before adding transport.

Repeat grooming may support predictable bookings, but animal handling quality and location density determine viability. The hypothesis is that calm appointments and documented owner instructions reduce anxiety and improve retention. Observe local competitors' availability and interview owners about service gaps without assuming a national pet-growth statistic proves neighbourhood demand. Verified evidence: Dubai lists dedicated pet-grooming requirements. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipal veterinary section [C6]

Obtain the local veterinary/municipal grooming requirements, approved layout, cleaning controls and animal-handling procedures; boarding or transport is separate scope.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C5]

Confirm veterinary-section grooming requirements, approved premises and whether boarding or mobile grooming needs separate approval. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 049 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Pet grooming salon

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Grooming tables baths ventilation and drainage	65,000 - 170,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	35,000 - 100,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	7,000 - 15,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	10,000 - 22,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 109,000 - AED 304,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 29,000 - AED 64,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 283,000 - AED 691,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 049 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Pet grooming salon

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Grooming appointment. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 180	AED 162
Direct cost / unit	AED 55	AED 63
Units / month	350	262.50
Monthly revenue	AED 63,000	AED 42,525
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 43,750	AED 25,922
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 46,750	AED 64,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -3,000	AED -38,578

Base break-even: 374 Grooming appointment per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Repeat appointments and visible service quality

WEAKNESS / Specialist staff and handling risk

OPPORTUNITY / Breed-specific schedules and owner education

THREAT / Animal injury complaints and weak staff retention

Operating risks

- Confirm veterinary-section grooming requirements, approved premises and whether boarding or mobile grooming needs separate approval.
- Aggressive or medically fragile animals need a clear refusal/escalation policy.
- Disease transmission and escapes can create serious liability.

PROJECT 049 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Pet grooming salon

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a paid appointment pilot through a duly authorised grooming premises.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 180 per grooming appointment using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Serve one catchment and build repeat bookings before adding transport.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track animal-handling incidents and missed appointments.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C6] Veterinary services requirements - Dubai Municipality

Official veterinary requirements index includes pet-grooming salons and pet boarding. Scope: Dubai; Arabic requirements and activity-specific review.

[C5] Health and safety technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Lists guidance for salons, home salon services, laundries, product storage, cosmetics and occupational hazards. Scope: Dubai; read relevant guideline and confirm current revision.

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PROJECT 050 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Salon and beauty studio

A focused studio that keeps its appointments

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Residents seeking one repeat beauty service

PROBLEM / Broad salons may disappoint on timing hygiene or specialist consistency

OFFER / A limited non-medical menu with appointment and tool-hygiene records

ENTRY WEDGE / Select one core service and measure repeat booking before adding stations.

A salon's opportunity is a specific unmet service standard within its catchment. The hypothesis is that punctuality, consistent staff and a narrow menu can command repeat bookings. Test customer preferences and chair utilisation before paying for an expensive fit-out; social media visibility does not establish profitable demand. Verified evidence: Dubai lists salon and home-service guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipal health and safety / economic department [C5]

Confirm salon or home-service activity, permitted treatments, hygiene/sterilisation, staff qualifications and product requirements with the local authority; exclude invasive medical treatments.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C15]

Confirm salon-specific layout hygiene staff qualifications and product requirements; exclude medical aesthetics unless separately licensed. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 050 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Salon and beauty studio

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Stations basins sterilisation equipment and fit-out	90,000 - 250,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	25,000 - 100,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	5,000 - 15,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	10,000 - 24,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 124,000 - AED 384,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 27,000 - AED 66,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 286,000 - AED 783,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 050 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Salon and beauty studio

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Beauty appointment. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 160	AED 144
Direct cost / unit	AED 38	AED 44
Units / month	450	337.50
Monthly revenue	AED 72,000	AED 48,600
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 54,900	AED 33,851
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 46,750	AED 66,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 8,150	AED -32,649

Base break-even: 384 Beauty appointment per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Repeat relationship and controlled service menu

WEAKNESS / Fixed rent and dependence on technicians

OPPORTUNITY / Memberships and prebooked maintenance visits

THREAT / Price competition and staff-client migration

Operating risks

- Confirm salon-specific layout hygiene staff qualifications and product requirements; exclude medical aesthetics unless separately licensed.
- Chemical reactions or poor tool hygiene create liability.
- Unfilled appointments can make apparent gross margins misleading.

PROJECT 050 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Salon and beauty studio

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a limited approved service menu with consent forms and timed appointments.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 160 per beauty appointment using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Select one core service and measure repeat booking before adding stations.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track empty appointment slots and treatment claims.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C5] Health and safety technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Lists guidance for salons, home salon services, laundries, product storage, cosmetics and occupational hazards. Scope: Dubai; read relevant guideline and confirm current revision.

[C15] Ideal salon guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Updated ideal-salon technical guideline resource. Scope: Dubai salon reference; ideal recognition criteria are not all minimum licensing rules.

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PROJECT 051 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Mobile beauty services

Convenient home appointments within approved scope

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Time-poor customers in a compact service area

PROBLEM / Travelling to salons can be inconvenient but home access needs trust

OFFER / A small approved home-service menu with sealed hygienic kits

ENTRY WEDGE / Cluster bookings geographically and confirm home-service permission first.

The hypothesis is that convenient appointments justify a premium once travel time is included. Customers may prefer fixed staff and predictable hygiene to a broad marketplace. Validate total technician hours per completed booking, building access and late cancellations. A salon licence must not be assumed to authorise home visits. Verified evidence: Dubai lists salon and home-service guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipal health and safety / economic department [C5]

Confirm salon or home-service activity, permitted treatments, hygiene/sterilisation, staff qualifications and product requirements with the local authority; exclude invasive medical treatments.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C3]

Dubai lists home salon service-provider guidance; confirm permitted treatments, transport, hygiene and staff documentation locally. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 051 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Mobile beauty services

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Portable equipment transport setup and hygienic kits	25,000 - 70,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	25,000 - 100,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	5,000 - 15,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	10,000 - 24,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 59,000 - AED 204,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 27,000 - AED 66,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 221,000 - AED 603,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 051 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Mobile beauty services

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Home appointment. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 220	AED 198
Direct cost / unit	AED 65	AED 75
Units / month	250	187.50
Monthly revenue	AED 55,000	AED 37,125
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 38,750	AED 23,109
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 46,750	AED 66,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -8,000	AED -43,391

Base break-even: 302 Home appointment per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Convenience and low retail frontage needs

WEAKNESS / Travel dead time and cancellation exposure

OPPORTUNITY / Building-level booking days

THREAT / Unapproved scope and inconsistent customer environments

Operating risks

- Dubai lists home salon service-provider guidance; confirm permitted treatments, transport, hygiene and staff documentation locally.
- Unsuitable home conditions may require refusal.
- Privacy and personal safety procedures need explicit staff training.

PROJECT 051 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Mobile beauty services

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a limited approved service menu with consent forms and timed appointments.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 220 per home appointment using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Cluster bookings geographically and confirm home-service permission first.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track empty appointment slots and treatment claims.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C5] Health and safety technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Lists guidance for salons, home salon services, laundries, product storage, cosmetics and occupational hazards. Scope: Dubai; read relevant guideline and confirm current revision.

[C3] eCommerce - UAE Government

Online trading requires appropriate licensing; describes 2023 technology-based trade legislation. Scope: Federal overview; mainland licence activity determined by emirate.

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PROJECT 052 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Cosmetics and personal-care brand

A restrained range with evidence behind its claims

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Buyers seeking one clear personal-care benefit

PROBLEM / Overstated claims and too many options undermine trust

OFFER / Two cosmetic products made by a qualified contract manufacturer

ENTRY WEDGE / Choose a non-medical claim and obtain formulation documents before branding.

A founder can differentiate through product experience and credible claim discipline, but the category is crowded and compliance-intensive. The demand hypothesis is that a narrowly defined routine converts better than a broad lifestyle brand. Test repeat use, tolerance feedback and customer willingness to reorder; attractive packaging alone cannot validate efficacy or profitability. Verified evidence: Dubai lists cosmetic technical guidance; MOIAT covers regulated products. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipality / MOIAT / relevant health regulator [C5]

Classify each product and claim, obtain the applicable municipal registration and federal conformity assessment, and retain formulation/testing evidence; therapeutic claims need separate review.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C4]

Confirm Dubai Montaji/product registration and applicable federal conformity; medical or therapeutic claims can alter classification. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 052 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Cosmetics and personal-care brand

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Formulation trials first batch and packaging	50,000 - 150,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	6,000 - 25,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	3,000 - 8,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	7,000 - 16,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 65,000 - AED 209,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 22,000 - AED 51,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 197,000 - AED 518,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 052 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Cosmetics and personal-care brand

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Cosmetic unit. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 85	AED 76
Direct cost / unit	AED 35	AED 40
Units / month	900	675.00
Monthly revenue	AED 76,500	AED 51,638
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 45,000	AED 24,469
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 36,750	AED 51,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 8,250	AED -27,031

Base break-even: 735 Cosmetic unit per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused routine and controlled formulation

WEAKNESS / Minimum batches and testing lead times

OPPORTUNITY / Specialist retail and repeat direct orders

THREAT / Unsupported claims recalls and expensive digital acquisition

Operating risks

- Confirm Dubai Montaji/product registration and applicable federal conformity; medical or therapeutic claims can alter classification.
- Stability or adverse-reaction issues may require withdrawal.
- Unapproved manufacturer ingredient changes threaten consistency.

PROJECT 052 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Cosmetics and personal-care brand

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a registered small batch with documented consent-based user feedback.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 85 per cosmetic unit using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Choose a non-medical claim and obtain formulation documents before branding.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track adverse reactions, batch minimums and claim restrictions.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C5] Health and safety technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Lists guidance for salons, home salon services, laundries, product storage, cosmetics and occupational hazards. Scope: Dubai; read relevant guideline and confirm current revision.

[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates - Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Scope: Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

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PROJECT 053 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Perfume and fragrance brand

A distinctive scent with transparent product handling

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Gift buyers and fragrance enthusiasts

PROBLEM / New brands struggle to prove quality beyond evocative marketing

OFFER / Two fragrance compositions plus compliant discovery samples

ENTRY WEDGE / Validate blind preference and repeat purchase before premium bottle tooling.

Fragrance lends itself to sampling and gifting, but social engagement is not proof of repeat demand. The hypothesis is that a recognisable composition and affordable discovery route create conversion. Test wear experience, packaging leaks and shipping restrictions. Product registration does not certify that customers prefer a scent or will pay its proposed premium. Verified evidence: Dubai publishes fragrance-registration guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipal product-safety / licensing authority [C7]

Confirm fragrance registration and licensed manufacture/mixing/filling route, product labels and safe alcohol/flammable-goods storage and transport for the exact formulation.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C3]

Confirm Dubai fragrance registration, manufacturer/filling activity and alcohol/storage/shipping conditions for the formulation. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 053 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Perfume and fragrance brand

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Scent development bottles and first batch	45,000 - 140,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	7,000 - 25,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	3,000 - 8,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	7,000 - 16,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 61,000 - AED 199,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 22,000 - AED 51,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 193,000 - AED 508,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 053 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Perfume and fragrance brand

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Fragrance bottle. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 180	AED 162
Direct cost / unit	AED 65	AED 75
Units / month	500	375.00
Monthly revenue	AED 90,000	AED 60,750
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 57,500	AED 32,719
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 36,750	AED 51,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 20,750	AED -18,781

Base break-even: 320 Fragrance bottle per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Distinctive scent and gift suitability

WEAKNESS / Sampling expense and crowded positioning

OPPORTUNITY / Corporate gifting and specialist boutiques

THREAT / Copies leakage and restricted shipping routes

Operating risks

- Confirm Dubai fragrance registration, manufacturer/filling activity and alcohol/storage/shipping conditions for the formulation.
- Heat and leakage can spoil delivered experience.
- Custom bottle minimum quantities can immobilise cash.

PROJECT 053 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Perfume and fragrance brand

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design compliant discovery samples followed by paid bottle conversions.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 180 per fragrance bottle using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Validate blind preference and repeat purchase before premium bottle tooling.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track sampling costs, leaks and slow bottle inventory.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C7] Fragrance product technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Describes fragrance registration and licensing for manufacture, filling, mixing or packing in Dubai. Scope: Dubai fragrance products; verify current revision before launch.

[C3] eCommerce - UAE Government

Online trading requires appropriate licensing; describes 2023 technology-based trade legislation. Scope: Federal overview; mainland licence activity determined by emirate.

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PROJECT 054 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Jewellery repair and customisation

Trusted repairs with precise custody records

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Jewellery owners and boutiques needing repair support

PROBLEM / Customers worry about damage substitution and uncertain repair quotes

OFFER / Repairs resizing and limited customisation with documented intake

ENTRY WEDGE / Begin with defined repairs and boutique referrals before carrying precious stock.

A service-led workshop can limit inventory exposure while building trust through accurate workmanship and documented custody. The hypothesis is that reliable turnaround wins repeat referrals from small boutiques. Test repair complexity, remake frequency and customer acceptance of written estimates; precious-material handling creates a compliance and security burden even at small scale. Verified evidence: MOET publishes precious-metals AML guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / MOET / local assay authority [C8]

Confirm jewellery repair/trading permissions, material custody controls, assay/hallmark obligations where applicable and whether the transaction profile falls within precious-metals AML duties.

MOET / qualified AML adviser [C9]

Confirm repair/customisation activity, assay or hallmark needs for changed goods and whether precious-metal dealing triggers DNFBP duties. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 054 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Jewellery repair and customisation

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Bench tools extraction security and intake system	60,000 - 160,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	25,000 - 80,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	6,000 - 14,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	10,000 - 22,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 94,000 - AED 274,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 28,000 - AED 63,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 262,000 - AED 655,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 054 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Jewellery repair and customisation

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Repair job. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 240	AED 216
Direct cost / unit	AED 75	AED 86
Units / month	250	187.50
Monthly revenue	AED 60,000	AED 40,500
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 41,250	AED 24,328
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 45,750	AED 63,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -4,500	AED -39,172

Base break-even: 278 Repair job per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Skill and trust-based referrals

WEAKNESS / Expert labour and custody liability

OPPORTUNITY / Boutique subcontract repair agreements

THREAT / Damage claims and undocumented customer materials

Operating risks

- Confirm repair/customisation activity, assay or hallmark needs for changed goods and whether precious-metal dealing triggers DNFBP duties.
- Customer material provenance must be documented.
- A lost or damaged piece can exceed many months of repair margin.

PROJECT 054 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Jewellery repair and customisation

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design documented low-complexity repairs with insured custody arrangements.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 240 per repair job using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Begin with defined repairs and boutique referrals before carrying precious stock.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track custody claims and workmanship rework.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C8] AML compliance guidance - Ministry of Economy and Tourism

Publishes precious-metals/stones guidance, red flags, goAML registration and reporting resources. Scope: DNFBP applicability requires transaction/activity assessment.

[C9] Responsible sourcing of gold - Ministry of Economy and Tourism

Describes precious-metals supervision and responsible-gold sourcing framework. Scope: Do not assume every jeweller is a refiner; confirm applicable duties.

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PROJECT 055 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Gold and jewellery trading

Documented provenance and disciplined precious-metal trading

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Qualified jewellery buyers and repeat retail customers

PROBLEM / Customers need confidence in purity origin and transparent pricing

OFFER / A narrowly stocked jewellery range with documented supplier provenance

ENTRY WEDGE / Secure banking and compliance capacity before purchasing material inventory.

Gold trading is a specialist capital and compliance business rather than an easy retail opportunity. The hypothesis is that traceable sourcing and a clear customer segment can support a service premium. Validate actual buying demand and spread economics without forecasting gold prices; inventory values and banking scrutiny can dominate the business model. Verified evidence: MOET publishes AML and responsible-gold sourcing resources. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

MOET / economic department / local assay authority [C8]

Obtain DPMS-specific AML/goAML, sanctions-screening and reporting advice, supplier provenance and applicable hallmark/assay review; confirm any responsible-sourcing scope with MOET.

MOET / qualified AML adviser [C9]

Obtain precise DPMS AML/goAML advice and assess responsible-sourcing, hallmark and transaction-record duties; refiner rules are not automatically universal. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 055 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Gold and jewellery trading

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Initial precious-metal inventory security and shop systems	300,000 - 1,200,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	80,000 - 250,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	10,000 - 25,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	18,000 - 40,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 389,000 - AED 1,484,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 40,000 - AED 92,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 629,000 - AED 2,039,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

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- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 055 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Gold and jewellery trading

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Jewellery sale. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 2,500	AED 2,250
Direct cost / unit	AED 2,225	AED 2,559
Units / month	100	75.00
Monthly revenue	AED 250,000	AED 168,750
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 27,500	AED -23,156
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 66,250	AED 92,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -38,750	AED -115,656

Base break-even: 241 Jewellery sale per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Recognisable underlying material and traceability

WEAKNESS / High inventory exposure and compliance overhead

OPPORTUNITY / Niche design and trusted repeat purchasing

THREAT / Metal-price swings fraud and banking restrictions

Operating risks

- Obtain precise DPMS AML/goAML advice and assess responsible-sourcing, hallmark and transaction-record duties; refiner rules are not automatically universal.
- Fraud or stolen-metal exposure can threaten the licence and bank account.
- A nominal trading spread may disappear after price movement and security costs.

PROJECT 055 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Gold and jewellery trading

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a low-stock compliant sales trial after bank and AML arrangements are ready.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 2500 per jewellery sale using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Secure banking and compliance capacity before purchasing material inventory.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track metal prices, banking access and provenance.

FUNDING FIT

Experienced founder/strategic capital; banking, collateral and compliance require confirmation. No funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C8] AML compliance guidance - Ministry of Economy and Tourism

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PROJECT 056 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Refurbished electronics trading

Graded devices with a clear warranty

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Small businesses and value-conscious device buyers

PROBLEM / Used-device buyers face uncertain condition battery health and ownership history

OFFER / Professionally tested laptops and phones with disclosed grading

ENTRY WEDGE / Start with a documented business-device batch and controlled warranty reserve.

Circular policy supports the broad reuse direction, while demand for this seller's devices still needs validation. The hypothesis is that trustworthy grading and after-sales support justify a premium over informal listings. Measure test time, failure rates and warranty returns before scaling, and secure lawful provenance and data-erasure procedures. Verified evidence: National policy supports reuse business models. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / MOIAT / municipality [C16]

Confirm used-device trading and import eligibility, electrical/conformity requirements where applicable, secure data erasure and approved waste channels for rejected units.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C4]

Confirm used-electronics trading scope, electrical conformity/import applicability and licensed e-waste disposal; preserve ownership evidence. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 056 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Refurbished electronics trading

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Opening devices diagnostic tools and secure storage	80,000 - 220,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	12,000 - 40,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	5,000 - 12,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	10,000 - 22,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 101,000 - AED 294,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 27,000 - AED 61,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 263,000 - AED 663,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

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- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 056 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Refurbished electronics trading

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Refurbished device. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 1,100	AED 990
Direct cost / unit	AED 800	AED 920
Units / month	150	112.50
Monthly revenue	AED 165,000	AED 111,375
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 45,000	AED 7,875
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 44,250	AED 61,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 750	AED -53,625

Base break-even: 148 Refurbished device per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Value positioning and measurable grading

WEAKNESS / Warranty liabilities and depreciating stock

OPPORTUNITY / SME fleet replacement contracts

THREAT / Hidden defects stolen goods and grey-market competition

Operating risks

- Confirm used-electronics trading scope, electrical conformity/import applicability and licensed e-waste disposal; preserve ownership evidence.
- Residual customer data creates severe privacy risk.
- Battery failures or unavailable parts may consume the margin.

PROJECT 056 / CONSUMER BRANDS AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Refurbished electronics trading

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design one traceable batch with published grading and a measured warranty reserve.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 1100 per refurbished device using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Start with a documented business-device batch and controlled warranty reserve.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track warranty returns, data exposure and depreciation.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C16] 2021-2031 Circular Economy Policy - UAE Legislation

Policy supports sustainable remanufacturing and reuse business models. Scope: Policy support does not validate a specific commercial opportunity.

[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates - Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Scope: Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

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PROJECT 057 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Phone and laptop repair

Transparent diagnosis before repair

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Residents and small businesses with repairable devices

PROBLEM / Repair buyers fear unclear charges data exposure and repeat failure

OFFER / Diagnostic-led repairs with written scope and test records

ENTRY WEDGE / Specialise in a few common models and publish turnaround commitments.

The hypothesis is that transparent quotes and data-care procedures win referrals in a price-sensitive repair market. A shop can improve viability by avoiding rare-model parts and repeat rework. Validate fault mix and technician capacity using actual paid jobs; policy interest in reuse does not establish local repair volumes. Verified evidence: National policy supports reuse business models. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / municipality / competent technical authority [C16]

Confirm repair and any mobile-service activity, workshop/electrical safety, customer consent and waste disposal; refrigerant or specialised work must be separately assessed.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C11]

Confirm repair activity and premises safety; establish consent and secure handling for customer data and lawful parts disposal. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 057 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Phone and laptop repair

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Repair benches diagnostic equipment and common parts	35,000 - 100,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	10,000 - 35,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	3,500 - 9,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	9,000 - 19,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 54,000 - AED 169,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 24,500 - AED 55,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 201,000 - AED 502,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

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- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 057 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Phone and laptop repair

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Repair job. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 280	AED 252
Direct cost / unit	AED 115	AED 132
Units / month	220	165.00
Monthly revenue	AED 61,600	AED 41,580
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 36,300	AED 19,759
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 40,000	AED 55,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -3,700	AED -35,741

Base break-even: 243 Repair job per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Skill-based service and referral potential

WEAKNESS / Technician dependence and rework risk

OPPORTUNITY / Small-business device support contracts

THREAT / Unreliable parts and replacement-device discounts

Operating risks

- Confirm repair activity and premises safety; establish consent and secure handling for customer data and lawful parts disposal.
- Failed diagnosis creates uncompensated technician time.
- A damaged motherboard or data loss can trigger claims.

PROJECT 057 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Phone and laptop repair

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design paid diagnosis-and-repair jobs limited to supported models.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 280 per repair job using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Specialise in a few common models and publish turnaround commitments.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track callbacks, incorrect diagnosis and parts availability.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C16] 2021-2031 Circular Economy Policy - UAE Legislation
Policy supports sustainable remanufacturing and reuse business models. Scope: Policy support does not validate a specific commercial opportunity.

[C11] Waste and sewerage technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality
Technical guidance directory for waste management activities and classification. Scope: Dubai waste activities; specific permissions require authority confirmation.

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PROJECT 058 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Home appliance repair

A clear diagnostic visit and documented fix

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Households and small property managers

PROBLEM / Customers struggle with no-show technicians and ambiguous repair estimates

OFFER / Appliance diagnosis and repair with a fixed service area

ENTRY WEDGE / Cover two appliance families and record first-visit completion rates.

The hypothesis is that punctual diagnostics and transparent parts options improve conversion. A mobile model avoids a prominent retail shop but still needs approved operating arrangements and safe technical practices. Measure travel time, spare-part availability and repeat callbacks before promising same-day repairs across an entire emirate. Verified evidence: National policy supports reuse business models. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / municipality / competent technical authority [C4]

Confirm repair and any mobile-service activity, workshop/electrical safety, customer consent and waste disposal; refrigerant or specialised work must be separately assessed.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C11]

Confirm repair and mobile-service scope; determine qualifications and electrical/product safety responsibilities for the appliances handled. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 058 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Home appliance repair

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Diagnostic tools van preparation and starter parts	45,000 - 130,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	10,000 - 35,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	3,500 - 9,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	9,000 - 19,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 64,000 - AED 199,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 24,500 - AED 55,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 211,000 - AED 532,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 058 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Home appliance repair

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Completed repair. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 360	AED 324
Direct cost / unit	AED 145	AED 167
Units / month	180	135.00
Monthly revenue	AED 64,800	AED 43,740
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 38,700	AED 21,229
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 40,000	AED 55,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -1,300	AED -34,271

Base break-even: 187 Completed repair per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Practical expertise and referral opportunities

WEAKNESS / Travel time and varied appliance models

OPPORTUNITY / Property-manager maintenance agreements

THREAT / Unsafe repairs and unavailable OEM parts

Operating risks

- Confirm repair and mobile-service scope; determine qualifications and electrical/product safety responsibilities for the appliances handled.
- Incorrect diagnosis can require unpaid return visits.
- Working with live power or refrigerants needs competent authorised practices.

PROJECT 058 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Home appliance repair

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design paid diagnosis-and-repair jobs limited to supported models.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 360 per completed repair using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Cover two appliance families and record first-visit completion rates.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track callbacks, incorrect diagnosis and parts availability.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates - Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Scope: Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

[C11] Waste and sewerage technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Technical guidance directory for waste management activities and classification. Scope: Dubai waste activities; specific permissions require authority confirmation.

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PROJECT 059 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Furniture refurbishment

Restore useful furniture with a clear quality standard

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Households cafes and small hospitality operators

PROBLEM / Replacing good furniture may be costly while repairs lack predictable quality

OFFER / Upholstery and finish renewal for a narrow furniture category

ENTRY WEDGE / Accept standard chairs and tables before complex structural pieces.

Reuse policy is a directional signal; the commercial case depends on refurbishment costing less than replacement after transport and labour. The hypothesis is that a focused process serves quality furniture owners better than a generic workshop. Test quote accuracy, fabric availability and visible finish quality using before-and-after paid projects. Verified evidence: National policy supports remanufacturing and reuse. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipality / economic department / civil defence [C16]

Confirm workshop land use, ventilation/extraction, fire and solvent controls, machinery safety and waste disposal; do not assume a retail licence covers production.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C5]

Confirm workshop location, ventilation, solvent/fire controls and waste disposal requirements before undertaking sanding or spray finishing. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 059 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Furniture refurbishment

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Workshop tools dust extraction and initial materials	60,000 - 160,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	25,000 - 80,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	6,000 - 14,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	10,000 - 22,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 94,000 - AED 274,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 28,000 - AED 63,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 262,000 - AED 655,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 059 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Furniture refurbishment

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Refurbished item. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 650	AED 585
Direct cost / unit	AED 260	AED 299
Units / month	100	75.00
Monthly revenue	AED 65,000	AED 43,875
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 39,000	AED 21,450
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 45,750	AED 63,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -6,750	AED -42,050

Base break-even: 118 Refurbished item per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Craft skill and visible transformation

WEAKNESS / Labour intensity and bulky logistics

OPPORTUNITY / Cafe batch refurbishment during closures

THREAT / Cheap new imports and hidden structural damage

Operating risks

- Confirm workshop location, ventilation, solvent/fire controls and waste disposal requirements before undertaking sanding or spray finishing.
- Customer expectations may exceed what damaged furniture can achieve.
- Transport damage can erase project margin.

PROJECT 059 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Furniture refurbishment

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a small paid batch with photographs and accepted finish samples.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 650 per refurbished item using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Accept standard chairs and tables before complex structural pieces.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track hidden damage, transport and finish rework.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C16] 2021-2031 Circular Economy Policy - UAE Legislation

Policy supports sustainable remanufacturing and reuse business models. Scope: Policy support does not validate a specific commercial opportunity.

[C5] Health and safety technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Lists guidance for salons, home salon services, laundries, product storage, cosmetics and occupational hazards. Scope: Dubai; read relevant guideline and confirm current revision.

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PROJECT 060 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Home organising service

Practical systems for a specific living space

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Busy households and people moving home

PROBLEM / Clutter consumes time but customers may distrust intrusive home visits

OFFER / Wardrobe kitchen or move-in organising with client-approved disposal

ENTRY WEDGE / Sell a single-room package and use written handling consent.

The hypothesis is that a defined outcome and respectful privacy practices make a discretionary service easier to buy. Customers may pay for less decision fatigue, yet repeat demand may be infrequent. Test referrals and package completion time while separating organising from moving, cleaning or resale activities that may need different permissions. Verified evidence: Online trade and waste activities have separate guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / municipality [C3]

Confirm service activity and additional permissions for moving, waste removal or resale if added; use documented consent before handling valuables or disposing of property.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C11]

Confirm permitted organising activity and any additional moving, waste or goods-resale scope; never remove valuables without recorded consent. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 060 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Home organising service

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Organising tools booking materials and transport setup	10,000 - 30,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	2,000 - 8,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	1,000 - 3,500	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	5,000 - 11,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 21,000 - AED 72,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 18,000 - AED 42,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 129,000 - AED 324,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 060 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Home organising service

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Room package. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 900	AED 810
Direct cost / unit	AED 220	AED 253
Units / month	40	30.00
Monthly revenue	AED 36,000	AED 24,300
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 27,200	AED 16,710
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,000	AED 42,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -2,800	AED -25,290

Base break-even: 45 Room package per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Low stock needs and visible customer outcome

WEAKNESS / Discretionary spending and limited repeats

OPPORTUNITY / Move-in referrals and family maintenance packages

THREAT / Copycat freelancers and access/privacy complaints

Operating risks

- Confirm permitted organising activity and any additional moving, waste or goods-resale scope; never remove valuables without recorded consent.
- Sensitive documents or valuables may be misplaced.
- Uncontrolled scope can turn a fixed package into an unprofitable full-day job.

PROJECT 060 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Home organising service

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design paid one-room projects with an explicit time and handling scope.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 900 per room package using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Sell a single-room package and use written handling consent.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track scope creep and low repeat frequency.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C3] eCommerce - UAE Government

Online trading requires appropriate licensing; describes 2023 technology-based trade legislation. Scope: Federal overview; mainland licence activity determined by emirate.

[C11] Waste and sewerage technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Technical guidance directory for waste management activities and classification. Scope: Dubai waste activities; specific permissions require authority confirmation.

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PROJECT 061 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Residential cleaning company

Reliable recurring cleaning in a tight service area

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Apartment residents and small household communities

PROBLEM / Customers struggle with inconsistent cleaners and uncertain arrival windows

OFFER / Scheduled home cleaning with clear scope and trained teams

ENTRY WEDGE / Build dense weekly routes rather than taking scattered one-off jobs.

A cleaning company competes on reliable execution and trust, not merely low hourly prices. The hypothesis is that clustered recurring customers improve staff utilisation and reduce transport costs. Measure actual productive hours after travel, leave and cancellations. Demand across the UAE does not establish a profitable route in any particular neighbourhood. Verified evidence: Dubai lists occupational and chemical-safety guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / municipality / labour authority [C5]

Confirm cleaning activity, staff employment arrangements, chemical safety and building access; assess separate approvals before pest control, specialist disinfection or hazardous-waste work.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C11]

Confirm cleaning activity, labour arrangements, chemical usage and building access; exclude regulated pest control or specialist disinfection unless authorised. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 061 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Residential cleaning company

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Cleaning kits transport setup and scheduling system	25,000 - 70,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	7,000 - 25,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	2,500 - 7,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	13,000 - 30,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 41,000 - AED 129,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 27,500 - AED 64,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 206,000 - AED 516,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

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- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 061 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Residential cleaning company

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Billable cleaning hour. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 45	AED 40
Direct cost / unit	AED 20	AED 23
Units / month	1700	1,275.00
Monthly revenue	AED 76,500	AED 51,638
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 42,500	AED 22,312
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 46,000	AED 64,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -3,500	AED -42,188

Base break-even: 1,840 Billable cleaning hour per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Repeat schedules and simple service scope

WEAKNESS / Labour scheduling and transport overhead

OPPORTUNITY / Building-level recurring customer blocks

THREAT / Price competition staff turnover and damage claims

Operating risks

- Confirm cleaning activity, labour arrangements, chemical usage and building access; exclude regulated pest control or specialist disinfection unless authorised.
- Underquoted travel and idle time reduce effective hourly revenue.
- Breakage or key-access incidents can damage trust.

PROJECT 061 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Residential cleaning company

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design paid routine-cleaning jobs with task logs and supervised quality checks.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 45 per billable cleaning hour using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Build dense weekly routes rather than taking scattered one-off jobs.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track idle staff time, damage and slow customer payment.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C5] Health and safety technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Lists guidance for salons, home salon services, laundries, product storage, cosmetics and occupational hazards. Scope: Dubai; read relevant guideline and confirm current revision.

[C11] Waste and sewerage technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Technical guidance directory for waste management activities and classification. Scope: Dubai waste activities; specific permissions require authority confirmation.

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PROJECT 062 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Commercial cleaning contractor

Documented service levels for small facilities

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Offices clinics excluding regulated clinical work and small warehouses

PROBLEM / Facilities managers need auditable cleaning outcomes and reliable staffing

OFFER / Routine office cleaning with task logs and supervised inspections

ENTRY WEDGE / Start with ordinary offices and one defined evening route.

The opportunity is a measurable service contract for buyers too small for major facilities-management providers. The hypothesis is that consistent supervision and clear exclusions improve renewals. Confirm buyer budgets and payment terms through tenders or paid pilots; signed revenue is less useful if wage obligations arrive months before collections. Verified evidence: Dubai lists occupational and chemical-safety guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / municipality / labour authority [C5]

Confirm cleaning activity, staff employment arrangements, chemical safety and building access; assess separate approvals before pest control, specialist disinfection or hazardous-waste work.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C11]

Confirm cleaning versus specialist disinfection scope, chemical safety and client-site occupational requirements; medical waste needs separate assessment. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 062 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Commercial cleaning contractor

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Commercial equipment transport and mobilisation stock	60,000 - 180,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	7,000 - 25,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	2,500 - 7,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	13,000 - 30,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 76,000 - AED 239,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 27,500 - AED 64,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 241,000 - AED 626,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 062 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Commercial cleaning contractor

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Monthly site contract. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 5,500	AED 4,950
Direct cost / unit	AED 3,100	AED 3,565
Units / month	10	7.50
Monthly revenue	AED 55,000	AED 37,125
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 24,000	AED 10,388
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 46,000	AED 64,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -22,000	AED -54,112

Base break-even: 20 Monthly site contract per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Recurring contracts and measurable service standards

WEAKNESS / Staff mobilisation before customer payment

OPPORTUNITY / Multi-site SME office packages

THREAT / Tender price compression and delayed invoices

Operating risks

- Confirm cleaning versus specialist disinfection scope, chemical safety and client-site occupational requirements; medical waste needs separate assessment.
- One large lost contract can leave staff idle.
- Poor supervision may cause contract deductions or property damage.

PROJECT 062 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Commercial cleaning contractor

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design paid routine-cleaning jobs with task logs and supervised quality checks.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 5500 per monthly site contract using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Start with ordinary offices and one defined evening route.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track idle staff time, damage and slow customer payment.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C5] Health and safety technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Lists guidance for salons, home salon services, laundries, product storage, cosmetics and occupational hazards. Scope: Dubai; read relevant guideline and confirm current revision.

[C11] Waste and sewerage technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Technical guidance directory for waste management activities and classification. Scope: Dubai waste activities; specific permissions require authority confirmation.

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PROJECT 063 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Laundry pickup and processing

Traceable garment care with dependable collection

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Residents and small accommodation operators

PROBLEM / Customers worry about lost garments inconsistent cleaning and pickup delays

OFFER / Pickup tagging wash-and-fold and pressing with clear exclusions

ENTRY WEDGE / Pilot with an approved processing partner before investing in plant.

The hypothesis is that reliable tagging and route timing create loyalty more effectively than deep discounts. An outsourced pilot tests demand but must not hide the processor's quality and compliance risks. Measure kilograms per stop, stain disputes and return rates. Owning processing plant only makes sense after throughput and utility needs are validated. Verified evidence: Dubai lists specific laundry compliance guidance. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Municipal health and safety / economic department [C5]

Confirm laundry processing versus collection activity, layout, ventilation, drainage, chemicals and garment hygiene with the local municipality before plant installation.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C11]

Confirm Dubai laundry guidance and local layout, ventilation, drainage and chemical requirements; pickup-only and processing activities may differ. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 063 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Laundry pickup and processing

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Washers dryers pressing equipment and tagging	120,000 - 320,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	45,000 - 130,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	7,000 - 16,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	12,000 - 27,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 174,000 - AED 484,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 31,000 - AED 70,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 360,000 - AED 907,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 063 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Laundry pickup and processing

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Laundry order. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 75	AED 68
Direct cost / unit	AED 32	AED 37
Units / month	850	637.50
Monthly revenue	AED 63,750	AED 43,031
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 36,550	AED 19,571
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 50,750	AED 70,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -14,200	AED -50,929

Base break-even: 1,181 Laundry order per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Repeat household demand and route density

WEAKNESS / Plant costs and garment-damage exposure

OPPORTUNITY / Accommodation linen contracts within approved scope

THREAT / Cheap competitors water costs and processor failures

Operating risks

- Confirm Dubai laundry guidance and local layout, ventilation, drainage and chemical requirements; pickup-only and processing activities may differ.
- An expensive garment claim can exceed order revenue many times.
- Seasonal accommodation volumes may not cover year-round plant costs.

PROJECT 063 / PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Laundry pickup and processing

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a tagged pickup trial with a contractually approved processor.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 75 per laundry order using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Pilot with an approved processing partner before investing in plant.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track garment loss, utility demand and route density.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C5] Health and safety technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Lists guidance for salons, home salon services, laundries, product storage, cosmetics and occupational hazards. Scope: Dubai; read relevant guideline and confirm current revision.

[C11] Waste and sewerage technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Technical guidance directory for waste management activities and classification. Scope: Dubai waste activities; specific permissions require authority confirmation.

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PROJECT 064 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Eco-friendly car wash

A practical low-water cleaning service

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Residents and small fleets with approved parking access

PROBLEM / Convenient washing may waste water or create unauthorised runoff

OFFER / A controlled low-water wash with documented product use

ENTRY WEDGE / Validate permission and water use at one private site before selling subscriptions.

Circular policy gives a sustainability context but does not prove this wash uses less water or has site permission. The hypothesis is that a convenient, well-managed private-site service attracts repeat customers. Measure water consumption per clean, runoff handling and finish quality; environmental claims require evidence rather than an eco-friendly label. Verified evidence: Waste guidance and circular policy provide regulatory context. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / municipality / site owner [C13]

Confirm activity, exact site permission, wastewater/runoff arrangements, chemical/fire safety and any mobile-service conditions before accepting bookings.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C11]

Confirm activity, landlord parking permission, water/runoff controls and whether a mobile model has additional transport or municipal requirements. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

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Eco-friendly car wash

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Low-water equipment containment and site setup	45,000 - 130,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	20,000 - 75,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	6,000 - 16,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	12,000 - 26,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 74,000 - AED 239,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 30,000 - AED 69,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 254,000 - AED 656,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 064 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Eco-friendly car wash

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Vehicle wash. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 55	AED 50
Direct cost / unit	AED 16	AED 18
Units / month	1100	825.00
Monthly revenue	AED 60,500	AED 40,838
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 42,900	AED 25,658
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 49,750	AED 69,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -6,850	AED -43,842

Base break-even: 1,276 Vehicle wash per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Repeat service and measurable water use

WEAKNESS / Site-permission dependence

OPPORTUNITY / Small fleet and building agreements

THREAT / Unapproved locations scratches and low-cost competition

Operating risks

- Confirm activity, landlord parking permission, water/runoff controls and whether a mobile model has additional transport or municipal requirements.
- Improper wash methods may scratch paint.
- Subscriptions can overbook peak periods without sufficient approved space.

PROJECT 064 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Eco-friendly car wash

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design an approved-site service trial measuring labour time and documented vehicle condition.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 55 per vehicle wash using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Validate permission and water use at one private site before selling subscriptions.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track paint damage, unapproved locations and idle bays.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

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[C13] Circular Economy Policy - UAE Government
National policy identifies circular-production priorities. Scope: Policy direction, not measured customer demand or grants.

[C11] Waste and sewerage technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality
Technical guidance directory for waste management activities and classification. Scope: Dubai waste activities; specific permissions require authority confirmation.

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PROJECT 065 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Auto detailing studio

Documented paint care for a narrow vehicle segment

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Owners of valued daily cars and small premium fleets

PROBLEM / Customers cannot easily judge detailing quality or coating claims

OFFER / Interior deep clean and paint correction with written condition records

ENTRY WEDGE / Offer one clear detailing package before specialised coatings.

The hypothesis is that documented outcomes and realistic maintenance advice justify a premium over a standard wash. Demand depends on trust and local vehicle-owner preferences, not a generic luxury-market story. Validate labour hours, rework and customer acceptance of paint-condition limitations before investing in an expensive showroom. Verified evidence: Waste guidance and circular policy provide regulatory context. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / municipality / site owner [C5]

Confirm activity, exact site permission, wastewater/runoff arrangements, chemical/fire safety and any mobile-service conditions before accepting bookings.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C11]

Confirm detailing activity, approved workshop/bay, wastewater, chemical storage and fire-safety conditions for the actual premises. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

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Auto detailing studio

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Detailing tools lighting extraction and bay fit-out	80,000 - 220,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	20,000 - 75,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	6,000 - 16,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	12,000 - 26,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 109,000 - AED 329,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 30,000 - AED 69,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 289,000 - AED 746,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 065 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Auto detailing studio

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Detailing package. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 900	AED 810
Direct cost / unit	AED 240	AED 276
Units / month	60	45.00
Monthly revenue	AED 54,000	AED 36,450
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 39,600	AED 24,030
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 49,750	AED 69,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -10,150	AED -45,470

Base break-even: 76 Detailing package per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Visible skilled outcome and referral potential

WEAKNESS / Long labour cycles and rework

OPPORTUNITY / Fleet handover and used-car preparation

THREAT / Unsupported coating guarantees and price competition

Operating risks

- Confirm detailing activity, approved workshop/bay, wastewater, chemical storage and fire-safety conditions for the actual premises.
- Aggressive polishing can damage paint.
- A long job blocked by drying or customer collection reduces bay utilisation.

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Auto detailing studio

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design an approved-site service trial measuring labour time and documented vehicle condition.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 900 per detailing package using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Offer one clear detailing package before specialised coatings.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track paint damage, unapproved locations and idle bays.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C5] Health and safety technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Lists guidance for salons, home salon services, laundries, product storage, cosmetics and occupational hazards. Scope: Dubai; read relevant guideline and confirm current revision.

[C11] Waste and sewerage technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

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PROJECT 066 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Auto spare-parts trading

Traceable parts for a focused vehicle family

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Independent garages and fleet maintenance buyers

PROBLEM / Workshops lose time finding the right part with reliable provenance

OFFER / A catalogue of fast-moving parts for selected common models

ENTRY WEDGE / Pre-sell a garage replenishment list before importing broad inventory.

The hypothesis is that fitment accuracy and reliable availability win repeat workshop buyers. An extensive catalogue can create dead stock rather than advantage. Test part-number matching, return causes and credit collection with a small garage group. Confirm conformity and importer obligations for actual parts rather than assuming every component follows identical rules. Verified evidence: Customs registration and regulated-product conformity routes are published. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Customs / MOIAT / economic department [C4]

Confirm auto-parts trading/import activity, customs classification, conformity for regulated categories and documented product origin; safety-critical products require particular scrutiny.

Dubai Customs / entry-emirate customs [C10]

Check customs classification, applicable product conformity and genuine-brand documentation for each selected part category. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 066 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Auto spare-parts trading

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Opening parts stock warehouse racks and fitment system	100,000 - 300,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	15,000 - 45,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	6,000 - 15,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	9,000 - 20,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 124,000 - AED 379,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 27,000 - AED 62,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 286,000 - AED 754,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 066 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Auto spare-parts trading

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Parts order. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 450	AED 405
Direct cost / unit	AED 340	AED 391
Units / month	500	375.00
Monthly revenue	AED 225,000	AED 151,875
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 55,000	AED 5,250
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 44,750	AED 62,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 10,250	AED -57,250

Base break-even: 407 Parts order per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Repeat workshop demand and fitment expertise

WEAKNESS / Dead stock and trade credit

OPPORTUNITY / Fleet-specific replenishment contracts

THREAT / Counterfeit parts and model obsolescence

Operating risks

- Check customs classification, applicable product conformity and genuine-brand documentation for each selected part category.
- Wrong fitment leads to returns and delayed customer repairs.
- Supplier counterfeit exposure can create safety and reputational damage.

PROJECT 066 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Auto spare-parts trading

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design a small garage supply trial tied to documented part numbers.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 450 per parts order using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Pre-sell a garage replenishment list before importing broad inventory.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track wrong fitment, counterfeit exposure and trade credit.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates - Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Scope: Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

[C10] Customs business services - Dubai Customs

Business registration permits customs transactions; customs declarations include import. Scope: Dubai customs; confirm tariff classification, origin and entry route.

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PROJECT 067 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Tyre and battery service centre

Correct fitment with clear warranty records

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Drivers and small commercial fleets

PROBLEM / Customers need safe fitment and dependable replacement stock

OFFER / Tyre and battery replacement with documented specifications

ENTRY WEDGE / Focus on a small range of common sizes and fleet bookings.

The hypothesis is that reliable fitment, transparent dates/specifications and predictable service earn repeat referrals. Inventory is expensive because vehicle compatibility fragments stock. Validate size mix and daily bay throughput before leasing large premises. Product certificates and customer warranties require disciplined documentation; the business should not rely on unsupported safety or lifespan promises. Verified evidence: MOIAT identifies regulated-product conformity requirements. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

MOIAT / municipality / economic department [C4]

Confirm workshop approval, tyre/battery product conformity, approved equipment, safe stock handling and licensed waste collection; mobile fitment needs its own scope check.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C11]

Confirm workshop permissions, regulated tyre/battery conformity, safe storage and licensed waste tyre/battery collection. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 067 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Tyre and battery service centre

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Lifts fitting balancing equipment and opening stock	160,000 - 450,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	45,000 - 130,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	8,000 - 20,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	15,000 - 32,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 214,000 - AED 614,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 35,000 - AED 79,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 424,000 - AED 1,091,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 067 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Tyre and battery service centre

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Replacement service ticket. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 650	AED 585
Direct cost / unit	AED 450	AED 518
Units / month	250	187.50
Monthly revenue	AED 162,500	AED 109,688
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 50,000	AED 12,656
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 57,250	AED 79,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -7,250	AED -66,844

Base break-even: 287 Replacement service ticket per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Essential replacement need and repeat fleet customers

WEAKNESS / Equipment and size-specific inventory

OPPORTUNITY / Fleet maintenance agreements

THREAT / Unsafe installation aged stock and strong incumbents

Operating risks

- Confirm workshop permissions, regulated tyre/battery conformity, safe storage and licensed waste tyre/battery collection.
- Incorrect torque or battery handling creates serious liability.
- Slow-selling sizes can age while cash remains locked in inventory.

PROJECT 067 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Tyre and battery service centre

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design controlled fitment jobs with specification and torque records.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 650 per replacement service ticket using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Focus on a small range of common sizes and fleet bookings.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track safety incidents, aged stock and size fragmentation.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates - Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Scope: Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

[C11] Waste and sewerage technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Technical guidance directory for waste management activities and classification. Scope: Dubai waste activities; specific permissions require authority confirmation.

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PROJECT 068 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Bicycle and e-bike repair shop

Safe practical servicing for a defined rider group

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / Commuters leisure cyclists and approved delivery fleets

PROBLEM / Riders need dependable maintenance but electric systems vary widely

OFFER / Mechanical bicycle servicing plus permitted manufacturer-supported e-bike diagnostics

ENTRY WEDGE / Start with conventional repairs and a narrow supported e-bike brand range.

Circular and sustainable-transport policy supports a broad context, not a forecast of repair demand. The hypothesis is that fast, documented servicing wins local rider loyalty. Validate installed bike types, parts availability and seasonal usage; battery work should remain outside scope until competence, permissions and safe handling are established. Verified evidence: National policy supports reuse; regulated products need classification. This establishes context and compliance routes, not a measured market gap. Treat the proposed customer segment as a hypothesis. Compare local alternatives and test paid conversion before committing capital. Policy or historical signals are not sales forecasts.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Economic department / MOIAT / municipality [C16]

Confirm bicycle repair and any e-bike sales scope, safe battery storage and disposal, relevant electric-product conformity and supported manufacturer diagnostic procedures.

Local licensing and competent sector authority [C4]

Confirm shop/repair activity, electric-product classification where supplied, and safe battery storage/disposal; do not treat all e-bikes as legally identical. Confirm local application in writing.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 068 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Bicycle and e-bike repair shop

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Repair stands tools diagnostics and fast-moving parts	35,000 - 110,000	Scenario allowance; obtain quotes.
Premises deposit / adaptation allowance	10,000 - 35,000	Avoid fit-out double counting.
Website booking/catalogue and launch content	4,000 - 16,000	Basic workflow/content only.
Professional setup, training and insurance provision	5,000 - 18,000	Private services; government fees excluded.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Occupancy / approved storage or operating base	4,000 - 10,000	Confirm location/payment timing.
Fixed salaried staff and employment provision	8,000 - 18,000	Fixed wages; owner management allocation shown separately.
Base utilities software telecom and bookkeeping	1,500 - 4,500	Fixed charges; variable utilities excluded.
Customer acquisition, insurance renewal and maintenance reserve	2,500 - 8,000	Renewal accrual and acquisition provision.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 54,000 - AED 179,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 24,000 - AED 55,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 198,000 - AED 512,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Illustrative AED editorial scenarios, not quotations, official tariffs or verified averages.
- Licence/approval/visa/registration/testing fees unknown: obtain written schedules and add.
- taxes, duties, finance and extraordinary claims excluded.
- Opening inventory is cash outlay; unit consumption/replenishment must not be counted twice.
- Fund six months' overhead, inventory/receivables and contingency; survival not guaranteed.

PROJECT 068 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Bicycle and e-bike repair shop

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: Service appointment. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 180	AED 162
Direct cost / unit	AED 55	AED 63
Units / month	250	187.50
Monthly revenue	AED 45,000	AED 30,375
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 31,250	AED 18,516
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 39,750	AED 55,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -8,500	AED -36,984

Base break-even: 318 Service appointment per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Skill-led service and modest stock scope

WEAKNESS / Seasonal activity and fragmented electric systems

OPPORTUNITY / Cycling clubs and permitted fleet servicing

THREAT / Battery fires proprietary parts and low repair willingness

Operating risks

- Confirm shop/repair activity, electric-product classification where supplied, and safe battery storage/disposal; do not treat all e-bikes as legally identical.
- Unsupported battery modifications can create fire risk.
- A wide brand range may make spare-parts stock uneconomic.

PROJECT 068 / MOBILITY SERVICES AND TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Bicycle and e-bike repair shop

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview 15 target buyers; compare five competitors and purchasing frequency.
- Confirm approval route and three cost quotes; design mechanical service appointments on supported bicycle models.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot: 10 transactions or three business buyers. Record time, rejects and acquisition spend.
- Test AED 180 per service appointment using collected invoices; reconcile unit cost and cash receipts.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Measure repeats, complaints, capacity and collections across four operating weeks.
- Continue only if repeat demand and contribution can cover quoted overhead; revise scope or stop otherwise.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Confirm emirate, activity and operating geography. Start with conventional repairs and a narrow supported e-bike brand range.
- Get three supplier/premises quotes and agree quality standards against pilot capacity.
- Prepare terms, insurance, stock/booking records and incident handling; track battery hazards, unsupported systems and seasonal utilisation.

FUNDING FIT

Founder/partner capital initially; lenders require assessment and real collections. No loan, grant or venture funding assumed.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Invest only after lawful approval, repeat buyers, feasible capacity and positive contribution are demonstrated. Add written approval costs and downside runway before committing.

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[C16] 2021-2031 Circular Economy Policy - UAE Legislation

Policy supports sustainable remanufacturing and reuse business models. Scope: Policy support does not validate a specific commercial opportunity.

[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates - Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Scope: Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

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PROJECT 069 / LOGISTICS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Last-mile delivery operator

Build around one dense district and one product category.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / independent non-medical specialty retailers

PROBLEM / failed handovers and unproductive travel

OFFER / scheduled, traceable non-medical retail delivery routes with proof of delivery

ENTRY WEDGE / one dense district and one product category

A small retailer can choose platform delivery, its own rider or a contracted route. The opportunity is dependable scheduled service for non-medical specialty retail, where failed handovers matter more than the lowest advertised delivery fee. RTA's delivery pathway makes rider, vehicle and activity scope an early feasibility constraint. Sell directly to a cluster of shops rather than buying broad consumer traffic. Capacity depends on stops per rider-hour, not the number of signed logos. Test a two-week route with three retailers: reject expansion if collected revenue after rider outsourcing, fuel and redeliveries cannot fund dispatch overhead.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai RTA [I1]

Confirm delivery permit, rider training, vehicle and sub-activity requirements. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I2]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 069 / LOGISTICS / COST SCENARIOS

Last-mile delivery operator

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Dispatch workspace deposit and rider mobilisation	18,000 - 40,500	Small leased dispatch base; no pharmacy or medicine deliveries.
Route software, insulated retail boxes and delivery equipment	36,000 - 81,000	Leased-rider model; owned motorcycle fleet purchase excluded.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	9,000 - 22,500	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	13,500 - 31,500	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	7,200 - 16,200	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	9,600 - 15,600	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	4,800 - 9,600	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	1,920 - 3,840	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	2,880 - 6,000	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 83,700 - AED 191,700. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 27,200 - AED 50,040.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 246,900 - AED 491,940. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 069 / LOGISTICS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Last-mile delivery operator

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: completed delivery. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 24	AED 22
Direct cost / unit	AED 12	AED 14
Units / month	3000	2,250.00
Monthly revenue	AED 72,000	AED 48,600
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 36,000	AED 17,550
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 38,620	AED 50,040
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -2,620	AED -32,490

Base break-even: 3,219 completed delivery per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to failed handovers and unproductive travel.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on route density, redelivery and rider safety.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within independent non-medical specialty retailers.

THREAT / Traffic, rider turnover and platform pricing can erase contribution.

Operating risks

- Traffic, rider turnover and platform pricing can erase contribution.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 069 / LOGISTICS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Last-mile delivery operator

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview five retailers offering recurring daily volume; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one dense district and one product category; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I1] RTA delivery services technical manual - RTA
Dubai delivery operating permits and activity requirements. Scope: Dubai delivery

[I2] RTA corporate services - RTA
Commercial transport licence review and NOC service pathways. Scope: Dubai transport

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PROJECT 070 / LOGISTICS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

SME fulfilment warehouse

Build around lightweight non-food goods with simple SKU profiles.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small online brands

PROBLEM / stock errors and unreliable dispatch

OFFER / shared storage, pick-pack and returns inspection

ENTRY WEDGE / lightweight non-food goods with simple SKU profiles

Online brands can store goods at home, rent independent space or use large fulfilment providers. A small warehouse may differentiate through careful returns handling and predictable cut-off times for uncomplicated non-food SKUs. Dubai Customs becomes relevant when the business acts in customs transactions; bonded storage is a separate model. Recruit through sellers' communities and packaging suppliers using a paid stock audit. Storage capacity alone is misleading: labour peaks, SKU fragmentation and returns limit throughput. Run a segregated pilot and count errors, minutes per order and billed storage days; reject the model if peak-day staffing makes contribution inadequate.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai licensing authority and Dubai Municipality [I3]

Confirm warehouse use, fire approvals and permitted storage categories; customs approval if bonded. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 070 / LOGISTICS / COST SCENARIOS

SME fulfilment warehouse

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Approved dry-goods warehouse deposit and racking installation	50,000 - 112,500	Non-food, non-bonded warehouse; structural upgrades excluded.
Shelving, barcode scanners, packing benches and handling equipment	100,000 - 225,000	Assumes light manual handling; automated storage excluded.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	25,000 - 62,500	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	37,500 - 87,500	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	20,000 - 45,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	22,000 - 35,750	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	11,000 - 22,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	4,400 - 8,800	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	6,600 - 13,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 232,500 - AED 532,500. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 52,000 - AED 95,300.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 544,500 - AED 1,104,300. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 070 / LOGISTICS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

SME fulfilment warehouse

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: order picked and packed. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 18	AED 16
Direct cost / unit	AED 7	AED 8
Units / month	9000	6,750.00
Monthly revenue	AED 162,000	AED 109,350
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 99,000	AED 55,012
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 73,650	AED 95,300
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 25,350	AED -40,288

Base break-even: 6,696 order picked and packed per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to stock errors and unreliable dispatch.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on inventory accuracy, throughput and storage utilisation.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within small online brands.

THREAT / Stock liability and empty capacity create cash exposure.

Operating risks

- Stock liability and empty capacity create cash exposure.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 070 / LOGISTICS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

SME fulfilment warehouse

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview ten brands supplying a combined monthly order history; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify lightweight non-food goods with simple SKU profiles; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I3] Dubai Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration requires trade licence and authorised-person documentation; customs code follows registration. Scope: Dubai customs

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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PROJECT 071 / LOGISTICS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Cold-chain logistics service

Build around one food class and fixed delivery windows.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / specialty food distributors

PROBLEM / temperature excursions and rejected loads

OFFER / temperature-monitored chilled deliveries and auditable handovers

ENTRY WEDGE / one food class and fixed delivery windows

Food distributors can own refrigerated vans or buy space from established carriers. A narrow chilled route may win where documented handover temperatures and fixed arrival windows reduce rejected deliveries. Dubai Municipality's food-transport guidance means vehicle suitability and hygiene cannot be assumed from a refrigeration specification. Sell to distributors with compatible delivery windows and product temperatures; do not combine incompatible cargo to fill a van. Capacity is constrained by door openings, cooling recovery and failed deliveries. Trial a monitored route through the hottest operating period and price spoilage risk explicitly; stop if validated temperature control or route contribution fails.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Municipality and RTA [I4]

Confirm food-vehicle conditions and commercial transport scope; exclude pharmaceutical cargo unless separately authorised. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I2]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 071 / LOGISTICS / COST SCENARIOS

Cold-chain logistics service

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Food-transport base deposit and vehicle mobilisation	96,000 - 216,000	Dedicated food service; pharmaceutical logistics excluded.
Refrigerated vans, calibrated loggers and refrigeration commissioning	192,000 - 432,000	Fleet mix and ownership require quotes; cold-store construction excluded.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	48,000 - 120,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	72,000 - 168,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	38,400 - 86,400	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	34,000 - 55,250	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	17,000 - 34,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	6,800 - 13,600	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	10,200 - 21,250	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 446,400 - AED 1,022,400. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 76,000 - AED 139,100.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 902,400 - AED 1,857,000. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 071 / LOGISTICS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Cold-chain logistics service

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: chilled route-day. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 1,800	AED 1,620
Direct cost / unit	AED 950	AED 1,092
Units / month	110	82.50
Monthly revenue	AED 198,000	AED 133,650
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 93,500	AED 43,519
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 107,550	AED 139,100
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -14,050	AED -95,581

Base break-even: 127 chilled route-day per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to temperature excursions and rejected loads.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on validated temperature integrity and backhaul utilisation.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within specialty food distributors.

THREAT / One refrigeration failure can destroy cargo and customer trust.

Operating risks

- One refrigeration failure can destroy cargo and customer trust.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 071 / LOGISTICS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Cold-chain logistics service

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview two distributors willing to share temperature and route records; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one food class and fixed delivery windows; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I4] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food code, establishment and food-transport guidance are published here. Scope: Dubai food

[I2] RTA corporate services - RTA

Commercial transport licence review and NOC service pathways. Scope: Dubai transport

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PROJECT 072 / TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Import-export sourcing agency

Build around a narrow industrial product family with transparent commissions.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / UAE SMEs buying specialist supplies

PROBLEM / unreliable suppliers and unexpected landed costs

OFFER / supplier diligence, sampling and purchasing coordination

ENTRY WEDGE / a narrow industrial product family with transparent commissions

Small importers already use overseas marketplaces, agents and direct factories. A sourcing agency needs to sell verified specifications and transparent procurement coordination rather than a list of suppliers. Dubai Customs registration matters if it becomes importer of record; a commission-only introduction does not erase product-specific checks. Win initial work through a narrow buyer association and a paid sample brief. Capacity is limited by supplier investigation and dispute resolution, not website leads. Compare three sampled suppliers against the buyer's current landed-cost baseline. Continue only when accepted samples and disclosed commissions produce repeat assignments without the agency financing inventory.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai licensing authority and Dubai Customs [I3]

Match agency versus trading activity; obtain customs registration if acting as importer; check product-specific approvals. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I11]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 072 / TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Import-export sourcing agency

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Small office deposit and supplier-sampling preparation	9,000 - 20,250	Commission agency model; no owned stock warehouse.
Supplier diligence systems, inspection kit and sample freight	18,000 - 40,500	On-site overseas audits may require additional travel funding.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	4,500 - 11,250	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	6,750 - 15,750	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	3,600 - 8,100	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	6,800 - 11,050	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	3,400 - 6,800	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	1,360 - 2,720	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	2,040 - 4,250	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 41,850 - AED 95,850. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 21,600 - AED 39,820.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 171,450 - AED 334,770. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 072 / TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Import-export sourcing agency

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: sourcing assignment. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 6,500	AED 5,850
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,800	AED 2,070
Units / month	7	5.25
Monthly revenue	AED 45,500	AED 30,712
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 32,900	AED 19,845
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 30,710	AED 39,820
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 2,190	AED -19,975

Base break-even: 7 sourcing assignment per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to unreliable suppliers and unexpected landed costs.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on sample acceptance, delivery terms and conflict disclosure.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within UAE SMEs buying specialist supplies.

THREAT / Supplier fraud and disputed commissions threaten repeat business.

Operating risks

- Supplier fraud and disputed commissions threaten repeat business.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 072 / TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Import-export sourcing agency

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview three buyers with specifications and documented purchasing budgets; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify a narrow industrial product family with transparent commissions; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I3] Dubai Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration requires trade licence and authorised-person documentation; customs code follows registration. Scope: Dubai customs

[I11] Production and trade of agricultural inputs - MOCCAE

Agricultural-input production and trade licence service; current service routing must be confirmed. Scope: Federal agricultural inputs

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PROJECT 073 / LOGISTICS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Freight-forwarding company

Build around one origin-destination lane and non-dangerous cargo.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / SME importers with recurring regional shipments

PROBLEM / poor shipment visibility and unpredictable exceptions

OFFER / shipment coordination, documentation and broker liaison

ENTRY WEDGE / one origin-destination lane and non-dangerous cargo

SME shippers can book a carrier directly, employ a broker or use a global forwarder. A lane-focused entrant may compete on exception handling and clear responsibility for documents. Dubai Customs distinguishes the role performed; forwarding must not be represented as licensed customs brokerage without confirmation. Acquire customers through trade associations serving a specific origin market. Capacity depends on credit exposure and operational attention when shipments are delayed. Pilot ten comparable shipments and record all carrier charges, amendments and collection days. Reject expansion if documentation corrections and financing costs consume the service margin, even when shipment volume appears healthy.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Customs and RTA where road haulage is undertaken [I3]

Confirm forwarding activity and customs role; do not represent as customs broker or carrier without respective permissions. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I2]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 073 / LOGISTICS / COST SCENARIOS

Freight-forwarding company

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Forwarding office deposit and carrier onboarding	28,000 - 63,000	Coordination business; no owned trucks or bonded facility.
Freight-management system and shipment-documentation equipment	56,000 - 126,000	Carrier credit/security deposits depend on negotiated terms.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	14,000 - 35,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	21,000 - 49,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	11,200 - 25,200	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	15,600 - 25,350	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	7,800 - 15,600	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	3,120 - 6,240	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	4,680 - 9,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 130,200 - AED 298,200. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 39,200 - AED 71,940.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 365,400 - AED 729,840. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 073 / LOGISTICS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Freight-forwarding company

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: managed shipment. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 2,400	AED 2,160
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,650	AED 1,897
Units / month	100	75.00
Monthly revenue	AED 240,000	AED 162,000
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 75,000	AED 19,688
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 55,570	AED 71,940
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 19,430	AED -52,252

Base break-even: 75 managed shipment per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to poor shipment visibility and unpredictable exceptions.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on carrier credit, customs responsibility and claims handling.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within SME importers with recurring regional shipments.

THREAT / Carrier deposits and customer credit can overwhelm headline margin.

Operating risks

- Carrier deposits and customer credit can overwhelm headline margin.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 073 / LOGISTICS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Freight-forwarding company

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview five shippers with three months of comparable consignments; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one origin-destination lane and non-dangerous cargo; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I3] Dubai Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration requires trade licence and authorised-person documentation; customs code follows registration. Scope: Dubai customs

[I2] RTA corporate services - RTA

Commercial transport licence review and NOC service pathways. Scope: Dubai transport

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PROJECT 074 / INDUSTRIAL SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Fleet maintenance workshop

Build around one vehicle class and reserved service slots.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small delivery and service fleets

PROBLEM / lost productive time from avoidable breakdowns

OFFER / preventive servicing with downtime scheduling and vehicle records

ENTRY WEDGE / one vehicle class and reserved service slots

A fleet manager compares dealership servicing, general garages and an internal technician. A dedicated workshop can offer reserved slots and maintenance records for one common vehicle class. Dubai municipal premises requirements make zoning and waste-oil arrangements prerequisites, while transport-related authorisation depends on actual activity. Sell to fleets whose downtime can be measured rather than competing for random walk-ins. Workshop capacity depends on bays, competent mechanics and parts lead times. Test a signed preventive-service schedule across twenty vehicles. Track repeat faults, billed labour hours and vehicle downtime; do not buy another lift until the existing bay earns adequate contribution.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai premises authority and RTA [I5]

Confirm workshop zoning, technical activity and waste-oil disposal; vehicle testing is a separate authorisation. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I2]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 074 / INDUSTRIAL SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Fleet maintenance workshop

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Zoned workshop deposit, bay preparation and oil containment	84,000 - 189,000	Small fleet workshop; structural and heavy body repair excluded.
Vehicle lifts, diagnostic systems and servicing tools	168,000 - 378,000	Calibration and safe lifting installation need supplier quotes.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	42,000 - 105,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	63,000 - 147,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	33,600 - 75,600	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	30,000 - 48,750	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	15,000 - 30,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	6,000 - 12,000	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	9,000 - 18,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 390,600 - AED 894,600. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 68,000 - AED 124,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 798,600 - AED 1,641,600. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 074 / INDUSTRIAL SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Fleet maintenance workshop

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: service job. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 850	AED 765
Direct cost / unit	AED 390	AED 448
Units / month	220	165.00
Monthly revenue	AED 187,000	AED 126,225
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 101,200	AED 52,223
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 96,250	AED 124,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 4,950	AED -72,278

Base break-even: 210 service job per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to lost productive time from avoidable breakdowns.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on technician productivity, parts availability and comeback rate.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within small delivery and service fleets.

THREAT / Workshop lease and equipment must not precede site suitability confirmation.

Operating risks

- Workshop lease and equipment must not precede site suitability confirmation.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 074 / INDUSTRIAL SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Fleet maintenance workshop

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview two fleet managers sharing maintenance histories; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one vehicle class and reserved service slots; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

[I2] RTA corporate services - RTA

Commercial transport licence review and NOC service pathways. Scope: Dubai transport

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PROJECT 075 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

EV charging installation contractor

Build around private fleet depots with an identified power connection.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / commercial landlords and fleet depots

PROBLEM / unclear electrical capacity and commissioning accountability

OFFER / site surveys and compliant charger installation projects

ENTRY WEDGE / private fleet depots with an identified power connection

Landlords can appoint a general electrical contractor, a charger vendor or a turnkey operator. An installation specialist may differentiate through accurate load assessment and documented commissioning. DEWA's technical framework and contractor requirements are relevant to installation; a public charge-point operator licence is a distinct question. Reach buyers through electrical consultants and fleet-depot developers. Capacity depends on qualified engineers and power availability, not charger stock. Sell a paid feasibility survey before promising installation prices. Pilot three sites and compare estimated cable routes, civil works and commissioning effort with actuals; decline projects whose upgrade requirements exceed the approved commercial scope.

Compliance pathway to confirm

DEWA in Dubai [I6]

Confirm electrical contractor enrolment, load and technical approvals; public charger operation needs separate CPO assessment. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I18]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 075 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / COST SCENARIOS

EV charging installation contractor

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Electrical contractor base deposit and engineering mobilisation	36,000 - 81,000	Private depot installation labour; charger operation excluded.
Electrical test instruments, commissioning tools and installation equipment	72,000 - 162,000	Customer chargers, switchgear and grid upgrades quoted per project.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	18,000 - 45,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	27,000 - 63,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	14,400 - 32,400	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	17,200 - 27,950	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	8,600 - 17,200	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	3,440 - 6,880	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	5,160 - 10,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 167,400 - AED 383,400. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 42,400 - AED 77,780.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 421,800 - AED 850,080. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 075 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

EV charging installation contractor

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: installation labour project. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 9,000	AED 8,100
Direct cost / unit	AED 4,400	AED 5,060
Units / month	12	9.00
Monthly revenue	AED 108,000	AED 72,900
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 55,200	AED 27,360
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 60,090	AED 77,780
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -4,890	AED -50,420

Base break-even: 14 installation labour project per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to unclear electrical capacity and commissioning accountability.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on load studies, approvals and installation quality.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within commercial landlords and fleet depots.

THREAT / Grid upgrades and civil works can dwarf installation labour.

Operating risks

- Grid upgrades and civil works can dwarf installation labour.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 075 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

EV charging installation contractor

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview three sites willing to commission paid feasibility surveys; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify private fleet depots with an identified power connection; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I6] EV charging regulatory framework - DEWA
Public charging operators need CPO licensing; technical regulations also apply. Installation and operation are different scopes. Scope: Dubai EV charging

[I18] DEWA contractor listing - DEWA
Listing and enrolment pathway for electrical consultants and contractors. Scope: Dubai electrical work

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PROJECT 076 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Solar-panel cleaning service

Build around accessible commercial roofs under an approved O&M partner.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / owners of commercial rooftop PV systems

PROBLEM / soiling and inconsistent maintenance records

OFFER / scheduled non-electrical cleaning with inspection photographs

ENTRY WEDGE / accessible commercial roofs under an approved O&M partner

PV owners may use their installer, a facilities contractor or an independent cleaner. A cleaning service can sell consistent access planning and photographic records, but DEWA's Shams framework draws an important boundary around electrical maintenance. Partner with qualified PV O&M providers and keep electrical faults outside the cleaner's scope. Safe roof access, panel warranty and water restrictions constrain daily capacity. Test two sites with approved cleaning methods and documented safety controls. Compare labour hours and access costs against the contract price; only use generation changes as supporting evidence after accounting for weather and system condition.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai premises authority and DEWA scope review [I7]

Confirm cleaning activity and roof-access safety; any electrical PV maintenance goes to qualified enrolled personnel. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 076 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / COST SCENARIOS

Solar-panel cleaning service

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Cleaning base deposit and roof-access mobilisation	22,000 - 49,500	Non-electrical cleaning service; specialist access hired per job.
Purified-water cleaning tools, fall protection and access equipment	44,000 - 99,000	Permanent access systems and large lift purchase excluded.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	11,000 - 27,500	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	16,500 - 38,500	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	8,800 - 19,800	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	10,400 - 16,900	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	5,200 - 10,400	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	2,080 - 4,160	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	3,120 - 6,500	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 102,300 - AED 234,300. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 28,800 - AED 52,960.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 275,100 - AED 552,060. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 076 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Solar-panel cleaning service

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: cleaning visit. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 2,800	AED 2,520
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,100	AED 1,265
Units / month	24	18.00
Monthly revenue	AED 67,200	AED 45,360
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 40,800	AED 22,590
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 40,880	AED 52,960
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -80	AED -30,370

Base break-even: 25 cleaning visit per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to soiling and inconsistent maintenance records.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on safe access, panel warranty and water method.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within owners of commercial rooftop PV systems.

THREAT / Roof access and panel damage liability are more important than low equipment cost.

Operating risks

- Roof access and panel damage liability are more important than low equipment cost.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 076 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Solar-panel cleaning service

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview three owners providing array layouts and access requirements; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify accessible commercial roofs under an approved O&M partner; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I7] Shams Dubai frequently asked questions - DEWA
Electrical solar work requires qualified enrolled contractors; structural permissions are distinct. Scope: Dubai solar

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality
Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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PROJECT 077 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Energy-efficiency consultancy

Build around small commercial buildings with reliable utility history.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / SME building owners and facilities teams

PROBLEM / energy waste without a credible investment case

OFFER / meter-data review, operational audits and retrofit business cases

ENTRY WEDGE / small commercial buildings with reliable utility history

Building owners can rely on their facilities team, equipment suppliers or a large energy-services company. A small consultancy may offer an independent operating review before capital replacement. DEWA's engineering and contractor pathways mean regulated design or installation cannot be bundled into an unqualified advisory service. Recruit through property managers with accessible meter records. Capacity depends on reliable baselines and competent analysis; missing occupancy data can make apparent savings meaningless. Charge for a pilot audit and test one controllable schedule change. Continue if the client accepts the measurement method and pays for follow-up; abandon savings guarantees unsupported by comparable operating conditions.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai licensing authority and relevant utility [I7]

Confirm consultancy scope and qualified engineering requirements; installation and regulated engineering sign-off excluded. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I18]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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Energy-efficiency consultancy

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Advisory office deposit and audit mobilisation	12,000 - 27,000	Advisory operation; no engineering installation workshop.
Portable power loggers, thermal camera and analysis systems	24,000 - 54,000	Instrument purchase or rental must match competence and scope.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	6,000 - 15,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	9,000 - 21,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	4,800 - 10,800	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	8,800 - 14,300	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	4,400 - 8,800	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	1,760 - 3,520	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	2,640 - 5,500	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 55,800 - AED 127,800. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 25,600 - AED 47,120.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 209,400 - AED 410,520. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

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Energy-efficiency consultancy

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: audit engagement. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 14,000	AED 12,600
Direct cost / unit	AED 4,500	AED 5,175
Units / month	4	3.00
Monthly revenue	AED 56,000	AED 37,800
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 38,000	AED 22,275
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 36,360	AED 47,120
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 1,640	AED -24,845

Base break-even: 4 audit engagement per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to energy waste without a credible investment case.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on measurement boundaries, baseline quality and achievable payback.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within SME building owners and facilities teams.

THREAT / Savings depend on baseline and implementation; never guarantee an unmeasured outcome.

Operating risks

- Savings depend on baseline and implementation; never guarantee an unmeasured outcome.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

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Energy-efficiency consultancy

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview four owners sharing twelve months of bills and occupancy data; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify small commercial buildings with reliable utility history; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I7] Shams Dubai frequently asked questions - DEWA
Electrical solar work requires qualified enrolled contractors; structural permissions are distinct. Scope: Dubai solar

[I18] DEWA contractor listing - DEWA
Listing and enrolment pathway for electrical consultants and contractors. Scope: Dubai electrical work

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PROJECT 078 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Smart-building controls installer

Build around lighting and HVAC scheduling in one building type.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / warehouse and office facilities managers

PROBLEM / equipment runs without occupancy or operating discipline

OFFER / controls upgrades, sensor installation and documented commissioning

ENTRY WEDGE / lighting and HVAC scheduling in one building type

Facilities teams often compare repairing legacy controls, replacing the system or adding a specialist integrator. An installer can focus on repeatable scheduling and sensor upgrades that do not disturb unapproved life-safety interfaces. DEWA electrical contractor requirements and premises permissions define who may execute the work. Sell through facilities managers and mechanical contractors with access to system drawings. Capacity depends on protocol compatibility and commissioning time rather than sensor count. Pilot one zone and verify rollback, cybersecurity settings and manual override. Reject a standard package if software licences, integration effort or callbacks make its quoted contribution unreliable.

Compliance pathway to confirm

DEWA and Dubai premises authority [I18]

Confirm electrical works authorisation, building consent and applicable fire-system interfaces; keep life-safety systems outside unapproved scope. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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Smart-building controls installer

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Controls workshop deposit and test-bench preparation	32,000 - 72,000	Limited integration service; major building rewiring excluded.
Programming tools, test controllers, sensors and commissioning kit	64,000 - 144,000	Customer hardware is priced in project variable costs.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	16,000 - 40,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	24,000 - 56,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	12,800 - 28,800	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	15,600 - 25,350	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	7,800 - 15,600	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	3,120 - 6,240	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	4,680 - 9,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 148,800 - AED 340,800. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 39,200 - AED 71,940.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 384,000 - AED 772,440. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 078 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Smart-building controls installer

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: controls project. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 26,000	AED 23,400
Direct cost / unit	AED 15,000	AED 17,250
Units / month	5	3.75
Monthly revenue	AED 130,000	AED 87,750
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 55,000	AED 23,062
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 55,570	AED 71,940
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -570	AED -48,878

Base break-even: 6 controls project per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to equipment runs without occupancy or operating discipline.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on interoperability, cybersecurity and commissioning tests.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within warehouse and office facilities managers.

THREAT / Legacy systems and vendor lock-in can consume project margin.

Operating risks

- Legacy systems and vendor lock-in can consume project margin.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 078 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Smart-building controls installer

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview two buildings granting access to system drawings; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify lighting and HVAC scheduling in one building type; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I18] DEWA contractor listing - DEWA

Listing and enrolment pathway for electrical consultants and contractors. Scope: Dubai electrical work

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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PROJECT 079 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Air-conditioning maintenance contractor

Build around one compact neighbourhood and common equipment models.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small offices and managed residential buildings

PROBLEM / reactive breakdowns and unclear service records

OFFER / preventive maintenance contracts and scheduled breakdown response

ENTRY WEDGE / one compact neighbourhood and common equipment models

Owners choose between on-demand technicians, annual maintenance companies and original equipment service. A district-focused contractor can offer documented preventive work and predictable response for a few common AC models. Dubai activity and electrical-scope checks precede promises about repairs; technical competence remains essential even for routine visits. Recruit through nearby property managers rather than city-wide discount advertising. Capacity depends on travel, diagnostic quality and parts availability. Pilot twenty units through a maintenance cycle, recording callbacks and direct consumables. Continue only if paid contract revenue covers realistic response obligations, with compressor replacement and emergency after-hours work priced separately.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai licensing and premises authorities [I5]

Confirm HVAC maintenance activity, technician competence, waste handling and electrical-work limits. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I18]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 079 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / COST SCENARIOS

Air-conditioning maintenance contractor

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Maintenance base deposit and technician mobilisation	28,000 - 63,000	Small common-model service team; major plant replacement excluded.
HVAC diagnostic instruments, recovery equipment and servicing tools	56,000 - 126,000	Technician safety and refrigerant procedures require scope confirmation.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	14,000 - 35,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	21,000 - 49,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	11,200 - 25,200	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	14,000 - 22,750	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	7,000 - 14,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	2,800 - 5,600	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	4,200 - 8,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 130,200 - AED 298,200. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 36,000 - AED 66,100.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 346,200 - AED 694,800. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 079 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Air-conditioning maintenance contractor

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: maintenance visit. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 650	AED 585
Direct cost / unit	AED 230	AED 264
Units / month	120	90.00
Monthly revenue	AED 78,000	AED 52,650
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 50,400	AED 28,845
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 51,050	AED 66,100
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -650	AED -37,255

Base break-even: 122 maintenance visit per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to reactive breakdowns and unclear service records.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on first-time fix rate, route density and refrigerant handling.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within small offices and managed residential buildings.

THREAT / Emergency call-outs and replacement parts require explicit contract exclusions.

Operating risks

- Emergency call-outs and replacement parts require explicit contract exclusions.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 079 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Air-conditioning maintenance contractor

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview twenty premises with equipment lists and service histories; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one compact neighbourhood and common equipment models; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

[I18] DEWA contractor listing - DEWA

Listing and enrolment pathway for electrical consultants and contractors. Scope: Dubai electrical work

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PROJECT 080 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Plumbing and electrical maintenance

Build around a limited service radius and clear job-size ceiling.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small property managers

PROBLEM / small defects waiting on unreliable contractors

OFFER / bookable repairs and planned checks with itemised reports

ENTRY WEDGE / a limited service radius and clear job-size ceiling

Property managers can call individual tradespeople, use a broad facilities firm or retain their own maintenance staff. A small contractor may win by accepting clearly bounded jobs with itemised completion evidence. Dubai premises and DEWA electrical pathways make structural work and connection changes inappropriate extensions of a basic repair service. Sell a narrow service menu to managers with recurring work orders. Capacity depends on qualified trade coverage and travel scheduling. Test fifty paid jobs, including rejected requests, and measure first-time completion and callbacks. Stop discounting if hidden defects or unpaid variations remove the expected contribution.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai premises authority and DEWA for electrical scope [I5]

Confirm trade activities and qualifications; structural changes and electrical connections require their own approvals. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I18]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 080 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / COST SCENARIOS

Plumbing and electrical maintenance

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Trades base deposit and mobile-service mobilisation	20,000 - 45,000	Bounded minor repairs; major structural works excluded.
Electrical test meters, plumbing tools and mobile repair equipment	40,000 - 90,000	Licensed electrical scope and appropriate test equipment required.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	10,000 - 25,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	15,000 - 35,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	8,000 - 18,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	12,000 - 19,500	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	6,000 - 12,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	2,400 - 4,800	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	3,600 - 7,500	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 93,000 - AED 213,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 32,000 - AED 58,800.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 285,000 - AED 565,800. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 080 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Plumbing and electrical maintenance

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: repair visit. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 550	AED 495
Direct cost / unit	AED 190	AED 218
Units / month	140	105.00
Monthly revenue	AED 77,000	AED 51,975
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 50,400	AED 29,032
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 45,400	AED 58,800
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 5,000	AED -29,768

Base break-even: 127 repair visit per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to small defects waiting on unreliable contractors.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on qualified trades, response times and callback control.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within small property managers.

THREAT / Hidden defects can convert a small repair into a substantial liability.

Operating risks

- Hidden defects can convert a small repair into a substantial liability.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 080 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Plumbing and electrical maintenance

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview three managers contributing recurring work orders; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify a limited service radius and clear job-size ceiling; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

[I18] DEWA contractor listing - DEWA

Listing and enrolment pathway for electrical consultants and contractors. Scope: Dubai electrical work

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PROJECT 081 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Landscaping and irrigation contractor

Build around water-conscious maintenance of compact sites.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / villa communities and commercial estates

PROBLEM / plant loss and irrigation waste

OFFER / routine grounds care and irrigation fault correction

ENTRY WEDGE / water-conscious maintenance of compact sites

Estate managers compare an employed gardener, a landscape maintenance firm and a design-and-build contractor. A maintenance entrant can focus on irrigation reliability and measurable plant replacement responsibilities. Dubai site permissions and MOCCAE specified agricultural activities require scope checks before adding pesticide or nursery services. Sell through community managers using a paid irrigation inspection. Capacity depends on crew routing, summer working conditions and the maintenance standard promised. Trial one site with a documented plant inventory and water baseline. Continue only if the agreed service price covers seasonal labour and replacement obligations without relying on unapproved chemical treatments.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai premises authority and MOCCAE for specified agriculture activities [I5]

Confirm landscaping activity; assess agricultural-pest-control or nursery approvals if offered; obtain site consent. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I10]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 081 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / COST SCENARIOS

Landscaping and irrigation contractor

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Grounds-maintenance depot deposit and crew mobilisation	36,000 - 81,000	Maintenance model; large landscape construction excluded.
Mowers, irrigation test tools and landscaping equipment	72,000 - 162,000	Large excavation machinery hired separately when approved.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	18,000 - 45,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	27,000 - 63,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	14,400 - 32,400	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	15,600 - 25,350	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	7,800 - 15,600	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	3,120 - 6,240	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	4,680 - 9,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 167,400 - AED 383,400. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 39,200 - AED 71,940.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 402,600 - AED 815,040. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 081 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Landscaping and irrigation contractor

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: monthly site contract. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 6,500	AED 5,850
Direct cost / unit	AED 2,700	AED 3,105
Units / month	12	9.00
Monthly revenue	AED 78,000	AED 52,650
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 45,600	AED 24,705
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 55,570	AED 71,940
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -9,970	AED -47,235

Base break-even: 15 monthly site contract per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to plant loss and irrigation waste.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on seasonality, crew routing and water consumption.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within villa communities and commercial estates.

THREAT / Plant replacement and summer labour productivity need contractual limits.

Operating risks

- Plant replacement and summer labour productivity need contractual limits.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 081 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Landscaping and irrigation contractor

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview four estates with irrigation plans and maintenance budgets; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify water-conscious maintenance of compact sites; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

[I10] Agricultural activity licensing - MOCCAE

Lists agricultural activities requiring federal approval, including nurseries and seeds import/export. Scope: Federal agriculture specified activities

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PROJECT 082 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Water-saving systems supplier

Build around retrofit kits for repeatable bathroom configurations.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / hospitality operators and property managers

PROBLEM / water waste and weak retrofit measurement

OFFER / water-use survey and approved fixtures with installer coordination

ENTRY WEDGE / retrofit kits for repeatable bathroom configurations

Facilities buyers can purchase fixtures from wholesalers or ask a plumber to replace them. A specialist supplier may earn a premium through verified compatibility, installation coordination and consumption measurement. Customs and product conformity checks apply to imported goods, while electrical or plumbing execution must stay within authorised trade scopes. Approach hotel engineering teams with a small paid trial rather than an unverified savings claim. Capacity is constrained by configuration diversity and after-sales failures. Test twenty comparable rooms, controlling occupancy differences. Reject the product if customer-approved performance, warranty costs and collected margin do not support repeat rollout.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai licensing authority and relevant product-conformity authority [I18]

Confirm trading activity, import obligations and product standards; use authorised trades for installation. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I3]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 082 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / COST SCENARIOS

Water-saving systems supplier

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Small stockroom deposit and product-sampling preparation	19,000 - 42,750	Supplier model; installation through authorised subcontractors.
Fixture demonstration kits, meters and initial handling equipment	38,000 - 85,500	Bulk sale inventory separately funded in stock line.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	9,500 - 23,750	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	14,250 - 33,250	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	7,600 - 17,100	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	10,000 - 16,250	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	5,000 - 10,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	2,000 - 4,000	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	3,000 - 6,250	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 88,350 - AED 202,350. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 28,000 - AED 51,500.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 256,350 - AED 511,350. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 082 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Water-saving systems supplier

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: retrofit kit supplied. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 320	AED 288
Direct cost / unit	AED 185	AED 213
Units / month	300	225.00
Monthly revenue	AED 96,000	AED 64,800
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 40,500	AED 16,931
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 39,750	AED 51,500
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 750	AED -34,569

Base break-even: 295 retrofit kit supplied per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to water waste and weak retrofit measurement.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on product suitability, installation quality and measured consumption.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within hospitality operators and property managers.

THREAT / Unverified savings claims can undermine sales and expose refunds.

Operating risks

- Unverified savings claims can undermine sales and expose refunds.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 082 / ENERGY AND BUILDINGS / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Water-saving systems supplier

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview two facilities permitting controlled before-and-after pilots; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify retrofit kits for repeatable bathroom configurations; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I18] DEWA contractor listing - DEWA

Listing and enrolment pathway for electrical consultants and contractors. Scope: Dubai electrical work

[I3] Dubai Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration requires trade licence and authorised-person documentation; customs code follows registration. Scope: Dubai customs

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PROJECT 083 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Commercial pest-control service

Build around one premises category and preventive contracts.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / restaurants, warehouses and property managers

PROBLEM / recurring infestations and weak treatment records

OFFER / documented integrated pest management and follow-up monitoring

ENTRY WEDGE / one premises category and preventive contracts

Restaurants and warehouses can buy one-off treatments or preventive pest-management contracts. A specialist may differentiate through inspection records, exclusion recommendations and follow-up rather than indiscriminate spraying. Dubai Municipality's operator accreditation and professional-card pathways make qualified supervision an immediate prerequisite. Acquire customers through facilities and food-safety managers who value auditable records. Capacity depends on competent operators, treatment windows and safe chemical storage. Pilot ten contracts and track revisits, complaints and direct chemical use. Continue only if the contract price funds the necessary follow-up and approved methods; repeated infestation without an identified root cause is a stop signal.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Municipality [I5]

Confirm public-health pest-control company requirements, supervisor/operator accreditation and approved treatment scope. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I4]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 083 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Commercial pest-control service

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Approved pest-control base deposit and chemical-storage preparation	34,000 - 76,500	Specialist storage and operator approval remain prerequisites.
Application equipment, monitoring devices and protective equipment	68,000 - 153,000	Only authorised treatments; fumigation capability separately assessed.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	17,000 - 42,500	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	25,500 - 59,500	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	13,600 - 30,600	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	14,000 - 22,750	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	7,000 - 14,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	2,800 - 5,600	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	4,200 - 8,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 158,100 - AED 362,100. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 36,000 - AED 66,100.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 374,100 - AED 758,700. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 083 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Commercial pest-control service

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: monthly site contract. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 1,400	AED 1,260
Direct cost / unit	AED 430	AED 494
Units / month	65	48.75
Monthly revenue	AED 91,000	AED 61,425
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 63,050	AED 37,318
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 51,050	AED 66,100
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 12,000	AED -28,782

Base break-even: 53 monthly site contract per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to recurring infestations and weak treatment records.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on competent operators, chemical controls and inspection logs.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within restaurants, warehouses and property managers.

THREAT / Chemical exposure and inadequate documentation create serious liability.

Operating risks

- Chemical exposure and inadequate documentation create serious liability.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 083 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Commercial pest-control service

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview fifteen premises allowing initial inspections; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one premises category and preventive contracts; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

[I4] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food code, establishment and food-transport guidance are published here. Scope: Dubai food

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PROJECT 084 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Recycling collection and sorting

Build around clean cardboard and film from clustered commercial sites.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / offices and retail centres

PROBLEM / contaminated waste and uncertain recovery records

OFFER / segregated dry-recyclable collection and verified downstream handover

ENTRY WEDGE / clean cardboard and film from clustered commercial sites

Commercial sites can use mixed-waste collection or separate recyclable streams with an authorised contractor. A collection entrant may offer dependable segregation and downstream evidence for clean cardboard and film. Dubai Municipality's waste classification and permit framework separates collection, transport, trading and processing activities. Secure an approved off-taker before recruiting a dense site cluster. Capacity depends on contamination, vehicle fill and site access times. Pilot weighed collections across ten premises and reconcile rejected material. Continue only when service fees cover collection costs under a low commodity-price scenario; speculative resale value must not rescue otherwise uneconomic routes.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Municipality [I9]

Confirm waste collection/transport/trading permit and approved site; processing needs separate activity assessment. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 084 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

Recycling collection and sorting

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Permitted dry-recyclable depot deposit and sorting preparation	80,000 - 180,000	Clean cardboard/film service; industrial recycling plant excluded.
Collection vehicles, weighing scales and simple sorting equipment	160,000 - 360,000	Baler installation and vehicle specification require quotes.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	40,000 - 100,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	60,000 - 140,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	32,000 - 72,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	26,000 - 42,250	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	13,000 - 26,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	5,200 - 10,400	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	7,800 - 16,250	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 372,000 - AED 852,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 60,000 - AED 109,900.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 732,000 - AED 1,511,400. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 084 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Recycling collection and sorting

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: collection service-month. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 1,800	AED 1,620
Direct cost / unit	AED 750	AED 862
Units / month	65	48.75
Monthly revenue	AED 117,000	AED 78,975
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 68,250	AED 36,928
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 84,950	AED 109,900
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -16,700	AED -72,972

Base break-even: 81 collection service-month per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to contaminated waste and uncertain recovery records.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on contamination, haul density and off-taker acceptance.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within offices and retail centres.

THREAT / Commodity price swings cannot be treated as dependable revenue.

Operating risks

- Commodity price swings cannot be treated as dependable revenue.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 084 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Recycling collection and sorting

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview two off-takers issuing acceptance specifications; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify clean cardboard and film from clustered commercial sites; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I9] Waste technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Activity-specific waste classification, transport and processing guidance. Scope: Dubai waste

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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PROJECT 085 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

E-waste collection and recovery

Build around business IT equipment with documented ownership.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / SMEs replacing IT equipment

PROBLEM / data risk and uncertain disposal chain

OFFER / secure collection, serial-number tracking and authorised recycler handover

ENTRY WEDGE / business IT equipment with documented ownership

An SME replacing computers can resell devices, use a general collector or contract a specialist disposal chain. The defensible offer is documented ownership, serial tracking and an appropriate authorised downstream recycler. Dubai Municipality waste rules make battery and hazardous-fraction classification important before accepting mixed equipment. Sell through IT service providers and corporate procurement teams. Capacity depends on custody controls and secure storage rather than tonnes alone. Pilot five lots with reconciliation from pickup to final handover. Reject the model if secure data handling, permitted transport and downstream charges cannot be funded by the service fee.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Municipality [I9]

Classify electronic waste and obtain relevant permits; hazardous fractions, batteries and recovery processes need specific authorisation. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 085 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / COST SCENARIOS

E-waste collection and recovery

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Secure permitted collection base and segregated-storage preparation	52,000 - 117,000	Collection and authorised handover; metals-refining plant excluded.
Secure cages, weighing equipment and collection vehicle mobilisation	104,000 - 234,000	Data sanitisation machinery or subcontracting quoted separately.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	26,000 - 65,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	39,000 - 91,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	20,800 - 46,800	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	20,000 - 32,500	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	10,000 - 20,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	4,000 - 8,000	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	6,000 - 12,500	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 241,800 - AED 553,800. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 48,000 - AED 88,000.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 529,800 - AED 1,081,800. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 085 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / ECONOMICS & RISKS

E-waste collection and recovery

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: collection lot. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 3,500	AED 3,150
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,600	AED 1,840
Units / month	35	26.25
Monthly revenue	AED 122,500	AED 82,688
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 66,500	AED 34,388
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 68,000	AED 88,000
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -1,500	AED -53,612

Base break-even: 36 collection lot per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to data risk and uncertain disposal chain.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on custody records, data sanitisation and material classification.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within SMEs replacing IT equipment.

THREAT / Data breaches and hazardous components require specialist controls.

Operating risks

- Data breaches and hazardous components require specialist controls.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 085 / ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / EXECUTION & SOURCES

E-waste collection and recovery

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview three IT managers and one permitted downstream recycler; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify business IT equipment with documented ownership; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I9] Waste technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Activity-specific waste classification, transport and processing guidance. Scope: Dubai waste

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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PROJECT 086 / CIRCULAR ECONOMY / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Reusable transport-packaging rental

Build around a closed route between a few contracted sites.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / food distributors and retailers

PROBLEM / damaged cartons and packaging waste

OFFER / pooled reusable crates with cleaning, tracking and return reconciliation

ENTRY WEDGE / a closed route between a few contracted sites

Distributors can use disposable cartons, buy their own crates or join a reusable packaging pool. Rental works only when a controlled return loop produces enough asset turns. Food-contact suitability and cleaning require Dubai Municipality scope confirmation; discarded packaging introduces separate waste responsibilities. Start with two contracted distribution sites rather than an open network. Capacity depends on return time, losses and validated washing throughput. Pilot numbered crates for several complete cycles and charge explicitly for losses. Continue only if rental income covers washing, repositioning and replacement under observed return behaviour, without assuming every crate circulates on schedule.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai licensing authority and Dubai Municipality [I4]

Confirm rental activity, food-contact suitability and cleaning requirements; waste rules apply to discarded material. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I9]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 086 / CIRCULAR ECONOMY / COST SCENARIOS

Reusable transport-packaging rental

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Crate depot deposit and validated wash-area preparation	64,000 - 144,000	Closed loop; industrial washing capacity depends on food-contact checks.
Initial reusable-crate pool, tracking tools and washing equipment	128,000 - 288,000	Crate replacement and per-cycle washing are variable costs.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	32,000 - 80,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	48,000 - 112,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	25,600 - 57,600	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	18,000 - 29,250	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	9,000 - 18,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	3,600 - 7,200	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	5,400 - 11,250	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 297,600 - AED 681,600. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 44,000 - AED 80,700.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 561,600 - AED 1,165,800. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 086 / CIRCULAR ECONOMY / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Reusable transport-packaging rental

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: crate rental-cycle. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 16	AED 14
Direct cost / unit	AED 6	AED 7
Units / month	8000	6,000.00
Monthly revenue	AED 128,000	AED 86,400
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 80,000	AED 45,000
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 62,350	AED 80,700
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 17,650	AED -35,700

Base break-even: 6,235 crate rental-cycle per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to damaged cartons and packaging waste.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on asset return rate, wash validation and rental cycles.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within food distributors and retailers.

THREAT / Lost crates and slow circulation can destroy asset returns.

Operating risks

- Lost crates and slow circulation can destroy asset returns.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 086 / CIRCULAR ECONOMY / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Reusable transport-packaging rental

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview two distributors willing to test a controlled return loop; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify a closed route between a few contracted sites; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I4] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food code, establishment and food-transport guidance are published here. Scope: Dubai food

[I9] Waste technical guidelines - Dubai Municipality

Activity-specific waste classification, transport and processing guidance. Scope: Dubai waste

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PROJECT 087 / MANUFACTURING / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Small-batch food manufacturing

Build around one shelf-stable product family in an approved production site.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / independent food brands and hospitality buyers

PROBLEM / brands cannot justify their own compliant factory

OFFER / contract batches with traceability and agreed specifications

ENTRY WEDGE / one shelf-stable product family in an approved production site

Small food brands can use an existing co-manufacturer, establish a factory or simplify their product range. A small-batch producer may serve low-volume buyers needing traceability and repeatable specifications. Dubai Municipality food controls and MOIAT eligibility require substantial design and staffing review before equipment purchasing. Reach brands through ingredient suppliers and hospitality buyers with written specifications. Capacity depends on cleaning changeovers, allergens and shelf-life validation rather than mixer size. Run approved trial batches and measure saleable yield and quality failures. Expand only after repeat orders cover changeovers and compliance overhead; do not treat an informal kitchen as a factory substitute.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Municipality and MOIAT where industrial scope applies [I4]

Confirm food manufacturing layout, food safety, labels and industrial licence requirements; no home-kitchen assumption. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification. Assess MOIAT's published 10-employee and AED250,000-capital criteria before treating a small workshop as eligible.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I8]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 087 / MANUFACTURING / COST SCENARIOS

Small-batch food manufacturing

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Approved food-production lease deposit and hygienic fit-out	170,000 - 382,500	One product family; major building or utility conversion excluded.
Product-specific processing, packing and temperature-control equipment	340,000 - 765,000	Line capacity follows validated recipe, cleaning and safety requirements.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	85,000 - 212,500	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	127,500 - 297,500	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	68,000 - 153,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	48,000 - 78,000	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	24,000 - 48,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	9,600 - 19,200	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	14,400 - 30,000	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 790,500 - AED 1,810,500. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 104,000 - AED 190,200.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 1,414,500 - AED 2,951,700. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 087 / MANUFACTURING / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Small-batch food manufacturing

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: finished product unit. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 18	AED 16
Direct cost / unit	AED 10	AED 12
Units / month	22000	16,500.00
Monthly revenue	AED 396,000	AED 267,300
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 176,000	AED 77,550
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 147,100	AED 190,200
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 28,900	AED -112,650

Base break-even: 18,388 finished product unit per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to brands cannot justify their own compliant factory.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on food safety, yield, allergens and batch economics.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within independent food brands and hospitality buyers.

THREAT / Shelf-life testing, recall planning and allergen controls are essential.

Operating risks

- Shelf-life testing, recall planning and allergen controls are essential.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 087 / MANUFACTURING / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Small-batch food manufacturing

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview three buyers agreeing specifications and trial batch sizes; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one shelf-stable product family in an approved production site; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I4] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food code, establishment and food-transport guidance are published here. Scope: Dubai food

[I8] Industrial production licence - MOIAT

Industrial production licence service for facilities subject to industrial licensing requirements. Scope: Federal industrial

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PROJECT 088 / MANUFACTURING / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Metal fabrication workshop

Build around non-structural brackets, guards and fixtures.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / fit-out contractors and industrial maintenance buyers

PROBLEM / slow custom-part procurement

OFFER / made-to-order light fabrication with traceable drawings

ENTRY WEDGE / non-structural brackets, guards and fixtures

Contractors can buy standard components, outsource fabrication or maintain their own workshop. A specialist workshop may win with reliable drawings and short-run non-structural parts rather than lowest-weight pricing. MOIAT's industrial pathway and municipal premises controls require eligibility and workshop suitability checks. Sell through maintenance supervisors with repeat drawings and acceptance tolerances. Capacity depends on setup, welding quality and rework, not simply cutting hours. Pilot ten representative jobs and reconcile steel consumption, scrap and collection delays. Continue only when paid contribution covers workshop overhead; structural certification or safety-critical work must remain outside unapproved capability.

Compliance pathway to confirm

MOIAT and Dubai premises authority [I8]

Confirm industrial classification, workshop zoning, fire and environmental controls; structural certification is separate. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification. Assess MOIAT's published 10-employee and AED250,000-capital criteria before treating a small workshop as eligible.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 088 / MANUFACTURING / COST SCENARIOS

Metal fabrication workshop

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Industrial workshop deposit, extraction and safe work-area fit-out	130,000 - 292,500	Light fabrication; heavy structural plant and crane installation excluded.
Cutting, welding, drilling and non-structural fabrication equipment	260,000 - 585,000	Equipment selection depends on drawings and acceptance tolerances.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	65,000 - 162,500	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	97,500 - 227,500	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	52,000 - 117,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	38,000 - 61,750	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	19,000 - 38,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	7,600 - 15,200	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	11,400 - 23,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 604,500 - AED 1,384,500. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 84,000 - AED 153,700.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 1,108,500 - AED 2,306,700. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 088 / MANUFACTURING / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Metal fabrication workshop

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: fabrication job. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 6,500	AED 5,850
Direct cost / unit	AED 3,600	AED 4,140
Units / month	35	26.25
Monthly revenue	AED 227,500	AED 153,562
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 101,500	AED 44,888
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 118,850	AED 153,700
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -17,350	AED -108,812

Base break-even: 41 fabrication job per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to slow custom-part procurement.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on material tolerances, welding quality and drawing control.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within fit-out contractors and industrial maintenance buyers.

THREAT / Scrap, rework and payment retention materially affect cash.

Operating risks

- Scrap, rework and payment retention materially affect cash.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 088 / MANUFACTURING / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Metal fabrication workshop

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview three buyers supplying drawings and acceptance criteria; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify non-structural brackets, guards and fixtures; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I8] Industrial production licence - MOIAT

Industrial production licence service for facilities subject to industrial licensing requirements. Scope: Federal industrial

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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PROJECT 089 / MANUFACTURING / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

CNC and 3D-print prototyping

Build around non-safety-critical plastic prototypes and simple machined parts.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / product designers and engineering teams

PROBLEM / long prototype cycles and expensive iteration

OFFER / design-for-manufacture review and short-run prototypes

ENTRY WEDGE / non-safety-critical plastic prototypes and simple machined parts

Design teams can use overseas bureaus, university equipment or established precision workshops. A local prototyping service may win where rapid iteration and design-for-manufacture feedback save a development cycle. Industrial classification, ventilation and machine safety need confirmation; prototypes must not imply certified medical or aerospace performance. Recruit through product-design studios and hardware founders with paid briefs. Capacity depends on setup and operator skill as much as machine time. Pilot ten orders with agreed tolerances and intellectual-property terms. Reject equipment expansion if accepted-job contribution cannot cover operator overhead and realistic idle time after failed prints and machining rework.

Compliance pathway to confirm

MOIAT and Dubai premises authority [I8]

Confirm industrial scope, machine safety and ventilation; exclude medical, aerospace and safety-critical production without approvals. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification. Assess MOIAT's published 10-employee and AED250,000-capital criteria before treating a small workshop as eligible.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 089 / MANUFACTURING / COST SCENARIOS

CNC and 3D-print prototyping

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Prototyping workshop deposit, extraction and electrical preparation	100,000 - 225,000	Non-safety-critical prototypes; industrial production line excluded.
Small CNC machine, 3D printers and metrology equipment	200,000 - 450,000	Materials and outsourced finishing charged as variable job costs.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	50,000 - 125,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	75,000 - 175,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	40,000 - 90,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	26,000 - 42,250	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	13,000 - 26,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	5,200 - 10,400	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	7,800 - 16,250	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 465,000 - AED 1,065,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 60,000 - AED 109,900.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 825,000 - AED 1,724,400. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 089 / MANUFACTURING / ECONOMICS & RISKS

CNC and 3D-print prototyping

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: prototype order. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 4,200	AED 3,780
Direct cost / unit	AED 1,600	AED 1,840
Units / month	35	26.25
Monthly revenue	AED 147,000	AED 99,225
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 91,000	AED 50,925
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 84,950	AED 109,900
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 6,050	AED -58,975

Base break-even: 33 prototype order per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to long prototype cycles and expensive iteration.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on machine utilisation, tolerances and design ownership.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within product designers and engineering teams.

THREAT / A prototype service must not imply certified end-use performance.

Operating risks

- A prototype service must not imply certified end-use performance.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 089 / MANUFACTURING / EXECUTION & SOURCES

CNC and 3D-print prototyping

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview six design teams supplying paid sample briefs; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify non-safety-critical plastic prototypes and simple machined parts; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I8] Industrial production licence - MOIAT

Industrial production licence service for facilities subject to industrial licensing requirements. Scope: Federal industrial

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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PROJECT 090 / TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Construction materials trading

Build around repeat consumables with documented specifications.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small contractors and fit-out firms

PROBLEM / late deliveries and inconsistent product paperwork

OFFER / reliable supply of a narrow approved material range

ENTRY WEDGE / repeat consumables with documented specifications

Small contractors buy through major merchants, specialist importers and spot suppliers. A narrow distributor may win by holding repeat materials with dependable technical documentation. Dubai Customs registration and product-specific conformity checks shape the import model; trading permission does not establish material suitability for every building application. Sell directly to contractors with scheduled purchases and credit limits. Capacity is constrained by stock turns and receivables, not warehouse area. Test twenty orders from a limited approved catalogue. Continue only when collected margin covers freight, damage and overdue balances; stop adding SKUs that have no evidence of repeat demand.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Customs and applicable conformity/building authority [I3]

Confirm product-specific trading activity, import and conformity documentation; regulated material approval depends on product. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I8]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 090 / TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Construction materials trading

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Materials stockroom deposit and safe-racking preparation	60,000 - 135,000	Narrow catalogue; large yard and heavy crane excluded.
Handling equipment, inventory controls and product-display samples	120,000 - 270,000	Stock purchases belong in separate inventory investment.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	30,000 - 75,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	45,000 - 105,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	24,000 - 54,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	16,800 - 27,300	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	8,400 - 16,800	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	3,360 - 6,720	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	5,040 - 10,500	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 279,000 - AED 639,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 41,600 - AED 76,320.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 528,600 - AED 1,096,920. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 090 / TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Construction materials trading

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: material order. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 6,000	AED 5,400
Direct cost / unit	AED 4,500	AED 5,175
Units / month	70	52.50
Monthly revenue	AED 420,000	AED 283,500
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 105,000	AED 11,812
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 58,960	AED 76,320
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 46,040	AED -64,508

Base break-even: 40 material order per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to late deliveries and inconsistent product paperwork.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on stock turns, conformity and receivables.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within small contractors and fit-out firms.

THREAT / Customer credit and slow-moving stock outweigh apparent gross margin.

Operating risks

- Customer credit and slow-moving stock outweigh apparent gross margin.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 090 / TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Construction materials trading

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview five contractors sharing purchase schedules; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify repeat consumables with documented specifications; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I3] Dubai Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration requires trade licence and authorised-person documentation; customs code follows registration. Scope: Dubai customs

[I8] Industrial production licence - MOIAT

Industrial production licence service for facilities subject to industrial licensing requirements. Scope: Federal industrial

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PROJECT 091 / TRADE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Industrial consumables distributor

Build around one industrial cluster and tightly selected SKUs.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / small factories and maintenance teams

PROBLEM / unplanned downtime from missing consumables

OFFER / scheduled replenishment of documented consumables

ENTRY WEDGE / one industrial cluster and tightly selected SKUs

Factories can buy consumables through broad distributors, specialist brands or overseas procurement. A focused supplier may reduce stockouts for a small set of technically specified products. Customs and conformity requirements vary by item, especially PPE and chemicals; do not classify every consumable as unrestricted. Recruit maintenance managers in one industrial cluster using reorder histories. Capacity depends on working capital and SKU accuracy rather than catalogue size. Pilot a replenishment agreement for ten high-frequency items and measure fill rate and obsolete stock. Expand only when collected contribution covers inventory financing and service effort under realistic customer credit terms.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Customs and product conformity authority [I3]

Confirm trading categories and import requirements; chemicals and PPE may carry additional rules. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I8]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 091 / TRADE / COST SCENARIOS

Industrial consumables distributor

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Consumables stockroom deposit and controlled-storage preparation	48,000 - 108,000	Non-restricted initial category; hazardous chemical store excluded.
Racking, barcode inventory system and handling equipment	96,000 - 216,000	Obsolete stock reserve requires separate cash planning.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	24,000 - 60,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	36,000 - 84,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	19,200 - 43,200	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	13,600 - 22,100	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	6,800 - 13,600	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	2,720 - 5,440	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	4,080 - 8,500	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 223,200 - AED 511,200. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 35,200 - AED 64,640.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 434,400 - AED 899,040. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 091 / TRADE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Industrial consumables distributor

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: replenishment order. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 3,500	AED 3,150
Direct cost / unit	AED 2,450	AED 2,818
Units / month	70	52.50
Monthly revenue	AED 245,000	AED 165,375
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 73,500	AED 17,456
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 49,920	AED 64,640
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 23,580	AED -47,184

Base break-even: 48 replenishment order per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to unplanned downtime from missing consumables.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on availability, technical fit and reorder discipline.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within small factories and maintenance teams.

THREAT / Over-broad inventory and counterfeit supply threaten economics.

Operating risks

- Over-broad inventory and counterfeit supply threaten economics.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 091 / TRADE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Industrial consumables distributor

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview ten buyers identifying frequently reordered SKUs; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one industrial cluster and tightly selected SKUs; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I3] Dubai Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration requires trade licence and authorised-person documentation; customs code follows registration. Scope: Dubai customs

[I8] Industrial production licence - MOIAT

Industrial production licence service for facilities subject to industrial licensing requirements. Scope: Federal industrial

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PROJECT 092 / AGRICULTURE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Hydroponic produce farm

Build around one crop with contracted weekly specifications.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / chefs and premium produce buyers

PROBLEM / inconsistent freshness and delivery timing

OFFER / controlled-environment leafy-greens supply with harvest planning

ENTRY WEDGE / one crop with contracted weekly specifications

Chefs and retailers can buy imported produce, conventional local crops or established controlled-environment suppliers. A hydroponic farm must compete on accepted quality and predictable harvest, not a general food-security narrative. Emirate land, water and food-handling approvals need confirmation; MOCCAE activity categories do not automatically authorise every farm. Secure buyer specifications before choosing a growing system. Capacity depends on saleable yield, cooling energy and crop losses. Run a monitored pilot across several crop cycles and price rejected output. Expand only if collected kilogram contribution survives summer energy costs and a plausible interruption, with enough cash for failed crops.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Emirate agricultural/environmental authority and food authority [I10]

Confirm agricultural land use, water, facility and food handling permissions; MOCCAE specified activities assessed separately. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I4]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 092 / AGRICULTURE / COST SCENARIOS

Hydroponic produce farm

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Agricultural site deposit and greenhouse/farm-area preparation	360,000 - 810,000	Existing approvable site; land purchase and grid extension excluded.
Hydroponic growing system, cooling, water treatment and controls	720,000 - 1,620,000	Commercial quotes must validate summer cooling and crop capacity.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	180,000 - 450,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	270,000 - 630,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	144,000 - 324,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	72,000 - 117,000	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	36,000 - 72,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	14,400 - 28,800	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	21,600 - 45,000	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 1,674,000 - AED 3,834,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 152,000 - AED 277,800.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 2,586,000 - AED 5,500,800. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 092 / AGRICULTURE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Hydroponic produce farm

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: saleable kilogram. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 28	AED 25
Direct cost / unit	AED 14	AED 16
Units / month	18000	13,500.00
Monthly revenue	AED 504,000	AED 340,200
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 252,000	AED 122,850
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 214,900	AED 277,800
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 37,100	AED -154,950

Base break-even: 15,350 saleable kilogram per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to inconsistent freshness and delivery timing.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on saleable yield, cooling load and crop-cycle reliability.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within chefs and premium produce buyers.

THREAT / Cooling failure and unsold perishable yield can invalidate the entire model.

Operating risks

- Cooling failure and unsold perishable yield can invalidate the entire model.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 092 / AGRICULTURE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Hydroponic produce farm

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview three buyers accepting sample grades and indicative weekly volumes; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one crop with contracted weekly specifications; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I10] Agricultural activity licensing - MOCCAE

Lists agricultural activities requiring federal approval, including nurseries and seeds import/export. Scope: Federal agriculture specified activities

[I4] Food traders and establishments - Dubai Municipality

Food code, establishment and food-transport guidance are published here. Scope: Dubai food

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PROJECT 093 / AGRICULTURE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Mushroom cultivation unit

Build around one strain and a controlled pilot grow room.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / specialty restaurants and grocers

PROBLEM / variable freshness and limited specialty availability

OFFER / locally cultivated specialty mushrooms with scheduled delivery

ENTRY WEDGE / one strain and a controlled pilot grow room

Specialty chefs can source imported mushrooms or use established local growers. A small cultivation unit may compete through harvest timing and consistent grading for one strain. Site, agricultural and food-handling permissions require specific confirmation; imported substrate or spawn can add product-level checks. Recruit chefs with paid sample orders before constructing multiple rooms. Capacity depends on contamination control and climate stability, not rack count alone. Pilot several independent grow cycles and record saleable kilograms, rejected batches and delivery time. Continue only if repeat buyers accept the grade and price after including realistic contamination losses and cooling costs.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Emirate agriculture authority and food authority [I10]

Confirm permitted site use and cultivation/food-handling activities; substrate imports need product-specific checks. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I4]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 093 / AGRICULTURE / COST SCENARIOS

Mushroom cultivation unit

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Approved cultivation site deposit and grow-room fit-out	140,000 - 315,000	One-strain pilot-to-small-commercial scope; land purchase excluded.
Climate control, cultivation racks and sanitation equipment	280,000 - 630,000	Substrate preparation and sterilisation scale require specialist design.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	70,000 - 175,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	105,000 - 245,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	56,000 - 126,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	38,000 - 61,750	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	19,000 - 38,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	7,600 - 15,200	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	11,400 - 23,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 651,000 - AED 1,491,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 84,000 - AED 153,700.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 1,155,000 - AED 2,413,200. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 093 / AGRICULTURE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Mushroom cultivation unit

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: saleable kilogram. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 55	AED 50
Direct cost / unit	AED 26	AED 30
Units / month	4500	3,375.00
Monthly revenue	AED 247,500	AED 167,062
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 130,500	AED 66,150
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 118,850	AED 153,700
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 11,650	AED -87,550

Base break-even: 4,099 saleable kilogram per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to variable freshness and limited specialty availability.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on contamination, climate control and saleable harvest.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within specialty restaurants and grocers.

THREAT / Biological contamination can remove several weeks of production.

Operating risks

- Biological contamination can remove several weeks of production.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 093 / AGRICULTURE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Mushroom cultivation unit

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview six chefs giving sample feedback and price ceilings; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one strain and a controlled pilot grow room; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I10] Agricultural activity licensing - MOCCAE

Lists agricultural activities requiring federal approval, including nurseries and seeds import/export. Scope: Federal agriculture specified activities

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PROJECT 094 / AGRICULTURE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Agricultural inputs trading

Build around a specific non-restricted input category.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / farms, nurseries and landscaping contractors

PROBLEM / unclear product suitability and irregular supply

OFFER / approved inputs with technical documents and replenishment

ENTRY WEDGE / a specific non-restricted input category

Growers can purchase from established agricultural distributors, direct importers or retail suppliers. A specialist entrant may provide reliable documentation and replenishment for a narrow approved input category. MOCCAE's published agricultural-input pathway and customs requirements mean product registration and regulator routing must be checked individually. Sell through grower networks using crop calendars and written specifications. Capacity depends on shelf life, storage conditions and working capital. Pilot a small catalogue with purchase commitments and verify reorder timing. Expand only when accepted products produce collected margin without obsolete stock; restricted pesticides and unsupported agronomic claims must remain outside the initial offer.

Compliance pathway to confirm

MOCCAE/current responsible federal service and Dubai Customs [I11]

Confirm input trading licence, product registration and import permits; verify current regulator routing for each category. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I3]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 094 / AGRICULTURE / COST SCENARIOS

Agricultural inputs trading

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Approved input stockroom deposit and storage preparation	52,000 - 117,000	Narrow approved inputs; restricted pesticide store excluded.
Racking, environmental monitoring and handling equipment	104,000 - 234,000	Product registration and import tests remain separate unknown costs.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	26,000 - 65,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	39,000 - 91,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	20,800 - 46,800	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	14,800 - 24,050	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	7,400 - 14,800	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	2,960 - 5,920	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	4,440 - 9,250	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 241,800 - AED 553,800. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 37,600 - AED 69,020.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 467,400 - AED 967,920. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 094 / AGRICULTURE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Agricultural inputs trading

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: input order. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 5,000	AED 4,500
Direct cost / unit	AED 3,500	AED 4,025
Units / month	60	45.00
Monthly revenue	AED 300,000	AED 202,500
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 90,000	AED 21,375
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 53,310	AED 69,020
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 36,690	AED -47,645

Base break-even: 36 input order per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to unclear product suitability and irregular supply.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on registration status, shelf life and agronomic fit.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within farms, nurseries and landscaping contractors.

THREAT / Restricted pesticides and unregistered products must remain outside scope.

Operating risks

- Restricted pesticides and unregistered products must remain outside scope.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 094 / AGRICULTURE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Agricultural inputs trading

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview eight growers supplying specifications and reorder calendars; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify a specific non-restricted input category; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I11] Production and trade of agricultural inputs - MOCCAE

Agricultural-input production and trade licence service; current service routing must be confirmed. Scope: Federal agricultural inputs

[I3] Dubai Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration requires trade licence and authorised-person documentation; customs code follows registration. Scope: Dubai customs

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PROJECT 095 / TOURISM / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Tourism experience operator

Build around one clearly differentiated route with accessible venues.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / visitors seeking small-group local experiences

PROBLEM / generic tours and inconsistent guest experience

OFFER / bookable guided cultural experiences with reliable hosts

ENTRY WEDGE / one clearly differentiated route with accessible venues

Visitors can choose large tour platforms, hotel excursions or independent guides. A small operator may differentiate through a credible cultural route with reliable hosts and accessible venues. Dubai DET tourism permissions and guide scope require confirmation; passenger transport should use properly authorised providers. Sell through boutique hotels and destination-management partners with transparent commissions. Capacity depends on host quality, venue access and seasonal comfort. Pilot three paid departures and measure attendance, cancellations and guest feedback. Continue only if contribution after distribution and transport covers operating overhead; strong reviews cannot compensate for chronically low paid occupancy.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET; RTA if operating passenger transport [I12]

Confirm operator and guide permissions, event/activity requirements and insurance; subcontract transport to appropriately licensed operators. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I2]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 095 / TOURISM / COST SCENARIOS

Tourism experience operator

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Tour operator office deposit and route-development mobilisation	24,000 - 54,000	Guided small groups; owned passenger vehicles excluded.
Booking systems, communication gear and safety equipment	48,000 - 108,000	Venue access and licensed transport charged per departure.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	12,000 - 30,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	18,000 - 42,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	9,600 - 21,600	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	11,200 - 18,200	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	5,600 - 11,200	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	2,240 - 4,480	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	3,360 - 7,000	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 111,600 - AED 255,600. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 30,400 - AED 55,880.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 294,000 - AED 590,880. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 095 / TOURISM / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Tourism experience operator

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: guest place. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 260	AED 234
Direct cost / unit	AED 95	AED 109
Units / month	350	262.50
Monthly revenue	AED 91,000	AED 61,425
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 57,750	AED 32,747
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 43,140	AED 55,880
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 14,610	AED -23,133

Base break-even: 262 guest place per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to generic tours and inconsistent guest experience.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on licensing scope, guest safety and distribution cost.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within visitors seeking small-group local experiences.

THREAT / Seasonality and cancellation policies can undermine utilisation.

Operating risks

- Seasonality and cancellation policies can undermine utilisation.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 095 / TOURISM / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Tourism experience operator

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview two hotel concierges and thirty prospective visitors testing the itinerary; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one clearly differentiated route with accessible venues; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I12] Tourism businesses licensing - Dubai DET

Tourism businesses have sector licensing and permit pathways. Scope: Dubai tourism

[I2] RTA corporate services - RTA

Commercial transport licence review and NOC service pathways. Scope: Dubai transport

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PROJECT 096 / TOURISM / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Holiday-home management

Build around a small cluster of properties with similar service standards.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / owners of furnished residential units

PROBLEM / fragmented guest service and unclear owner statements

OFFER / permitted unit onboarding, guest operations and owner reporting

ENTRY WEDGE / a small cluster of properties with similar service standards

Owners can self-manage, appoint a holiday-home operator or choose a conventional annual letting. Management may appeal where transparent statements and dependable housekeeping justify the fee. DET unit registration and approval precede listing in Dubai; operator and property documentation are separate checks. Recruit owners within a tight building cluster and assess operating consent before promises. Capacity depends on unit density, service response and owner retention rather than listing count. Pilot five approved units with itemised owner statements. Continue only when management-fee contribution covers guest support and cleaning coordination; avoid funding master leases before occupancy risk is understood.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET [I13]

Operator registration and each unit's approval precede listing; confirm owner documentation and unit classification. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 096 / TOURISM / COST SCENARIOS

Holiday-home management

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Operator office deposit and unit-onboarding mobilisation	26,000 - 58,500	Management only; property purchase and master leases excluded.
Guest-management systems, access tools and linen starter pool	52,000 - 117,000	Owner-funded furnishing and unit repairs need separate agreement.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	13,000 - 32,500	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	19,500 - 45,500	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	10,400 - 23,400	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	14,000 - 22,750	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	7,000 - 14,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	2,800 - 5,600	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	4,200 - 8,750	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 120,900 - AED 276,900. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 36,000 - AED 66,100.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 336,900 - AED 673,500. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 096 / TOURISM / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Holiday-home management

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: managed unit-month fee. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 2,400	AED 2,160
Direct cost / unit	AED 900	AED 1,035
Units / month	25	18.75
Monthly revenue	AED 60,000	AED 40,500
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 37,500	AED 21,094
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 51,050	AED 66,100
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -13,550	AED -45,006

Base break-even: 35 managed unit-month fee per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to fragmented guest service and unclear owner statements.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on unit approvals, cleaning reliability and owner retention.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within owners of furnished residential units.

THREAT / Do not use master leases to hide property-level occupancy risk.

Operating risks

- Do not use master leases to hide property-level occupancy risk.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 096 / TOURISM / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Holiday-home management

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview five owners granting access for operating assessments; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify a small cluster of properties with similar service standards; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I13] Holiday homes licensing and permits - Dubai DET
Units require DET registration and approval before listing. Scope: Dubai holiday homes

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality
Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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PROJECT 097 / TOURISM / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Corporate travel agency

Build around a niche industry with repeat regional itineraries.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / SMEs with recurring employee travel

PROBLEM / travellers lose time handling changes and approvals

OFFER / travel coordination, policy checks and disruption support

ENTRY WEDGE / a niche industry with repeat regional itineraries

SMEs can let employees self-book, use a consumer platform or retain a large travel-management company. A niche agency may win with policy coordination and responsive change handling. DET's tourism category must match the service; ticket issuance, supplier accreditation and any security requirements need separate confirmation. Sell to businesses with repeat regional itineraries and an accountable travel buyer. Capacity depends on disruption support and settlement exposure. Pilot thirty paid bookings and measure change requests, refunds and collection time. Continue only if service fees cover real support effort, without using customer deposits to conceal supplier-payment or refund liabilities.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai DET and licensing authority [I12]

Confirm travel-agency category, financial/security requirements and supplier accreditation; ticket issuance arrangements assessed separately. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I3]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 097 / TOURISM / COST SCENARIOS

Corporate travel agency

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Travel-agency office deposit and supplier-onboarding mobilisation	32,000 - 72,000	Service-fee model; airline security deposits separately confirmed.
Booking systems, secure payment tools and support equipment	64,000 - 144,000	Ticket principal and refundable customer funds are not revenue.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	16,000 - 40,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	24,000 - 56,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	12,800 - 28,800	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	15,200 - 24,700	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	7,600 - 15,200	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	3,040 - 6,080	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	4,560 - 9,500	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 148,800 - AED 340,800. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 38,400 - AED 70,480.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 379,200 - AED 763,680. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 097 / TOURISM / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Corporate travel agency

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: travel booking fee. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 280	AED 252
Direct cost / unit	AED 90	AED 103
Units / month	350	262.50
Monthly revenue	AED 98,000	AED 66,150
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 66,500	AED 38,981
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 54,440	AED 70,480
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 12,060	AED -31,499

Base break-even: 287 travel booking fee per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to travellers lose time handling changes and approvals.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on supplier settlement, service fees and support coverage.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within SMEs with recurring employee travel.

THREAT / Customer refunds and supplier settlement can create large cash mismatches.

Operating risks

- Customer refunds and supplier settlement can create large cash mismatches.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 097 / TOURISM / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Corporate travel agency

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview four companies supplying historical itineraries and approval policies; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify a niche industry with repeat regional itineraries; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I12] Tourism businesses licensing - Dubai DET

Tourism businesses have sector licensing and permit pathways. Scope: Dubai tourism

[I3] Dubai Customs business registration - Dubai Customs

Business registration requires trade licence and authorised-person documentation; customs code follows registration. Scope: Dubai customs

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PROJECT 098 / EDUCATION AND WELLBEING / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Sports coaching academy

Build around one sport using hired compliant venues.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / families and amateur adult players

PROBLEM / inconsistent instruction and unclear participant progression

OFFER / structured coaching with qualified trainers and progress records

ENTRY WEDGE / one sport using hired compliant venues

Families can select school activities, independent coaches or established sports clubs. An academy may differentiate through a qualified teaching progression for one sport rather than expensive permanent facilities. Dubai Sports Council's establishment framework makes permit, venue and coaching requirements central to feasibility. Recruit through local communities with properly consented venue partnerships. Capacity depends on safe group size, coach availability and school-calendar seasonality. Run a paid introductory cohort and measure attendance and renewal intent. Continue only if approved participant capacity supports overhead at realistic retention, with safeguarding and injury procedures in place before classes begin.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Sports Council [I14]

Confirm academy permit, trainer requirements, venue consent, safety and safeguarding arrangements. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 098 / EDUCATION AND WELLBEING / COST SCENARIOS

Sports coaching academy

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Approved sports venue deposit and coaching-area preparation	36,000 - 81,000	Hired compliant venue; permanent stadium or pool construction excluded.
Sport-specific training kit, safety equipment and booking systems	72,000 - 162,000	Equipment specification follows sport, ages and approved group size.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	18,000 - 45,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	27,000 - 63,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	14,400 - 32,400	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	18,000 - 29,250	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	9,000 - 18,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	3,600 - 7,200	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	5,400 - 11,250	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 167,400 - AED 383,400. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 44,000 - AED 80,700.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 431,400 - AED 867,600. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 098 / EDUCATION AND WELLBEING / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Sports coaching academy

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: participant-month. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 650	AED 585
Direct cost / unit	AED 230	AED 264
Units / month	160	120.00
Monthly revenue	AED 104,000	AED 70,200
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 67,200	AED 38,460
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 62,350	AED 80,700
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 4,850	AED -42,240

Base break-even: 149 participant-month per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to inconsistent instruction and unclear participant progression.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on coach quality, safeguarding and venue utilisation.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within families and amateur adult players.

THREAT / Injury, coach turnover and school-calendar seasonality are material.

Operating risks

- Injury, coach turnover and school-calendar seasonality are material.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 098 / EDUCATION AND WELLBEING / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Sports coaching academy

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview fifty prospective participants and a suitable venue operator; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify one sport using hired compliant venues; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I14] Sports establishments regulation - Dubai legislation portal

Sports academy and establishment permitting falls under Dubai Sports Council framework. Scope: Dubai sports

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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PROJECT 099 / HEALTHCARE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Physiotherapy clinic

Build around a clinically justified musculoskeletal service with qualified leadership.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / patients requiring prescribed rehabilitation

PROBLEM / fragmented rehabilitation continuity

OFFER / licensed physiotherapy assessment and treatment

ENTRY WEDGE / a clinically justified musculoskeletal service with qualified leadership

Patients may use hospital rehabilitation departments, standalone clinics or home-based services. A clinic requires a clinically justified gap and capable leadership; consumer marketing cannot substitute for safe referral and treatment processes. DHA separately licenses facilities and professionals, so design, scope and practitioner eligibility precede opening. Build relationships with referring clinicians while keeping referral ethics and payer conditions explicit. Capacity depends on licensed clinicians, treatment duration and room availability. Model a pilot appointment book with actual collection delays and cancellations. Proceed only if feasible utilisation covers clinical overhead without assuming insurer panel admission or inappropriate repeat treatment.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Health Authority for Dubai clinical scope [I15]

Obtain facility design and licensing pathway plus individually licensed practitioners; verify scope, records, insurance and inspection. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

Location and applicant-specific checks. No complete statutory compliance, permit or approval is certified by this report.

PROJECT 099 / HEALTHCARE / COST SCENARIOS

Physiotherapy clinic

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Clinically approved premises deposit and healthcare fit-out	280,000 - 630,000	Standalone physiotherapy scope; property purchase and imaging plant excluded.
Physiotherapy treatment equipment, clinical systems and furnishings	560,000 - 1,260,000	DHA design review determines equipment, accessibility and facility scope.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	140,000 - 350,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	210,000 - 490,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	112,000 - 252,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	76,000 - 123,500	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	38,000 - 76,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	15,200 - 30,400	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	22,800 - 47,500	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 1,302,000 - AED 2,982,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 160,000 - AED 292,400.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 2,262,000 - AED 4,736,400. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 099 / HEALTHCARE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Physiotherapy clinic

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: treatment session. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 360	AED 324
Direct cost / unit	AED 100	AED 115
Units / month	1000	750.00
Monthly revenue	AED 360,000	AED 243,000
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 260,000	AED 156,750
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 226,200	AED 292,400
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 33,800	AED -135,650

Base break-even: 870 treatment session per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to fragmented rehabilitation continuity.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on clinical governance, practitioner licensing and payer access.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within patients requiring prescribed rehabilitation.

THREAT / Insurance panel access and credentialing must never be assumed.

Operating risks

- Insurance panel access and credentialing must never be assumed.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 099 / HEALTHCARE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Physiotherapy clinic

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview qualified clinical lead and referring clinicians evaluating service gaps; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify a clinically justified musculoskeletal service with qualified leadership; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I15] Dubai healthcare licensing Sheryan - Dubai Health Authority

Separate facility and healthcare-professional licensing pathways. Scope: Dubai healthcare

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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PROJECT 100 / HEALTHCARE / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Home healthcare provider

Build around a tightly governed service with sufficient registered nursing oversight.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / families and patients eligible for home care

PROBLEM / care transitions lack coordinated follow-up

OFFER / licensed home nursing and care coordination within approved scope

ENTRY WEDGE / a tightly governed service with sufficient registered nursing oversight

Families may use a licensed home-health provider, hospital outreach or non-clinical personal support. A new provider must define its permitted clinical service precisely and fund continuity of care. DHA home-health standards address facility, professional and patient-safety requirements; staffing cannot be reduced to a single freelance nurse. Develop referrals with clinical leaders and discharge teams rather than broad promises of medical care. Capacity depends on required supervision, travel and staff cover. Test a clinically reviewed shift roster and downside cash model before launch. Proceed only when licensed staffing and collected shift contribution support safe coverage, including leave and emergency escalation.

Compliance pathway to confirm

Dubai Health Authority [I15]

Assess home-health facility standards, required staffing, licensed professionals and approved clinical services before recruitment plan. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I16]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 100 / HEALTHCARE / COST SCENARIOS

Home healthcare provider

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Approved home-health office deposit and clinical-base preparation	220,000 - 495,000	Clinical home-care provider; residential care facility excluded.
Approved home-care equipment, clinical records and transport mobilisation	440,000 - 990,000	Minimum staff, scope and emergency arrangements need clinical review.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	110,000 - 275,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	165,000 - 385,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	88,000 - 198,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	112,000 - 182,000	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	56,000 - 112,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	22,400 - 44,800	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	33,600 - 70,000	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 1,023,000 - AED 2,343,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 232,000 - AED 423,800.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 2,415,000 - AED 4,885,800. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 100 / HEALTHCARE / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Home healthcare provider

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: care shift. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 850	AED 765
Direct cost / unit	AED 490	AED 564
Units / month	800	600.00
Monthly revenue	AED 680,000	AED 459,000
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 288,000	AED 120,900
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 327,900	AED 423,800
Operating balance before excluded items	AED -39,900	AED -302,900

Base break-even: 911 care shift per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to care transitions lack coordinated follow-up.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on staffing ratios, clinical supervision and safe home visits.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within families and patients eligible for home care.

THREAT / Staffing minimums and continuity of care create substantial fixed obligations.

Operating risks

- Staffing minimums and continuity of care create substantial fixed obligations.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 100 / HEALTHCARE / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Home healthcare provider

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview experienced clinical director and referral partners assessing patient needs; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify a tightly governed service with sufficient registered nursing oversight; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I15] Dubai healthcare licensing Sheryan - Dubai Health Authority

Separate facility and healthcare-professional licensing pathways. Scope: Dubai healthcare

[I16] Home healthcare standards - Dubai Health Authority

Home healthcare has its own clinical standards; staffing and permitted scope need design review. Scope: Dubai home healthcare

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PROJECT 101 / EDUCATION AND WELLBEING / OPPORTUNITY & COMPLIANCE

Childcare nursery

Build around a clearly defined age range and suitable premises.

The customer problem and entry wedge

CUSTOMER / working families in one residential catchment

PROBLEM / families need reliable, transparent childcare

OFFER / licensed early childhood care with qualified educators

ENTRY WEDGE / a clearly defined age range and suitable premises

Families compare nurseries, nannies and other early-childhood options within a practical daily journey. A nursery may differentiate through dependable care, qualified educators and parent communication, but premises suitability comes first. KHDA's Dubai permit pathway is distinct from Abu Dhabi's ADEK process; staffing and safeguarding requirements constrain the model. Research a residential catchment and approved capacity before signing an unconditional lease. Capacity depends on age-specific staffing and permitted rooms rather than demand alone. Test priced enrolment interest against competing options and model a slow occupancy ramp. Proceed only if realistic approved occupancy funds qualified staff and safe operations.

Compliance pathway to confirm

KHDA for Dubai early childhood centre [I17]

Confirm education permit, premises suitability, staffing and safeguarding standards; Abu Dhabi requires its own ADEK pathway. This is a pathway check, not approval or legal certification.

Relevant emirate, free-zone and product authorities [I5]

Check premises, product requirements and local service rights in the chosen jurisdiction.

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PROJECT 101 / EDUCATION AND WELLBEING / COST SCENARIOS

Childcare nursery

AED assumptions - not quotations or verified market averages. Authority fees remain unknown and excluded.

One-time setup and assets

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Suitable nursery premises deposit and safeguarding fit-out	400,000 - 900,000	Leased site; building purchase or major reconstruction excluded.
Age-appropriate furnishings, play equipment and safety systems	800,000 - 1,800,000	Capacity depends on approved rooms, age groups and staffing.
Systems, commissioning and launch preparation	200,000 - 500,000	Editorial; government fees excluded.
Initial stock or service mobilisation	300,000 - 700,000	Stock investment; consumption is variable.
Professional design, contracts and insurance setup	160,000 - 360,000	Editorial; specialist design may increase.

Monthly fixed overhead and owner allocation

Item	Low - high (AED)	Scenario basis
Fixed core staff and operational supervision	88,000 - 143,000	Excludes owner allocation (shown separately) and outsourced unit labour.
Premises lease and fixed utility base	44,000 - 88,000	Exclude variable production energy.
Insurance, software and administration	17,600 - 35,200	Editorial fixed overhead.
Sales, transport base and maintenance reserve	26,400 - 55,000	Exclude per-job freight and consumables.
Owner management compensation allocation	8,000 - 15,000	Owner management allocation for comparable budgeting. Not a statutory wage. Direct delivery pay is allocated separately only once.

One-time subtotal: AED 1,860,000 - AED 4,260,000. Monthly fixed overhead: AED 184,000 - AED 336,200.

Setup plus six-month fixed-cost buffer: AED 2,964,000 - AED 6,277,200. INCOMPLETE: add current authority costs and extra cash-cycle requirements.

- Licence, sector approvals and government fees: unknown; obtain quotations.
- VAT, duties and financing charges excluded. Owner allocation is shown separately in fixed overhead.
- Property purchase, major utility upgrades, expansion and specialised certification excluded.
- Six-month fixed reserve excludes inventory and receivables; this is not turnkey pricing.

PROJECT 101 / EDUCATION AND WELLBEING / ECONOMICS & RISKS

Childcare nursery

Illustrative monthly unit economics

Unit: child-month. Illustrative monthly inputs, not a forecast. Unit variable cost covers direct fulfilment/materials; monthly fixed overhead covers salaried core staff and owner management allocation. Do not count labour or inventory consumption twice. Tax, debt service and unknown authority charges are excluded.

Metric	Base scenario	Downside scenario
Price / unit	AED 3,200	AED 2,880
Direct cost / unit	AED 650	AED 747
Units / month	110	82.50
Monthly revenue	AED 352,000	AED 237,600
Contribution before fixed cost	AED 280,500	AED 175,931
Fixed overhead / owner allocation	AED 260,100	AED 336,200
Operating balance before excluded items	AED 20,400	AED -160,269

Base break-even: 102 child-month per month. Check actual capacity; this is not a sales forecast.

Downside: price -10%, unit direct cost +15%, volume -25%, overhead at upper range. Negative results are intentionally retained. Operating balance is not net profit, investment return or payback.

SWOT to challenge

STRENGTH / Focused solution to families need reliable, transparent childcare.

WEAKNESS / Dependence on safeguarding, staffing ratios and occupancy ramp.

OPPORTUNITY / Repeat purchasing within working families in one residential catchment.

THREAT / Occupancy is constrained by approved capacity and qualified staffing.

Operating risks

- Occupancy is constrained by approved capacity and qualified staffing.
- Receivables require cash beyond the fixed reserve.
- Scope drift, unqualified staff or unsuitable premises can halt operations.

PROJECT 101 / EDUCATION AND WELLBEING / EXECUTION & SOURCES

Childcare nursery

Days 1-30 / discovery and scope

- Interview one hundred families surveyed around an approvable site; record existing prices, unmet needs and purchase authority.
- Get regulator scope guidance and three supplier quotations.

Days 31-60 / lawful paid pilot

- Run a lawful paid pilot; measure acceptance, direct cost, defects and collections.
- Test collections and payment terms; track outstanding specialist approvals.

Days 61-90 / repeatability gate

- Seek repeat orders or conditional contracts and compare contribution with fixed overhead.
- Expand only after approval, delivery and cash evidence; otherwise stop or narrow.

PRACTICAL SETUP

- Specify a clearly defined age range and suitable premises; document acceptance criteria, responsibilities and exclusions.
- Confirm activity and premises suitability before unconditional leases or specialist purchases.
- Appoint competent supervision; document procedures and measure a lawful pilot.

FUNDING FIT

Founder equity and paid pilots first. Equipment lending needs approval; grants and bank credit are not assumed. Equity requires repeat-demand evidence.

PROCEED / REDESIGN / PAUSE

Proceed only with confirmed permissions, capable staff and funded downside. Repeat contribution must cover overhead plus founder compensation.

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[I17] Early childhood centre permit guide - KHDA

Dubai early childhood centres follow education permit and premises procedures. Scope: Dubai early childhood

[I5] Municipality business services - Dubai Municipality

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Scope: Dubai municipal activities

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[D1] Dubai business licensing

Dubai DET / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Dubai provides activity-dependent business licences and a setup process. Dubai reference; other emirates and free zones use their own authorities.

https://www.dubaidet.gov.ae/en/licences-and-permits/business-licensing

[D2] Data protection laws

UAE Government / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Federal personal-data law addresses processing obligations and cross-border transfers; the portal also identifies DIFC's separate law. Federal overview; applicability and free-zone regimes require assessment.

https://u.ae/en/about-the-uae/digital-uae/data/data-protection-laws

[D3] Digital economy priorities

Digital Dubai / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Official objectives include strategic-sector digital maturity and a competitive ICT sector. Dubai policy context; does not verify SME demand or spending.

https://www.digitaldubai.ae/about-us/city-strategy/digital-economy

[D4] Training institute educational permit

KHDA / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Dubai training institutes need the educational permit process and relevant licensing-authority approvals. Dubai training institute reference; course and premises classification must be confirmed.

https://web.khda.gov.ae/en/Services/Training-Institute-Permit-Services/Issuing-an-Educational-Services-Permit-for-a-Train

[D5] Recruitment agency licensing service directory

MOHRE / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Official directory includes recruitment mediation/temporary-employment licensing and bank-guarantee services. Federal recruitment services; exact activity conditions require current authority confirmation.

https://www.mohre.gov.ae/AR/services/services-directory

[D6] Legal translator registration

UAE Ministry of Justice / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

MOJ operates legal-translator registration with qualification and documentation requirements. Legal translation accreditation; not evidence that all commercial translation is legal translation.

https://www.moj.gov.ae/en/services/services-categories/experts-and-legal-translators/registration-of-legal-translator-a9314f86.aspx

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[D7] Tax agent registration

Federal Tax Authority / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Tax-agent registration and activation are separate regulated services. Federal tax representation; bookkeeping does not establish tax-agent status.

https://www.tax.gov.ae/en/services/registration.of.tax.agents.aspx

[D8] Dubai engineering practice registers

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Consulting-engineering practice is linked to licensing, authorisation and registration. Dubai engineering activities; obtain current classification for design versus drafting.

https://www.dm.gov.ae/municipality-business/consultants-contractors-and-suppliers-data/

[D9] Dubai event permit

Dubai DET / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Business events are among the event categories requiring a permit; venue NOC and additional event-specific documents are identified. Dubai events; ticketing and venue jurisdictions can add requirements.

https://www.dubaidet.gov.ae/en/our-services/for-consumers-and-students/apply-for-an-event-permit

[D10] Filming FAQs

Dubai Film and TV Commission / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Production, broadcasting and photography activities are eligible for filming permits; certain productions require script clearance. Dubai filming; project and location conditions must be confirmed.

https://www.filmdubai.gov.ae/s/faq

[D11] Advertiser guide

UAE Media Council / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

2025 guide describes individual advertiser permits for social-media advertising content and underlying media regulation. Federal media; individual exemptions and agency activity need separate review.

https://uaemc.gov.ae/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Advertiser-Guide.pdf

[D12] Customs business registration

Dubai Customs / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Business registration enables transactions with Dubai Customs and produces a customs code. Dubai import/export administration; product-specific controls remain separate.

https://www.dubaicustoms.gov.ae/en/mobile/pages/ServiceDescription.aspx?serviceid=17

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[D13] Telemarketing regulation

UAE Legislation / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Official text of Cabinet Resolution 56 of 2024 concerns telemarketing controls. Federal marketing calls; review exact applicability and approval requirements.

https://uaelegislation.gov.ae/en/legislations/2519?keyword=united+arab+emirates

[D14] VAT registration

Federal Tax Authority / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Resident-business mandatory threshold uses AED 375,000 taxable supplies/imports, with previous-12-month and next-30-day tests; non-residents differ. Federal VAT; not a corporate-tax threshold.

https://www.tax.gov.ae/en/services/vat.registration.aspx

[C1] Food traders and establishments

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Food codes, activity requirements, food transport guidance and nutrition-claim resources. Dubai food operations; confirm latest activity requirements.

https://www.dm.gov.ae/municipality-business/food-traders-establishments/

[C2] Dubai Municipality services

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Food layout approval, label assessment and imported-food release service descriptions. Dubai; service scope is not a nationwide approval.

https://www.dm.gov.ae/dubai-municipality-services/

[C3] eCommerce

UAE Government / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Online trading requires appropriate licensing; describes 2023 technology-based trade legislation. Federal overview; mainland licence activity determined by emirate.

https://u.ae/en/information-and-services/business/ecommerce/

[C4] Regulated product conformity certificates

Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Regulated-product certificate application requires a trade licence and accredited laboratory test report. Only products covered by relevant technical regulations; classify each SKU.

https://moiat.gov.ae/en/services/issue-conformity-certificates-for-regulated-products/

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[C5] Health and safety technical guidelines

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Lists guidance for salons, home salon services, laundries, product storage, cosmetics and occupational hazards. Dubai; read relevant guideline and confirm current revision.

https://www.dm.gov.ae/municipality-business/technical-guidelines-list/

[C6] Veterinary services requirements

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Official veterinary requirements index includes pet-grooming salons and pet boarding. Dubai; Arabic requirements and activity-specific review.

https://www.dm.gov.ae/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%B4%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%B9%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%88%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%AA/veterinary-services-section/?lang=ar

[C7] Fragrance product technical guidelines

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Describes fragrance registration and licensing for manufacture, filling, mixing or packing in Dubai. Dubai fragrance products; verify current revision before launch.

https://www.dm.gov.ae/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/DM-HSD-GU117-FP2_Technical-Guidelines-for-Fragrance-Products_V2.0.pdf

[C8] AML compliance guidance

Ministry of Economy and Tourism / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Publishes precious-metals/stones guidance, red flags, goAML registration and reporting resources. DNFBP applicability requires transaction/activity assessment.

https://www.moet.gov.ae/en/aml

[C9] Responsible sourcing of gold

Ministry of Economy and Tourism / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Describes precious-metals supervision and responsible-gold sourcing framework. Do not assume every jeweller is a refiner; confirm applicable duties.

https://www.moet.gov.ae/en/diligence-regulations-for-responsible-sourcing-of-gold

[C10] Customs business services

Dubai Customs / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Business registration permits customs transactions; customs declarations include import. Dubai customs; confirm tariff classification, origin and entry route.

https://www.dubaicustoms.gov.ae/en/mobile/Pages/default.aspx?pid=83

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[C11] Waste and sewerage technical guidelines

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Technical guidance directory for waste management activities and classification. Dubai waste activities; specific permissions require authority confirmation.

https://www.dm.gov.ae/municipality-business/waste-department-technical-guidelines-2/

[C12] Single-use plastic final phase

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

24 December 2025 announcement identifies single-use plastic categories banned from 1 January 2026. Dubai single-use categories; exemptions and alternatives require SKU review.

https://www.dm.gov.ae/dubai-to-enforce-final-phase-of-single-use-plastic-ban-from-2026/

[C13] Circular Economy Policy

UAE Government / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

National policy identifies circular-production priorities. Policy direction, not measured customer demand or grants.

https://u.ae/en/about-the-uae/strategies-initiatives-and-awards/policies/economy/uae-circular-economy-policy

[C14] Tourism research and insights

Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Publishes monthly and annual visitor research including 2025 and January-August 2026 reports. Historical Dubai tourism context; latest listed period should guide refreshed forecasts.

https://www.dubaidet.gov.ae/en/research-and-insights

[C15] Ideal salon guidelines

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Updated ideal-salon technical guideline resource. Dubai salon reference; ideal recognition criteria are not all minimum licensing rules.

https://www.dm.gov.ae/documents/hsd-gu75/

[C16] 2021-2031 Circular Economy Policy

UAE Legislation / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Policy supports sustainable remanufacturing and reuse business models. Policy support does not validate a specific commercial opportunity.

https://uaelegislation.gov.ae/en/policy/details/sy-s-dol-l-m-r-t-laarby-lmthd-ll-kts-d-ld-ry-2021-2031

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[I1] RTA delivery services technical manual

RTA / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Dubai delivery operating permits and activity requirements. Dubai delivery

https://www.rta.ae/links/licensing/delivery-services-manual-en.pdf

[I2] RTA corporate services

RTA / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Commercial transport licence review and NOC service pathways. Dubai transport

https://www.rta.ae/wps/portal/rta/ae/corporate-services

[I3] Dubai Customs business registration

Dubai Customs / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Business registration requires trade licence and authorised-person documentation; customs code follows registration. Dubai customs

https://www.dubaicustoms.gov.ae/en/mobile/pages/ServiceDescription.aspx?serviceid=17

[I4] Food traders and establishments

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Food code, establishment and food-transport guidance are published here. Dubai food

https://www.dm.gov.ae/municipality-business/food-traders-establishments/

[I5] Municipality business services

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Waste transport permits, pest-control professional cards and maintenance permit pathways. Dubai municipal activities

https://www.dm.gov.ae/dubai-municipality-services/

[I6] EV charging regulatory framework

DEWA / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Public charging operators need CPO licensing; technical regulations also apply. Installation and operation are different scopes. Dubai EV charging

https://dewa.gov.ae/en/builder/useful-tools/regulatory-framework-for-ev-charging-infrastructure

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[I7] Shams Dubai frequently asked questions

DEWA / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Electrical solar work requires qualified enrolled contractors; structural permissions are distinct. Dubai solar

https://www.dewa.gov.ae/en/consumer/solar-community/shams-dubai/shams-dubai-faq

[I8] Industrial production licence

MOIAT / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Industrial production licence service for facilities subject to industrial licensing requirements. Federal industrial

https://moiat.gov.ae/en/services/issue-industrial-production-license?search=Control+Hazardous+Materials+Electrical+Electronic+Devices

[I9] Waste technical guidelines

Dubai Municipality / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Activity-specific waste classification, transport and processing guidance. Dubai waste

https://www.dm.gov.ae/municipality-business/waste-department-technical-guidelines-2/

[I10] Agricultural activity licensing

MOCCAE / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Lists agricultural activities requiring federal approval, including nurseries and seeds import/export. Federal agriculture specified activities

https://www.moccae.gov.ae/Handlers/DownloadPDF.ashx?id=67412

[I11] Production and trade of agricultural inputs

MOCCAE / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Agricultural-input production and trade licence service; current service routing must be confirmed. Federal agricultural inputs

https://moccae.gov.ae/Handlers/DownloadPDF.ashx?id=67567

[I12] Tourism businesses licensing

Dubai DET / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Tourism businesses have sector licensing and permit pathways. Dubai tourism

https://www.dubaidet.gov.ae/licences-and-permits/tourism-businesses

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[I13] Holiday homes licensing and permits

Dubai DET / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Units require DET registration and approval before listing. Dubai holiday homes

https://www.dubaidet.gov.ae/en/licences-and-permits/hospitality-services-and-permits

[I14] Sports establishments regulation

Dubai legislation portal / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Sports academy and establishment permitting falls under Dubai Sports Council framework. Dubai sports

https://dlp.dubai.gov.ae/Legislation%20Reference/2020/Executive%20Council%20Resolution%20No.%20%281%29%20of%202020%20Regulating%20Sports%20Establishments%20and%20Sports%20Events%20in%20the%20Emirate%20of%20Dubai.html

[I15] Dubai healthcare licensing Sheryan

Dubai Health Authority / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Separate facility and healthcare-professional licensing pathways. Dubai healthcare

https://dha.gov.ae/en/healthregulation/dubaihealthlicensingsystem

[I16] Home healthcare standards

Dubai Health Authority / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Home healthcare has its own clinical standards; staffing and permitted scope need design review. Dubai home healthcare

https://dha.gov.ae/uploads/072025/Standards%20for%20home%20healthcare%20services2025710613.pdf

[I17] Early childhood centre permit guide

KHDA / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Dubai early childhood centres follow education permit and premises procedures. Dubai early childhood

https://web.khda.gov.ae/en/Guides/Education-Providers/Permit-Guides/Permits-for-Early-Childhood-Centre

[I18] DEWA contractor listing

DEWA / 2026-10-13 / Official-site search excerpt reviewed; selected linked sections inspected where accessible

Listing and enrolment pathway for electrical consultants and contractors. Dubai electrical work

https://dewa.gov.ae/en/builder/useful-tools/consultant-and-contractor-listing

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[R1] DMCC schedule of charges

DMCC / 2026-10-13 / Authority page opened; pricing sections inspected

Schedule includes distinct package, standard setup and renewal pricing. No single payable total is inferred. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://dmcc.ae/members/support/schedule-charges

[R2] Shams setup landing page

Shams / 2026-10-13 / Authority page opened; offer text inspected

The landing page advertises setup from AED 5,750. It does not establish all inclusions, renewal or eligibility for these projects. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://startwith.shams.ae/main/

[R3] RAKEZ offers and package scope

RAKEZ / 2026-10-13 / Authority page opened; offer text inspected

Offers page advertises AED 6,000 setup and AED 14,000 all-inclusive language; a separate official getting-started page advertises AED16,500. Confirm current scope and validity. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://rakez.com/en/offers

[R4] FTA VAT registration

Federal Tax Authority / 2026-10-13 / Official page opened; registration conditions inspected

VAT registration depends on taxable supplies/imports, residency and statutory tests. The common guide directs readers to current registration rules. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://www.tax.gov.ae/en/services/vat.registration.aspx

[R5] FTA corporate tax registration

Federal Tax Authority / 2026-10-13 / Official search excerpt reviewed

Corporate-tax registration is a separate compliance workstream; free-zone formation does not itself establish exemption. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://www.tax.gov.ae/en/services/corporate.tax.registration.aspx

[R6] MoHRE employer obligations

MoHRE / 2026-10-13 / Official search excerpt reviewed; historic notice not a full current employment audit

Employer wage-protection requirements need the relevant employment-regime assessment. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://www.mohre.gov.ae/en/media-centre/news/27/7/2022/ministry-of-human-resources-and-emiratisation-amends-provisions-of-wages-protection-system.aspx

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[R7] CBUAE legal-person due diligence

CBUAE / 2026-10-13 / Official search excerpt reviewed

Banks assess identity, beneficial ownership/control and risk; a business licence does not guarantee onboarding or finance. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://rulebook.centralbank.ae/en/rulebook/guidance-licensed-financial-institutions-providing-services-legal-persons-and-arrangements

[R8] Dubai tourism year 2025 context

Dubai DET / 2026-10-13 / Official release opened

DET reported 19.59 million overnight visitors in2025. This historic context is not a2026 sales forecast for any proposed project. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://www.dubaidet.gov.ae/en/newsroom/press-releases/dubais-tourism-industry-achieves-third-successive-record-breaking-year

[R9] MOIAT industrial priorities

MoIAT / 2026-10-13 / Official search excerpt reviewed

Official industrial-sector priorities offer context, not a guarantee of demand, grants or procurement. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://opendata.moiat.gov.ae/en/archive-make-it-in-the-emirates/sectors

[R10] MOF current financial legislation register

Ministry of Finance / 2026-10-13 / Official register opened; decision not comprehensively reviewed

Register lists2026 amendments including Ministerial Decision131/2026 concerning Small Business Relief. Check current consolidated conditions rather than relying on old sunset dates. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://mof.gov.ae/ar/financial-legislation/

[R11] RAKEZ getting-started package page

RAKEZ / 2026-10-13 / Official page opened; package text inspected

A separate official page advertises an AED16,500 per-year package. Its scope must be reconciled with other offers. Dated context only. Confirm exact applicability and current terms.

https://rakez.com/en/join-us/getting-started