

DMCC TEA CENTRE

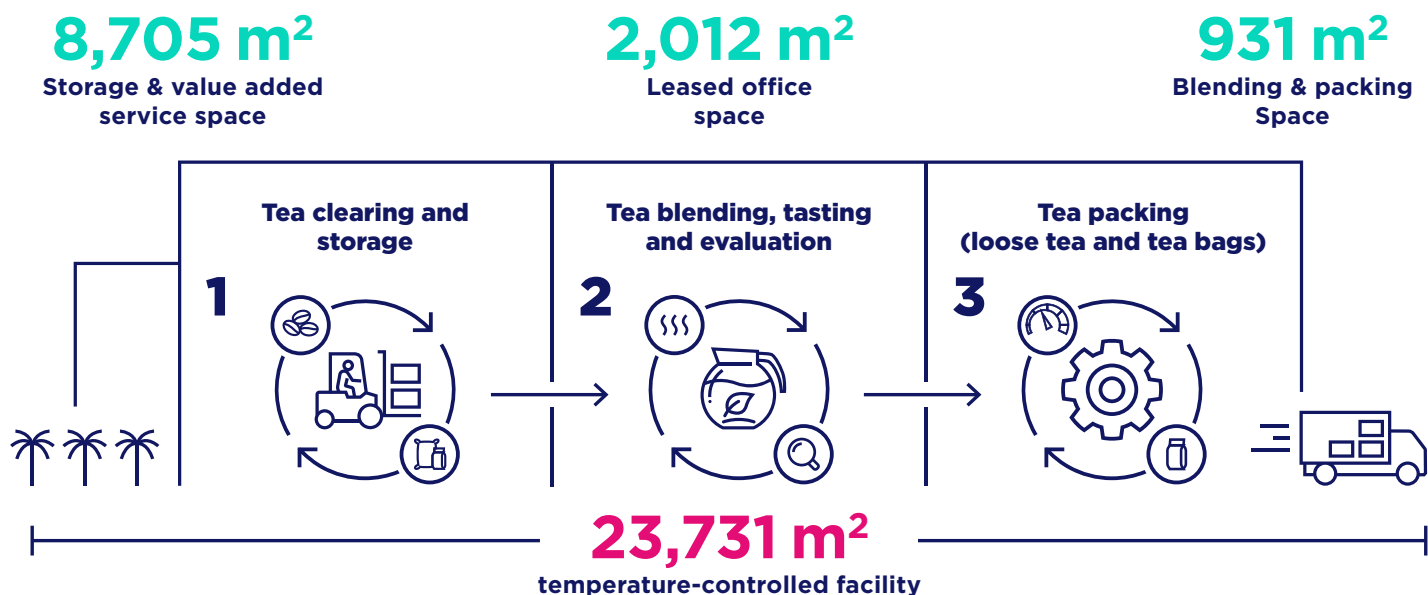
In 2008, DMCC launched the DMCC Tea Centre, a purpose-built facility that provides tea storage, processing and packing, alongside networking opportunities between its members. Through the Tea Centre, DMCC has established the UAE as one of the world's largest re-exporters of tea. The Tea Centre commenced its operations in 2005 through DPW provided warehouses.

The Centre supports companies and individuals in establishing and enhancing their tea businesses. It provides a comprehensive ecosystem for the tea industry with access to a purpose-built facility, world-class services and a growing community of stakeholders. Its core services include warehousing, blending and packaging solutions as well as additional member benefits such as tea tasting.

The DMCC Tea Centre continues to develop and grow the tea trade through Dubai, allowing the emirate to remain the trusted partner for merchants and producers. Many tea suppliers from major producing countries such as China, India, Sri Lanka and Kenya have established a presence in DMCC to enhance their market access, strengthen the reliability of their supply chain and increase cost efficiencies.

Quick Facts and Stats

- The DMCC Tea Centre is a purpose-built facility that spans 23,731 sqm.
- It provides facilities and services including storage, black, green and flavoured tea blending, packing (including specialty tea and temperature-controlled tea bag and loose tea packaging), the first two-tonne drum system in the region for CTC, orthodox or leaf tea blending, office space and trade licenses.
- DMCC Tea Centre provides an in-house tea-tasting room for members to blend and create their own blends and brands of teas, accredited with ISO / FSSC 22,000 and HACCP certifications together with a corroboration to pack organic teas.
- Located within Jebel Ali Free Zone (JAFZA), members of DMCC Tea Centre have the option of 100% business ownership and 0% personal and corporate tax. There are no restrictions on capital repatriation.
- DMCC Tea Centre counts over 30 members, drawn from tea producers, merchants, importers and exporters. These include McLeod Russel, KTDA James Finlays, Cup of Joe, Taylors of Harrogate, Lipton and Van Rees.
- The Centre has access to over 3,000 varieties of tea, including specialty blends, originating from India, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi, Mozambique, Burundi, Indonesia, Argentina, Vietnam, and China.
- DMCC Tea Centre handles on average over 43,000 metric tonnes of tea per year.
- In 2024, the centre handled over 24,400 metric tonnes of tea, with production of packaged tea increasing by 27% year-on-year.
- Machines can produce up to 40 million tea bags per month, three quarters of which are destined for the UAE market.
- DMCC Tea Centre has capacity to store up to 5,000 metric tonnes of bulk teas at any given time. DMCC provides a limited option of free storage to all its members and also offers companies the option to lease additional space within purpose-built premises.
- DMCC Tea Centre has increased the surface area of its facilities by 25% in recent years, accommodating new state-of-the-art machinery and temperature-controlled storage facilities.



DMCC's Tea Centre Leaders



Ahmed Bin Sulayem

Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, DMCC

Ahmed Bin Sulayem is the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DMCC and has driven its growth from a start-up of 28 member companies in 2003 to one of the world's leading international business districts in 2025 with over 25,000 member companies.