

Reliance Capital to set up International Commodity Exchange at GIFT centre

Will also operate offshore businesses like asset management and broking

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Anil Ambani-led Reliance Capital Limited (RCL) on Wednesday announced its plans to set up an international commodity exchange (ICEX) and business operations in international asset management and broking at the country's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at the Special Economic Zone within GIFT City.

The board of directors of Gujarat International Finance Tech-City Company Ltd (GIFT City) has approved the allotment of 500,000 sq ft of area to the company for office space (300,000 sqft) and residential (200,000 sq ft) at the IFSC.

Reliance Capital will invest about ₹200 crore over a span of three years towards setting up office and residential facilities.

The unit will provide employment to about 2,500 people.

Sam Ghosh, Executive Director, Reliance Capital Ltd, said the company will start some of the international businesses that are being done at other global financial centres like Singapore, Dubai and Tokyo.

Non-rupee currencies

"We are having about \$1.7 billion of offshore fund being operated from Singapore. From some of the emerging businesses are our Alternate Investment Funds, which has the size of ₹2,000 crore at present.

Also, a business unit at GIFT will open opportunity to undertake wealth management and retail broking business in non-rupee currencies," said Ghosh.

The wealth management



GIFT City has allotted 5 lakh sq ft of space to Reliance Capital. The letter of allotment was handed over by Ramakant Jha (right) MD and Group CEO of GIFT Company Limited, to Sam Ghosh, ED of Reliance Capital VIJAY SONEJI

portfolio has about ₹1,500 crore AUM at present.

The regulatory approvals for its products and ICEX will be obtained in about six months after which the company will

begin its operations. Through its International Commodity Exchange, Reliance Capital eyes to tap international business from the commodities ranging from metals, agri commodities,

bullion, besides currency swaps.

"A unit at GIFT will be better for us to centralise our operations as we have our businesses spread globally in Tokyo, Dubai, Singapore, US and Europe," Ghosh added.

Notably, in April this year, National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Ltd (NCDEX) had announced to set up an International Commodity Exchange at the IFSC. "We have received about 60 applications to set up units in IFSC. This is the largest space taken by any private sector company so far in IFSC till date," said Ramakant Jha, MD and Group CEO, GIFT Company.

So far, in total, about 13.4 million sq ft of built-up area has been allotted to various companies for commercial, residential and social purposes thereby attracting investment commitment of ₹9,650 crore at the entire GIFT City including the SEZ and domestic area.