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المؤتمر الشرق الاوسط للتمويل والاستثمار الاسلامي

17 April 2013, Dusit Thani Dubai Hotel, Dubai, UAE.

Building the Islamic Economy: Strengthening Islamic Finance's Links to the Real Economy

Agenda Draft v12

Wednesday 17th April 2013

- 08.00 to 09.00 Registration & Refreshments
- 09.00 Opening of the 3rd Annual Middle East Islamic Finance and Investment Conference (MEFIC 2013)
- 09.00 to 09.05 **Moderator's Opening Remarks**

Moderator:

Bernardo Vizcaino, *Islamic Finance Correspondent - Middle East and North Africa, Thomson Reuters*

09.05 to 09.30 **Session 1: Opening Keynote Plenary Session: Building and Integrating the Islamic Economy**

Opening Keynote Speakers:

Ahmed Bin Sulayem, *Executive Chairman, Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)*

Key Discussion Points:

- Promoting the convergence and integration of key components of a holistic Islamic economic system
- Which Islamic industry sectors will drive growth?
- Assessing the potential for Dubai to become a global hub of an integrated Islamic economy
- Creating an integrated platform that aligns Islamic finance instruments, the Takaful industry, Islamic contracts arbitration with the Halaal food industry, and Islamic trade and quality standards

09.30 to 09.55 **Session 2: Shariah Compliant Investments: The Role of AWQAF in supporting the Islamic Economy**

Session Chair:

Dr. Alberto Brugnoli, *Chairman of the Board, ASSAIF*

Speaker:

Tayeb Abdulrahman Al Rais, *Secretary General, Awqaf & Minors Affairs Foundation*



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09.55 to 10.45 **Session 3: Keynote Power Debate: Strengthening Islamic Finance's Links to the Real Economy: Boosting Growth and Value**

Session Chair:

Dr. Sayd Farook, *Global Head Islamic Capital Markets, Thomson Reuters*

Keynote Debaters:

Harun Kapetanovic, *Economic Adviser, Department of Economic Development, Government of Dubai*

Moinuddin Malim, *Chief Executive Officer, Mashreq Al Islami*

Amr Al Menhali, *EVP, Head of Islamic Banking, ADCB Islamic Banking*

Rajashekara V. Maiya, *AVP & Lead Product Manager, Finacle, Infosys*

Anouar Adham, *Head of Asset Management, QIB – UK*

Key Discussion Points:

- How can the significant progress and substantial growth achieved by the Islamic finance industry over the past decade become a catalyst for driving an integrated Islamic economy?
- Stepping up the pace: Assessing new growth opportunities for Islamic finance
- Boosting growth and the value of Islamic finance by further strengthening linkages to the real economy and mainstreaming products
- A question of size: How can Islamic finance institutions scale-up to better meet the needs of the real economy?

10.45 to 11.15 *Opening of the Middle East Islamic Finance & Investment Exhibition & Refreshment Break*

11.15 to 12.00 **Session 4: Building on New Momentum in the Sukuk Market: Government/GRE Issuers as a Driving Force for Sustained Growth**

Session Chair:

Adnan Halawi, *Product Manager, Zawya Islamic Finance*

Panelists:

Daniele Vecchi, *Senior Vice President/Head of Group Treasury, MAF Holding LLC*

Anzal Mohammed, *Partner, Allen & Overy LLP*

Karim Nassif, *Associate Director, Standard & Poor's*

Key Discussion Points:

- Assessing the outlook for the global Sukuk market and what are the prospects for Middle East issues?
- Will an increasing appetite amongst Government and GRE issuers spur sustainable growth in the Middle East Sukuk markets?
- What major issues are in the pipeline? To what extent are major corporates looking at tapping the Sukuk market as a component of their financing mix?
- How can the Sukuk market become a platform for building an integrated Islamic economy?



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12.00 to 12.45 **Session 5: Assessing the Potential for Islamic Consumer Trade & Structured Finance to Play a Key Role in Islamic Industry Convergence**

Panelists:

Issam Al Tawari, Chairman and Managing Director, Rasameel Structured Finance Company

Tooran Asif, Head Of Personal Banking, Mashreq Bank

Paul Boots, Director, Tradeflow, Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)

Ruggiero Lomonaco, Executive Director for Institutional Investments, Royal Bank of Scotland

Brian J Luck, Director, Asiya Investments

Key Discussion Points:

- Where is the Islamic trade finance market today and how can it tap into the enormous growth opportunities?
- How can trade finance establish greater linkages with the financing requirements of key Islamic industry sectors such as Halaal food production, Shari'ah-compliant hotels to enable the entire supply chain to become Shar'ah-compliant?
- Overcoming the obstacles to take Islamic trade finance to the next level
- Engaging the Islamic Consumer: The Retail Banking Opportunity

12.45 – 13.00 **Moderator's Summation Remarks**

13.00 – 14.30 Conference Luncheon

14.30 to 15.15 **Session 6: Shari'ah Harmonisation Initiatives: Towards a Globally Connected Market**

Session Chair:

Mohammed Paracha, Partner and Head of Islamic Finance Middle East and Africa, Norton Rose

Panelists:

Sheikh Bilal Khan, Shari'ah Scholar, Linklaters LLP

Dr Muhammad Al-Bashir Muhammad Al-Amine, Group Head - Shari'ah Assurance Department, Bank Alkhair

Mufti Aziz ur Rehman, Manager – Shariah, Mawarid Group PJSC Dubai

Dr. Azeemuddin Subhani, Assistant Professor, and Head, Islamic Finance, Ajman University of Science and Technology (AUST)

Key Discussion Points:

- As Islamic finance matures and becomes increasingly international in nature, how can the harmonization of Shari'ah rulings be achieved to provide the basis for a truly global and integrated industry?
- What key challenges need to be overcome?
- How can the industry play a supportive role in achieving Shari'ah standardisation?



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15.15 to 16.00 **Session 7: Standardisation, Governance and Risk Management Priorities**

Panelists:

Rajashekara V. Maiya, AVP & Lead Product Manager, **Finacle, Infosys**

Ruggiero Lomonaco, Executive Director for Institutional Investments, **Royal Bank of Scotland**

Dr. Mohammed Nurul Alam, Associate Professor (Islamic Banking & Accounting), MBA Coordinator, School of Business Administration, **Canadian University Of Dubai**

Key Discussion Points:

- Broadening the reach and impact of industry guidelines
- Meeting the increasingly important need for sound corporate governance in the Islamic finance industry
- Addressing the question of risk management for Islamic financial institutions

16.00 Close of the 3rd Annual Middle East Islamic Finance and Investment Conference
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