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We are pleased to invite you to a seminar to discuss the current state of the Islamic finance market and the role of Islamic finance in tackling the credit crunch. The seminar will be followed by a reception.

**Speakers****• Richard Thomas**

Richard Thomas is Chairman of Gatehouse Bank plc, the 5th Shariah compliant bank recently authorised by the FSA in London and Managing Director of GSH (UK) Ltd, a Shariah compliant investment and advisory firm also based in the City of London and also authorised by the FSA. Both companies are ultimately subsidiaries of The Securities House KSCC of Kuwait.

**• Mushtak Parker**

Mushtak Parker is Editor of Islamic Banker Magazine, one of the leading journals in the Islamic finance industry with a global circulation. He is also a regular commentator on economic and political issues in the UK and Muslim-majority world for, amongst others, the London Times and Arab News.

**• Shaykh Haytham Tamim**

Shaykh Haytham Tamim is a Shariah scholar and chairman of The Utrujj Foundation. He has studied Islamic law for over 20 years. Shaykh Tamim specialises in Islamic finance and is on the supervisory board for Al-Qalam and Gatehouse Bank PLC.

**• Neil D. Miller**

Neil D. Miller is the Head of Islamic Finance, Norton Rose LLP. Now based in London, Neil spent 5 years running the Norton Rose office in Bahrain. In 2000, he established the Islamic finance group which now coordinates the Group's Islamic activities globally in this sector. Neil speaks regularly at conferences and seminars on a wide variety of Islamic finance subjects.

The seminar will be chaired by Farmida Bi, partner, Norton Rose LLP. Farmida specialises in capital markets and Islamic finance and has worked on many leading *Sukuk* issues.

**What to expect**

- An investment banker's view of how the Islamic financial markets have reacted to the credit crunch in the last twelve months with a discussion as to how Islamic finance is likely to respond in the coming year;
- a journalist's impression of whether the current crisis offers Islamic finance an opportunity to assert its model and values and whether the opportunity has thus far been seized;
- a scholar's analysis of the challenges posed by the current crisis and whether Islamic finance can adapt itself to the challenges/opportunities it faces; and
- a lawyer's perspective on how existing structures have responded in the current crisis and how they are changing in response to it.

## Time

17.30 - 21.30 Tuesday 20 January 2009

## Programme

17.30 - 18.00	Registration
18.00 - 19.00	Seminar
19.00 - 19.30	Panel Q & A
19.30 - 21.30	Reception

## Accreditation

The seminar is Law Society accredited: 1.5 CPD hours

## RSVP

If you are interested in attending our seminar and/or reception, please email [islamicfinance@nortonrose.com](mailto:islamicfinance@nortonrose.com) including your full contact details by 12 January 2009.

## Venue

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