

Agenda

Thursday, 5th November 2009

09:30 **Welcome Remarks – FT Global Events & The Banker**

Chairperson:

Stephen Timewell, Editor-in-Chief, *The Banker*

09:40 **Keynote Speech : The Strength of Islamic Finance**

- The global opportunity
- A prime example – the globalisation of sukuk
- The growth of asset management
- Retail banking – challenges and opportunities
- Taking the industry to the next level

David Dew, Deputy Chief Executive of HSBC Amanah and Chief of Administration, Global Banking & Markets, *MENA*

10:10 **Speech: Regulation Update**

- Maintaining Islamic Finance standards with industry expansion
- Securing user confidence in Islamic Finance institutions
- The importance of clarity in the regulation process
- Global product standardisation – searching for the impossible?

Dr Mohamad Nedal Alchaar, Secretary General, *AAOIFI*

10:40 **Speech with Q&A: The Banker Top 500 Islamic Bank Rankings 2009**

- Introduction and summary to The Banker Top 500
- Has there been a big change in trends and patterns over the last 3 years?
- The big 3 established country leaders
- New countries to look out for
- How do non-Muslim countries & institutions fit into the equation?

Stephen Timewell, Editor-in-Chief, *The Banker*

Joseph DiVanna, Managing Director, *Maris Strategies*

11:10 **Refreshments**

11:30 **Panel Session with Q&A: Product Innovation**

- Keeping up with the increasing thirst for Islamic Finance products
- Do strict Sharia laws mean that innovation is hindered? Or can the two work side-by-side successfully?
- The need to monitor developing secondary markets
- How to offer changing and suitable products, for changing country demographics
- Is there any point seeking international product standardisation?
- Satisfying non-Muslim and Muslim customers

Michael Lee, CEO, *Ithmaar Bank*

Samad Sirohey, MD & CEO, *Citi Islamic Investment Bank*

Dr Humayon Dar, CEO, *BMB Islamic*

Sandeep Sachdeva, Global Head, *HSBC Amanah Commercial Banking*

Natalie Schoon, Head of Product Development, *BLME*

Philip Alexander, Finance Editor, *The Banker*

12:15 **Speech: Islamic Money Creation**

- Exploring money creation and monetisation in the Islamic world
- Defining and inventing Islamic money creation
- Addressing the paradox of public debt

- Proposing Islamic Public Capitalisation Notes as an alternative instrument

Dr Armen Papazian, Head of Islamic Finance, *UBS*

12:35 **Speech: Current & Emerging Hubs**

- United Kingdom
- Malaysia
- Dubai
- Saudi Arabia
- The similarities and differences

Hussein A Hassan, Head of Structuring, MENA, Global Markets, *Deutsche Bank AG*

12:50 **Speech: Technology**

- Controlling Tech spending to increase efficiency & profitability
- The benefits of streamlining and harmonising Tech operations
- How to match Tech solutions to Islamic Finance product demands
- The importance of adaptability and flexibility

Jamil Hassan, Principal Consultant, *Oracle Financial Services*

13:15 **Networking Lunch**

14:00 **Structuring Shari'ah-compliant real estate and private equity transactions in the UK and Continental Europe**

- Overview of structures used to finance real estate and private equity investments on a Shari'ah-compliant basis in Europe
- Shari'ah-compliant financings on the investment level versus Tawarruq (Metal Murabaha)
- The way forward for Islamic finance in Europe

Jawad Ali, Partner & Deputy Head of the Middle East & Islamic Finance and Investment Practice Group, *King & Spalding*

14:20 **Speech: Interpreting The Banker's Top 500 Data Findings**

- Data analysis of The Banker's Top 500 report
- Trends, patterns and observations
- Q&A

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14:45 **Keynote Speech: Sukuk**

- The impact of the credit crunch on the rate of Sukuk issuance
- The Islamic bond market in the GCC region – progress check
- 2009-2010 forecast: Corporate sukuku & sovereign sukuku
- Bringing together Issuers and Investors
- Securitisation and rating

Mohieddine Kronfol, Managing Director, *Algebra Capital*

15:10 **Keynote Speech: Weathering market storms through Islamic Global Commodity & Trade Finance**

- Trade finance: a low volatility investment strategy which has proven successful during market turmoil
- How does commodity and trade finance apply to sharia compliant investments?
- Changes in the marketplace have created compelling investment opportunities in trade finance
- Strategy with strong growth potential, especially given the current global trade finance deficit of at least \$300 billion
- Case studies

Sohail Hasan, Managing Director, *IIG*

15:30 **Refreshments**

15:45**Panel Session with Q&A: Geographical Spread**

- How does the demand for Islamic Finance products vary from country-to-country?
- Cross-boarder cooperation – is it possible?
- Ensuring that products match-up with clientele ages and requirements
- Examining the big players – Bahrain, Dubai, Malaysia
- Examining the new players – UK, Paris, Germany

Humphrey Percy, CEO, *Bank of London and The Middle East*

John Sandwick, CEO, *Islamic Wealth & Asset Management*

Ibrahim Hassan, CEO, *Maybank Islamic*

Stephen Timewell, Editor-in-Chief, *The Banker*

Dr Nasser Saidi, Chief Economist, *DIFC*

16:30**Speech: The Future**

- Where now for Islamic Finance in a changing global climate?
- Increasing liquidity & making markets more accessible
- Attracting more non-Muslim users of Islamic Finance products
- Growth forecasts

Khalid Hamad, Executive Director of Banking Supervision, *Central Bank of Bahrain*

17:00**Closing Remarks With Q&A**

Stephen Timewell, Editor-in-Chief, *The Banker*

17:15**Networking Reception**