

# Islamic Finance



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## DAY ONE 28th May 2008

### 09:00 Chairman's welcome & opening remarks

**Mr Umer Majid** (United Kingdom)  
Director;  
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### 09:10 Islamic Merchant Banking - Tools for sustainable finance

- Implementing Islamic Finance in Europe as a tool for growth
- Matching Islamic terminology with western conservative finance
- Non leverage Islamic private equity / leverage Islamic markets
- Translating Islamic ROI into western conservative parameters
- Sustainable finance vs. leverage- best practice cases

**Count Albrecht Matuschka** (Germany)  
Managing Director; **Matuschka Gruppe**

**Prior:** Founder of TVM Techno Venture Management of Munich

### 09:55 Leveraging the internet to create a trusted islamic finance brand

- Delivering a superior customer experience
- Developing high trust
- Proactive organisations are driven by a vision
- Effectively designing and deploying Islamic financial solutions

**Mr Asim Ahmad** (United Kingdom)  
Senior Partner;  
**Halal Investments**

### 10:40 Coffee break

### 11:00 Islamic (Re) Insurance (Takaful and ReTakaful business)

- What is Takaful and ReTakaful business
- Growth of Takaful and ReTakaful business in different markets
- Difference between Takaful and ReTakaful business and conventional insurance
- Developing a Takaful/ReTakaful business in Europe
- Current market issues with Takaful and ReTakaful

**Mr Mohammad Khan** (United Kingdom)  
Director of Takaful, ReTakaful, Islamic Finance and Insurance Services;  
**PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

Leads PwC's actuarial insurance offerings in the Middle East  
Member of the UK Actuarial Profession's Accounting and Regulatory Committee and, the Profession's Education and Continuing Professional Development Committee

### 11:45 Understanding Shariah markets to profitable new product innovation

- Ascertaining client needs and the growing demand for Islamic finance
- Discovering transparency across the Islamic client base
- Gathering momentum for product creation
- Researching liquidity, market making, volumes and pricing

**Mr Ranjeet Gupta** (United Kingdom)  
Chief Operating Officer;  
**DEPFA BANK**

**Prior:** Venture capital principal of Teachable and King's Kurry  
Strategy consultant for Credit Suisse First Boston

### 12:30 Lunch

### 14:00 Risk issues in Islamic Banking

- Similarities and differences between Islamic banking and Conventional banking risk
- A check-list of 50 risk types Basel II does apply

**Mr Warren Edwardes** (United Kingdom)  
CEO; **Delphi Risk Management Ltd.**  
Governor, Institute of Islamic Banking & Insurance

**Prior:** Board Director, Financial Engineering, Capital Markets  
Division of Charterhouse bank

### 14:45 The feasibility of integration: can Islamic finance become part of the mainstream?

- Value Judgements in Islam
- The Monetary and Banking System
- Models of Finance
- Intermediation
- Insurance, Guarantees and Credit Enhancement
- Public Sector Financing
- Integration with the Secular Regulatory Framework

**Mr Tarek EL Diwany** (United Kingdom)  
Senior partner, **Zest Advisory LLP**

### 15:30 Coffee break

**15:45 Shariah Quality Rating – A tool to assess the dynamic Shariah compliance process**

- Dynamism of Shariah compliance
- The need for its assessment and benefits
- Shariah Quality Rating – The assessment criteria

**Mr. Jamal Abbas Zaidi** (Kingdom of Bahrain)  
Chief Executive Officer; **Islamic International Rating Agency**

**Prior:** Executive Vice President and member of the rating committee of JCR-VIS Credit Rating Company  
Chief Executive of a Modaraba listed on Karachi Stock Exchange

**16:30 Adapting Western tax systems to accommodate Islamic Finance**

- Why Islamic Finance can face difficulties in a Western tax system
- Specific consideration of the Swiss tax position
- How the UK tax system has been adapted to facilitate Islamic Finance

**Mr Mohammed Amin MA FCA AMCT CTA (Fellow)**  
(United Kingdom)  
Partner; **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

Member of PwC's UK Supervisory Board, the Council of the Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Policy & Technical Committee of the Association of Corporate Treasurers  
Member of HM Treasury's Islamic Finance Experts Group

**17:15 Cocktail**

**DAY TWO 29th May 2008**

**09:00 Chairman's welcome & opening remarks**

**Mr Umer Majid** (United Kingdom)  
Director;  
**Halal Investments**

**09:10 Liquidity Issues in Islamic banking**

- Parallels with conventional banking: Case Studies
- Asset/liability gap management shortage of instruments

**Mr Warren Edwardes** (United Kingdom)  
CEO; **Delphi Risk Management Ltd.**  
Governor, Institute of Islamic Banking & Insurance

**Prior:** Board Director, Financial Engineering, Capital Markets Division of Charterhouse bank



**09:55 The Islamic investment market “huge demand, limited supply- why?”**

**To be confirmed by the programme manager**

**Mr Jason Peers** (United Arab Emirates)  
Group Chief Executive;  
**Jasper Capital Group**  
Chairman of the Middle East Association in the Gulf

**Prior:** Managing Director of Barclays Bank Group

**10:40 Coffee break**

**11:00 Integrating Islamic finance in the Far East - the story so far**

- Malaysia's success story
- Growth of Islamic finance in other South East Asian countries
- What next in the Far East and the rest of the world?

**Mr Nazmi Camalxaman** (United Kingdom)  
Manager;  
**CIMB Bank Berhad**

**11:45 Structuring of Shariah compliant real estate transactions**

**To be confirmed by the programme manager**

**Mr Hamid R Yunis** (United Kingdom)  
Partner;  
**Taylor Wessing LLP**



**12:30 Lunch**

**14:00 Shariah corporate governance and leadership**

- Does Islamic finance naturally deliver ethical corporate Governance?
- Strategic perspectives delivering a robust Halal model of Corporate Governance ?

**Mr Umer Majid** (United Kingdom)  
 Director;  
**Halal Investments**

**14:45 The governments role in helping Islamic finance prosper in the United Kingdom**

- Why does Islamic finance seem so important for the United Kingdom government
- How does the Government work with interested parties to understand and manage the process
- What are the most significant developments so far achieved in the United Kingdom

**Mr Keith Leach** (United Kingdom)  
 Head of alburag; **ABC International Bank plc**

**15:30 Coffee break**

**15:45 International Shariah Advisory Board**

**To be confirmed by the programme manager**

**Mr Mohammad Bakkar** (Lebanon)  
 Attorney at Law;  
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**16:30 Tapping the capital markets the Islamic way: the Sukuk phenomenon**

- Overview of the Market
- Profile of Sukuk Structures
- Assessment and Risks of Sukuk
- Which future lies ahead?

**Mr Alberto Brugnani** (Italy)  
 President and Founding Member;  
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**Prior:** Director of Merrill Lynch Private Bank Switzerland

**17:15 Close of the conference**

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