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**Your personal invitation to the launch of  
UK Islamic Finance Secretariat  
31 March 2010  
Mansion House, London EC4N 8BH**

According to reported figures, Islamic financial services continues to thrive globally, at a rate of 10-15% per year with an estimated value of \$1.3 trillion and with more than 300 institutions spread across 51 countries, the industry's potential is vast.

The UK Government has maintained its commitment to creating a level playing field for Islamic financial services introducing key legislation to the Finance Bill 2009, as well as taking wide consultation from market professionals in the industry.

Government and industry leaders have championed the development of the sector through strategically led activities. They have worked together in a joint and cooperative manner, to promote the UK as the preferred global location and partner of choice in the provision of Islamic financial services.

UK Trade & Investment (UKTI), The City of London Corporation, HM Treasury, The Financial Services Authority alongside legal, accounting, banking and education, training and qualification (ETQ) providers from the industry have all made significant contributions toward the promotion and enhancement of the UK's competitiveness in the industry.

As of 1 April 2010, the UKTI Islamic Finance sub group members will transfer their successful legacy to a new industry body, the **UK Islamic Finance Secretariat (UKIFS)**.

Encouraged by the contribution that you have made towards the development of the industry sector, you are invited to an event that welcomes the inception of the UK Islamic Finance Secretariat.

The launch event will be hosted by **The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Alderman Nick Anstee** at the prestigious Mansion House.

We very much look forward to seeing you there.

### When & Where

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 31 March 2010
<b>Venue:</b>	Mansion House, London EC4N 8BH
<b>Map:</b>	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Time:</b>	17.30 for 18.00

### RSVP

Please RSVP by **Friday 12 March**. Security at Mansion House is very tight, so to guarantee entry we must have all guest's names.

**Email:** [events@ukifs.org](mailto:events@ukifs.org)  
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### Launch Timings

Start:	17.30
Speeches:	18.00
Close:	19.30

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