



ASSAIF is the oldest Islamic finance consultancy in Europe. It provides worldwide strategic institutional advisory to governments, central banks, public and semi-public institutions, regional and local authorities. Milestones include:

- Afghanistan 2013. Strategic planning, bespoke product development for village banks, and capacity-building.
- Ramallah 2012. Financing of first-home ownership for Palestinians living in the West Bank. The Palestine Islamic Bank awarded the title of 'Islamic Bank of the Year 2011'.
- Chair of the Advisory Council of the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists 2012. Setting up a proposition denominated 'The Silver Lining Connecting Awqāf, Zakat, and Islamic Finance'.
- Kazan 2010. Structuring and funding of Russian maiden Islamic syndicated facility named 'Europe Deal of the Year' 2011.
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 2008. Drawing-up the business plan for the first 'Shariah-compliant Family Office' based on an open architecture and sourcing uncorrelated alpha opportunities.
- Syria 2006. First-ever project on Islamic finance and environmental sustainability aiming to produce electricity from methane gas emanating from the landfills of Damascus, Homs, Latakia, Alep.
- The World Bank Group and US State Department 1986. Introducing Islamic finance as a moral and complementary finance in the United States of America.

Furthermore, ASSAIF values and disseminates the culture of diversity and encourages the development of new forms of governance in Western societies that take into account the financial inclusion of the Muslim communities. Milestones include:

- Turin 2014-2019. Co-promoter of the biennial Turin Islamic Economic Forum.
- Turin 2017. "Italian Islamic Heritage: Twelve Centuries of Connections". Launching of 'cultural districts' to encourage domestic and international halāl tourism.
- London, 2009. Assembling a team of selected City professionals to provide unbiased information and a strategic perspective for the issuance of a sovereign *sukuk* to the Shadow Treasury Team/Conservative Treasury Front Bench (House of Lords).
- European Union 2004-2007. Author and Project Manager of 'NewLifeStyles' a 3-year project for the mapping, consolidation and development of the Networks of Solidarity Economy.
- Pavia 2006. First-ever real-estate Shariah-compliant transaction vetted by the Italian tax authorities.
- Palermo 1997. Promoter and writer of the "Pilot Project Genoardo" to achieve social and financial inclusion for the Muslim communities living in Sicily through bespoke urban, housing, and financial policies.

ASSAIF has also a keen expertise in Takaful. Its Managing Partner Alberto Brugnoli has chaired the annual International Takaful Summit (ITS) - London since its inception in 2007. Alberto is also an advisor to the World Bank on micro-takaful and financial inclusion (2011-2016), and has launched Takaful in Afghanistan (2012).