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The launch of the maiden edition of the Islamica 500 at the 11th World Islamic Economic Forum in Kuala Lumpur was indeed an important moment. It was an opportune time to have a Who's Who in the Muslim business world as it is a guide book that will provide us with information and contacts of influential personalities and prominent business leaders that are shaping the Islamic economy and markets. Connectivity is key to sustainable economic growth.

The Islamica 500 enable us to network even more and build new bridges to the Islamic market, one of the fastest growing markets in the world.

As the interest in the Islamic economy burgeons, the world realises that this sector of the global economy is not affected by the 2008 global financial crisis that has left some deep scars which are taking too long to heal. Adding salt to the wound, along came the challenges brought on by the plunging oil prices, the weakened Euro, the Brexit Referendum, nationalisms and trade tensions.

While the global economy is still struggling to recover, the Islamic economy is enjoying a growth that has almost doubled the global rate in recent years. The growing demand and increased consumer spending from the Muslim market, which is set to reach USD 2.6 trillion in 2020, (State of the Global Islamic Economy Report by Thomson Reuters/DinarStandard) has contributed to the significant growth.

It is certainly an honour to be given the privilege to write the foreword for the fourth edition of the Islamica 500, and to be listed among the leading personalities from the various sectors of the Islamic business world, too.

I hope this directory adds significant value to continue building bridges to the global market. Thank you

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The Islamic economy, also described as the Halal industry, is the fastest growing segment of world's economy. It encompasses one human being out of five. It is a blank page that still needs to be written.

An economy needs to be structured to develop to the fullest. In the Islamic economy, structures, organizations, standards and instruments are all very new. The Global international organizations like the IMF or the World Bank have recently started to look at it seriously. Institutions tend to predominantly have a view on the sole Islamic financial segment, which is the visible part of the Islamic iceberg. Indeed, the riper segment of the Islamic Economy is Islamic Finance. The Economy and the Finance are interrelated. They need to complete each other.

A specificity of the Islamic economy is its modernity. There is no paradox between an economic system based on ethics and values and the challenges imposed by a digital economy.

This fourth edition of the ISLAMICA 500 reflects these challenges with a specific focus on start-ups and fintechs active in our market segments. The editorial team has been particularly vigilant this year in assessing projects and initiatives emanating from the Islamic digital economy.

The past months have been stimulating for the Islamic markets. The emerging markets were traditionally described by the acronym "BRICS". This is now obsolete and the markets emerging with the highest economic growth in 2018, according to the World Bank, are predominantly Muslim markets or "mixed markets": Ghana, Ethiopia, India, Ivory Coast, Djibouti, Cambodia, Bhutan, Senegal, Tanzania, Philippines. Other giant markets are also progressing: Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia. Business is impacted in various ways by a fast changing environment. **The potential of the Islamic Economy is just raising in a context of trade tensions generated by the Trump US administration.**

The ISLAMICA 500 is an independent instrument to assess the dynamic of the Islamic economy. The global leaders recognized in the ISLAMICA 500 witness a variety of profiles and industries showing the diversity of the achievements made at a global scale, beyond gender, nationality, religion, sectors. From decision-makers with global thought vision to hard working professionals with concrete achievements, the ISLAMICA 500 is a unique window of the best of what the Islamic economy can offer.

The ISLAMICA 500 is a unique independent source of information to connect with the Global leaders of the Islamic economy.

We hope it will help you grasp the amazing opportunities the Emerging markets have to offer.

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ISLAMICA 500 is an exclusive guide of selected thought leaders, executives, professionals and entrepreneurs from around the world, active in the Islamic Economy and the Halal industry.

It is THE reference for Global Leaders in the Islamic Economy.

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Willing to be connected at the highest level with Leaders of the Islamic Economy. For full biography and direct contact details, contact us at ZB@isfin.net

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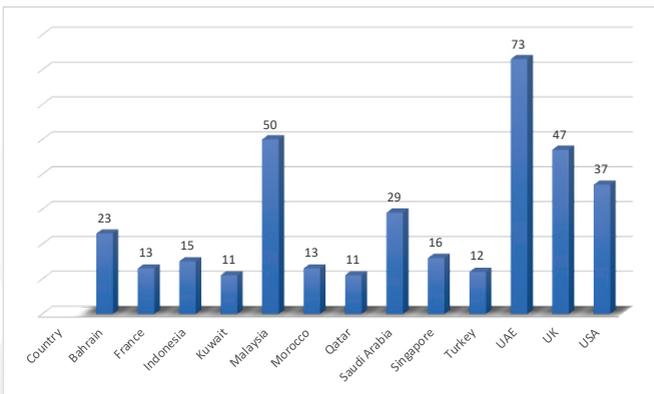
Personalities listed have been selected from across the globe and invitation is granted only to those individuals who have demonstrated leadership, achievement and contribution to the development of the Islamic economy. Personalities active in our area of practice have been surveyed to be part of that unique and exclusive guide which is a premiere as it focuses solely on the Economy, the contribution of the Islamic Economy to World economy.

Each personality anticipated to be part of the ISLAMICA 500 receives a draft of bio that he/she can update or amend.

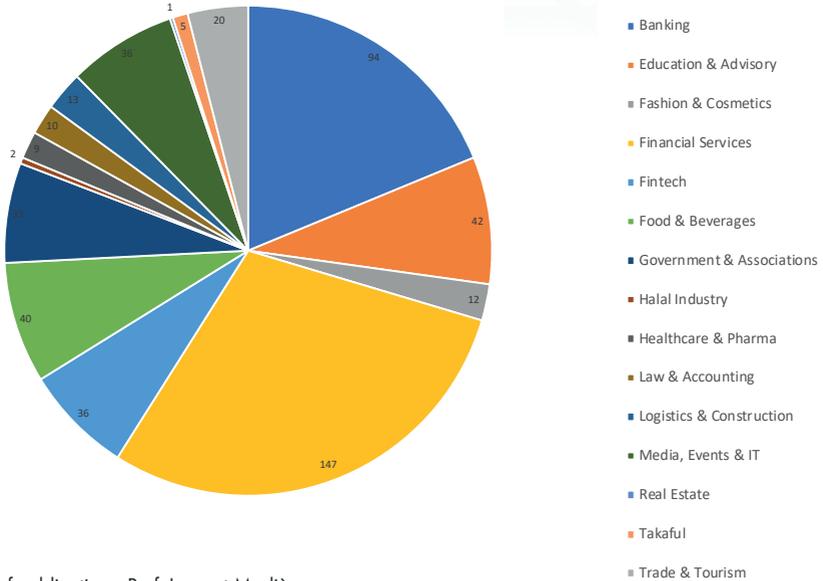
The ISLAMICA 500 has been analysing the capabilities of individuals across the world, with a comprehensive research programme revised and updated every year to bring the most up-to-date vision of the global Islamic market.

The TOP 50 and the personality of the year are based on a series of criteria to highlight who are providing the most cutting edge and innovative achievements to the Islamic Economy. Our research is based on the work of highly qualified consultants and peer to peer review.

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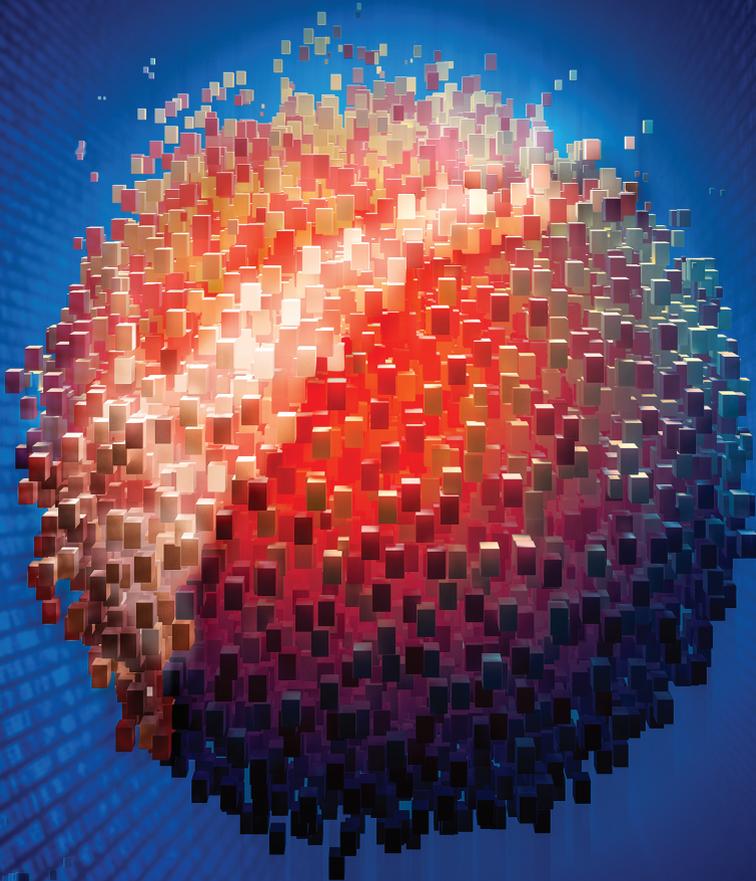
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The rise of Islamic fintech

It's a really exciting time to be working in the financial services industry, with the sheer level of innovation and technology disrupting the way we do business, transfer money, and go about our day-to-day transactions. One of the major areas in which we see momentum is FinTech, and there's been a clear global push by both industry leaders and the general public to innovate in that field. With the ability to further revolutionise the industry, and in a time where creativity and efficiency are required to thrive, it's not surprising that it is forecast to reach up to \$8 billion by 2018, producing ever more sophisticated products and services for an increasingly digital population.

Despite that, one of the areas in which innovation hasn't reached its potential is Islamic FinTech. The possibility is there, especially with the strong drive towards ethical, green, and socially-conscious investment from bankers and investors who are looking for alternate ways to commit their capital. Islamic Finance is approached with the same ethos, as well the additional security of offering underlying assets.

Since the global financial crisis, Islamic finance has become an increasingly popular choice- particularly, although not exclusively, in countries with large Muslim populations across the Middle East, South East Asia and Africa. Sukuk issuance is now a mainstream option for sovereign issuers looking to raise finance, with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain both regularly offering sovereign sukuk over recent years. According to rating agency Fitch, the GCC, Malaysia, Indonesia, Turkey and Pakistan issued sukuk with a maturity of more than 18 months collectively totalling \$49.6 billion in the first nine months of 2017.

These areas are characterised by significantly high smartphone penetration rates and young, digital populations spending increasing amounts of time online through their various devices. In the GCC, for example, where Islamic Finance is well-established, smartphone penetration rates are approximately 76%.

Fintech is already revolutionising how people process payments and raise funding. There is no reason why the same innovative technologies should not be applied to the field of Islamic finance. But our first priority must be to ensure that the right regulation and policies are in place to support the growth and development of Islamic fintech.

In Bahrain, we already have a head start in this field. With over 40 years' experience as a regional

financial services hub, during which we were also one of the first countries to proactively cultivate an Islamic finance industry, we have always placed great importance on high quality regulation. Indeed, we are home to some of the world's leading regulatory and research bodies in the Islamic Finance sector. Now, we are working hard to create a supportive ecosystem for fintech companies to thrive in.

In June this year, Bahrain launched a regulatory sandbox, the first of its kind in the region, dedicated to supporting fintech start-ups as they test their new solutions. The sandbox is already showing signs of success- four major financial services' SMEs have signed up since its launch, with more in the pipeline. The Central Bank of Bahrain has also since created a FinTech Unit, which is dedicated to servicing individual and corporate fintech clients.

Furthermore, early next year will see the launch of Bahrain Fintech Bay. The Bay is being developed by the Bahrain Economic Development Board and FinTech Consortium and it will be the first and largest dedicated fintech hub in the Middle East and Africa, linking Bahrain to FinTech Consortium's network of hubs throughout the US and Asia.

In a move towards encouraging the growth of Islamic fintech specifically, we have also seen the introduction of regulations to allow small and medium sized businesses in Bahrain and in the region to raise Shariah compliant financing through crowdfunding. SMEs are also now allowed to raise conventional finance through the same means.

These reforms are part of wider government-led initiatives to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship across all sectors.

They are crucial to enabling the growth of the regional, and global, Islamic fintech industry. Islamic finance organisations need to adapt to the changing needs of their customers, and develop better tailored solutions for them. If the flexibility and ease now becoming available to traditional bankers and investors isn't available to those that chose Islamic finance, then the industry as a whole will suffer.

And therefore, just as it proved valuable to the industry, Islamic fintech can open up a whole range of possibilities, helping to drive growth in the long term – once policies are supported and in place to take this step forward.

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Head Manager, Product Development and
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Gulf African Bank Ltd
Sector: Banking
Kenya

Profile

He is an Islamic banker, having undergone theoretical and practical trainings in the field of Islamic finance since he pursued Bachelor's Degree in Business Studies majoring in Banking and Finance from Islamic University in Uganda, followed by a Post Graduate Diploma on Islamic Banking and Insurance from Institute of Islamic Banking and Insurance in UK and Certified Islamic Finance Executive course offered by Ethica Institute in UAE. In 2014, He completed MBA in Islamic Banking and Finance from Academy of International Modern Studies (AIMS) in UK and looking forward to enrol Ph.D. programme in Islamic Finance. He started his career in Islamic banking in June 2008, as Sharia Compliance Manager with Kenya Commercial Bank Tanzania office being the first employee on what has now become an Islamic Banking Department. In 2011 he joined Amana Bank limited as Manager product development and sharia compliance. He developed and structured all financial products and services for the bank to meet customer's expectations. Thereafter, he was promoted to become the Head of Product Development and Sharia Compliance within the bank until he left in September 2014. In October 2014, he established Islamic Finance Training and Advisory firm, called Abrar Solutions Limited in Tanzania. Currently, he works with Gulf African Bank Limited based in Nairobi, Kenya as Manager of Product Development and Sharia Compliance equivalent position to head of the department.



Osama Abdeen
CEO

Abu Dhabi National Takaful Company
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

He holds a BA in Law from the University of Jordan and an ACII certificate from the Chartered Insurance Institute, London. Osama is currently Chief Executive Officer at Abu Dhabi National Takaful Company P.S.C since 2010. He has 24 years experience working with different cultures, across multiple jurisdictions, different market profiles and operations with high levels of complexity and challenges. He managed operations and set strategies and budgets for growth at a local and regional level. In addition, he supervised and led a number of acquisitions, expansions and market growth projects. His proven track record in leadership, extensive technical insurance knowledge and expertise in opening Greenfield operations have placed him as a prominent professional in the insurance industry, often approached for expert opinion on insurance disputes and market initiatives. During his career, Osama's invaluable contribution for the growth of the emerging insurance markets in the Middle East positively impacted the progression of talented insurance professionals working under his leadership. He was the first employee hired by the American International Group (AIG) general insurance in 1999 in the UAE. In his tenure with AIG (1999-2010) he assumed a variety of important roles within this multinational group. In joining Abu Dhabi National Takaful Company P.S.C in March 2010 as Chief Executive Officer, he was on a mission to develop and profitably grow this company to become a Takaful leader in the region. The continuous success of ADNTC under Osama's leadership demonstrated the viability of the Takaful concept as a profitable business model.



Prof. Rifaat Abdel Karim

CEO

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Sector: Financial Services
Malaysia

Profile

Professor Datuk Rifaat is an Adjunct Research Professor at the International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF). Professor Abdel Karim has an international reputation as a leader and authority in the Islamic financial services industry (IFSI) at both the professional and the academic levels. He has played a pioneering role in the development of Islamic finance. His leadership in the setting of accounting, auditing, governance, Shari'ah and regulatory standards, as well as in the development of high quality short-term financial instruments to facilitate liquidity management for Islamic financial institutions, has been highly instrumental in establishing the position of the IFSI in the mainstream of global financial services. Professor Datuk Rifaat earned international respect for the two standard setting organisations he has played an instrumental role in creating and served as (their inaugural) Secretary General – the Accounting & Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) and the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB). He also spearheaded the International Islamic Liquidity Corporation (IILM). Professor Datuk Rifaat's contribution to the IFSI has been recognized by the many prestigious international awards that have been bestowed upon him. These include the Royal Malaysian Honorary Award (P.J.N.) that carries the title 'Datuk', which was awarded to him by the King of Malaysia. He is the author of a considerable number of academic and professional papers, books on accounting, finance, governance and regulation issues in Islamic financial services. «



Mohammad Ridzuan Abdul Aziz
CEO

Sedania As-Salam Capital
Sector: Fintech
Malaysia

Profile

Graduated from University of Wales, Aberystwyth with BSc Economics and International Islamic University Malaysia with MBA in Management Information System. Experienced in financial regulatory and financial technology (FinTech) strategy, advisory and stakeholders' management for 20 years in Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Asia Pacific. Through SASC, Ridzuan and team is providing Software as Solution by executing Islamic contracts via an automated platform to more than 20 financial institutions (bank and non-bank) of various sizes in Malaysia. SASC has processed more than 300,000 transactions since 2015, worth more than MYR25 billion. Ridzuan is always looking for opportunities to collaborate as it is his passion to add value via fintech and innovation. "Read diligently and ask with curiosity – it's the best things to do and to live by



Yusuffali Musaliam Veettil Abdul Kader Abdul Kader

Managing Director & Chairman

LuLu Group International
Sector: Trade & Tourism
UAE

Profile

Yusuffali holds a diploma in Business Management & Administration. After the studies he left India in 1973 to Abu Dhabi where his paternal uncle, MK Abdullah, the Chairman and the founder of the EMKE Group of companies was doing business. He developed the import and wholesale distribution of the group and ventured in to the supermarket business by launching Lulu Hypermarket. He started his first Lulu Hypermarket in 1990s, a time when the UAE's retail sector witnessed a major change, with the traditional groceries and supermarkets yielding place to large neighborhood stores and hypermarkets. While the entry of Continent (now Carrefour) in 1995 changed the face of retail business in Dubai, Yusuffali took charge of Abu Dhabi's retail sector by rolling out LuLu Hypermarket in Abu Dhabi. He is the Managing Director of Abu Dhabi-headquartered EMKE LuLu Group of companies that owns the Lulu Hypermarket chain in Middle East. With an annual turnover of US\$ 4.5 billion globally, the Group employs the largest number of Indians outside India. According to the recent Forbes Listing, Yusuff Ali is currently the 39th wealthiest Indian and the 974th richest in the world, with a personal wealth of \$2.9 billion. He recently acquired 4.99 per cent shares of the 93-year-old Thrissur-based Catholic Syrian Bank (CSB) and has increased his stake in the Kerala based Federal Bank to 4.47 per cent.



Dr. Shamsiah Abdul Karim
Deputy Director of Asset Development

Islamic Religious Council of Singapore
Sector: Government & Associations
Singapore

Profile

Dr Shamsiah Abdul Karim is currently the Deputy Director of Assets Development in Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS). She oversees and is responsible for the various areas in her strategic unit namely waqf, zakat, faraid and other revenue generating functions. She completed her first honours degree in Business Administration from International Islamic University (IIUM). Subsequently completed her post –graduate diploma in Islamic banking and finance by IIUM and later continued her doctoral studies in Durham University in UK, specialising in Islamic finance and waqf. Her area of expertise is in Islamic finance, waqf, zakat, faraid, real estate, accounting and marketing. Having had 20 years of experience in heading the various segments of the strategic areas in MUIS, Shamsiah has delivered many talks and conferences and seminars in these areas of expertise. She also sits in the Zakat and Fitrah committee in muis, the Wakaf disbursement committee, resource panel in the fatwa committee and also a member of the MAKIN (Majma' Kewangan Islam Nusantara) established by ISRA under the umbrella of bank Negara. She has also had several publications published for her work on waqf and zakat.

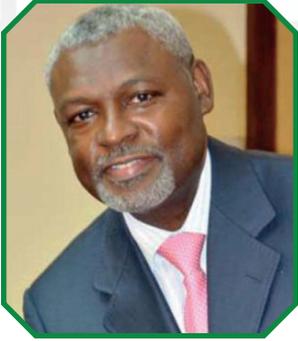


Nabil Marc Abdul-Massih
CEO & Member of Management

Inoks Capital
Sector: Financial Services
Switzerland

Profile

Born in Ivory Coast and raised in Switzerland, Nabil has been active in commodities his entire life. He co-founded Namaco in 1996, one of the largest independent originators of West African Coffee and Cocoa. In 2000 he joined Lewton Associates, brokering soft commodities in Africa and South America and interacting with the industry's biggest players. In 2003 he joined Audit Control & Expertise (ACE) Geneva, supervising credit facilities for USD 800m across 50 credit lines covering 5 geographies and more than 10 commodities. In 2006 Nabil joined INOKS Capital to seed and launch the Ancile Fund. By the end of 2008 he had taken over the company, and heads the team and its investment products to this day, past their 110th month of trading.



Abdalla Abdulkhalik
CEO

Gulf African Bank Kenya
Sector: Banking
Kenya

Profile

Mr. Abdulkhalik is currently the Managing Director, Gulf African Bank. He brings over 25 years of work experience. He was previously with SAMBA Financial Group, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia where he last served as Assistant General Manager & Head of Western Region. Prior to that he worked at Citibank as assistant General Manager, Country Treasurer. Mr. Abdulkhalik holds an MBA from Washington International University. He is a certified Islamic Banker/Islamic Finance Institute-London. In addition he has attended various professional qualifications which include school of FX and Derivatives, Foreign Exchange Derivatives, advanced technical analysis among others. Previously, he has been part of special committee at Central Bank of Kenya and, a part time lecturer at Kenya School of Monetary Studies.



Othman Abdullah
CEO, Islamic Banking

Silverlake
Sector: Fintech
Malaysia

Profile

Othman Abdulla is a financial technology specialist in the space of Islamic Banking and Finance. He has a team that is focusing on improving, selling and implementing Silverlake Integrated Islamic Banking System (SIIBS). He speaks on fintech at Islamic conferences and write regularly for the ShariahTech column under Islamic Finance section of The Malaysian Reserves newspaper. He has been involved in SIIBS implementation in various banks in Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Thailand, UAE and Saudi Arabia playing various roles as subject matter expert, project leader, project manager, project director and project advisor. Othman is a rare IT Specialist with indepth knowledge and qualified in Islamic Banking and Finance.



Khadra Abdullahi

Associate of Financial Services Banking

Faisal Private Bank

Sector: Banking

Switzerland

Profile

Khadra Abdullahi is currently the Chief Investment Officer at Faisal Private Bureau, formerly Faisal Private Bank, where she is responsible for designing the investment process for the company, as well as managing its assets. Prior to joining Faisal, Khadra was the Founder and Managing Director of OP2K, an NGO active in the field of vocational training for orphans in war torn countries. She has also served as Economic Advisor to the Cabinet of Abdullahi Yusuf, the then President of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia. Khadra has graduated from the Institute of International Relations in Geneva in 2004 with a degree in international relations.



Oussama Abdulrahman Kaissi

CEO

Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of
Investment and Export Credit
Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Mr. Oussama A KAISSI is the Chief Executive Officer of The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit, ICIEC, the Export Credit, Political Risk Insurance and Credit Enhancement arm of the Islamic Development Bank Group. ICIEC. Mr. KAISSI a graduate in Economics from Indiana University in the USA; has thirty-two years of diverse experience in the Insurance and Risk management industry. He has served 22 years at the Senior Executive level. Having worked in the USA, Middle East and Africa, he has vast and diversified exposure to different markets, cultures and business models. He is the founding Chief Executive of two publicly listed Takaful Operators in the UAE and served as the Regional General Manager of Arab Insurance Group. Mr. KAISSI is The Chairman of the Executive Council of Aman Union a professional forum assembling Commercial & Non-commercial Risks Insurers & Reinsurers in Member Countries of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation and the Arab League. He has served as Board member of CIBAFI - The General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions; The Chairman of ITAP - The OIC Investment Trade and Promotion Agency, Islamic Development Bank Group as well as other Regional Insurance and Financial institutions.



Ahmad Adam

Founder and CEO

Crescent Foods

Sector: Food & Beverages
USA

Profile

Mr. Adam is American businessman originally from Amman, Jordan. Born from English-spoken parents, Ahmad Adam is a distinguished leader in Halal Poultry and Beef manufacturing and distribution. He is the CEO of Crescent Foods, supplying the highest quality of grain-fed, antibiotic free, Halal poultry products to the growing US market. Crescent beef is chosen between premium Angus steers, pasture raised year round, free from growth hormones, antibiotics and stimulants. For years Crescent Foods has been supplying high quality Halal chicken, and has recently added Halal beef, while firmly upholding a unique business model epitomizing the Islamic Values and ethical leadership of the CEO. Crescent's success has brought branded products to Wal-Mart and other mainstream outlets and stores. In addition, Crescent Foods is a major supplier to the Halal foodservice sector in the US. In fact, Ahmad Adam is also the driving force behind the formation of the American Halal Association in 2009 and he is the Executive Director of Halalconnect; a new consumer-Halal-Industry magazine. ISNA, Islamic Society of North America, has been fortunate to be the recipient of his dedication and generosity as an ISNA Founders Committee member. Ahmad Adam has received the prestigious award for Best Halal Products presented to him at the World Halal Forum in 2007. Recent awards include the 2012 Entrepreneur of the Year award by the American Muslim Consumer Conference as well as the 2013 Achievement Award in Business recognized by the CIOGC, Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago.



Prof. Dr. Engku Rabiah Adawiah

Professor

Institute of banking and finance

Sector: Education & Advisory

Malaysia

Profile

Prof. Dr. Engku Rabiah Adawiah is currently at the IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). She obtained her LLB (First Class Honours) and LLB (Shari'ah) (First Class Honours) from the IIUM. Shortly thereafter, she successfully completed her Masters of Comparative Laws (MCL) with distinction from the same university. She was conferred with PhD in Law (Securities Regulation) from the University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom. She teaches both Shari'ah and civil law; particularly on the subjects of Islamic transactions, company law, law of contracts and Islamic banking and securities at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Her research interest is in securities regulation, company law, Islamic law of transaction, and Islamic banking and finance. Her publications include articles in some journals and periodicals in Malaysia and international. She also serves as a member of Shariah advisor and consultant to several financial institutions and legal firms. Currently, she is a member of the Syariah Advisory Council (SAC) of Bank Negara Malaysia and Securities Commission Malaysia, and an independent Shariah advisor for Islamic securities issuance, approved by and registered with the Malaysian Securities Commission. In addition, she is also a member of the investigation tribunal for the Malaysian Bar Council.



Anouar Adham

Group CEO

Elite International Assets

Sector: Education & Advisory
France

Profile

Adham holds a Master's degree from University of Clermont-Ferrand in France where he graduated in 2003, he holds an Islamic Finance Qualification, and he is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). In 2012 Anouar Received an Executive MBA in Entrepreneurship and Management from Imperial College London he also completed an executive education in Private Equity and Venture Capital at Harvard Business School. Anouar has extensive experience with international banks in Europe, South East Asia and the Middle East. His experience includes investment, finance, development, asset management and advisory for HNWI. He was formerly with Qatar Islamic Bank where he was a senior banker and was involved in real estate projects, industrial development and corporate advisory. He also work with Qatar Financial Center strategic development team for asset management. Currently he is the Group CEO of Elite International Assets, The Company is divided into 4 business lines: Real Estate, Enterprise and Franchise, Business Advisory, Training and Career Services. The group also offers sharia'a compliant solutions.



Mustafa Adil
Head of Islamic Finance

Thomson Reuters
Sector: Media, Events & IT
Bahrain

Profile

Mustafa Adil is a qualified Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England & Wales and holds a Bachelors degree in Mathematics from Imperial College in London. He is the Head of Research & Product Development for Islamic Finance in Thomson Reuters. He is responsible for leading the development of Islamic finance knowledge solutions to support the continued growth and increasing depth of the Islamic finance industry. He works in collaboration with government entities, multilateral organisations and leading financial institutions to develop products and services that meet the increasingly sophisticated needs of the industry across markets. Prior to joining Thomson Reuters, Mustafa was a leading consultant in the Islamic Financial Services team at Ernst & Young, providing advisory services to some of the leading Islamic financial institutions in the GCC and globally.



Gerriadi Agusta
Founder

Kaaba Virtual Experience
Sector: Media, Events & IT
Indonesia

Profile

Mr. Gerriadi Agusta Sachanity is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Kaaba Virtual Experience. He was born in 1990 in Bandung, Indonesia. He has a decade-long experience in creative industries in Indonesia such as application development, animation and community development. He worked in several animation studios as a creative director but also involved in a creative community that allowed him to develop not only a specific skill, but also the ability to lead on. Mr. Agusta Sachanity has a degree in Business Statistics from MIT and a degree in Multimedia from the International Center for Applied Technology (ICAT).



YBhg Dato' Abdul Rahman Ahmad
President & Group Chief Executive

Permodalan Nasional Berhad
Sector: Financial Services
Malaysia

Profile

Ybhg. Dato 'Abdul Rahman bin Ahmad is since October 2016 the president of PNB and CEO of the group. He was the executive board of Crest Builder Holdings Bhd and began his career at Arthur Andersen as Assistant Manager in London. Mr. bin Ahmad serves also as an Executive Director of Dealing at A. A. Anthony Securities Sdn. Bhd and was the Chief Executive Officer of EKUITI Nasional Bhd (Ekuinas) from 2009 to February 29 to 2016. In addition, he is Non-executive Chairman of ILMU Education Group Sdn Bhd and has served as the Chairman of Board of Konsortium Logistik Berhad. Prior to joining Ekuinas, he was Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Media Prima Bhd from 2003 to 2009 and Executive Director from 2001 to 2009 and served as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director at Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad .



Qusai Al-Fakhri
CEO

Alajjal holding
Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Mr. Qusai Al-Fakhri is since February 2019, the Chief Executive Officer of AlAjjal Holding. He is Independent Board Member at Al Rajhi Takaful and Osool & Bakheet Investment Company. Mr. Al-Fakhri is also Partner at Medisense Trading Company and Co-Founder of Tiraz AlArabia, a real estate development company. After studying finance at King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals, he began his career as Senior Manager Business Development at Samba Financial Group. From 2010 to 2014, he was director and head of institutional coverage at Société Générale Saudi Arabia. In 2009, he graduated in Finance from London Business School.



Navid Akhtar

CEO & Founder

Alchemiya Media

Sector: Media, Events & IT
UK

Profile

Navid is the Founder and CEO of Alchemiya Media, a premium online Video-On-Demand service presenting and producing high quality documentaries, feature films and lifestyle programmes on the Muslim World, its culture, heritage and achievements. He began developing Alchemiya in 2012, which went live in March 2015 reaching hundreds of subscribers from around the world. It has since completed a £110,000 equity crowdfunding campaign as the First Sharia Compliant investment opportunity on Crowdcube; International Media coverage includes an exclusive in The Guardian, mentions in Forbes Magazine and features in Al Jazeera, the BBC, and Thompson Reuter's Zawya amongst others. Previously, he spent four years at the BBC's History Unit, producing documentaries about The Shah of Iran, Hillary and Tenzing, and Japanese swords. In 2000 he organized the first BBC internal seminar on Muslim audiences and worked on 'The Journey of a Lifetime' that followed UK Muslims during their Hajj. In 2006 he founded Gazelle Media, an independent content production company that includes the development of an online channel - muslimcafe.tv - and a six part television series 'The Best of British Islam'. Radio programmes for the BBC Radio Network include 'Nusrat was my Elvis', 'I am a Muslim get me out of here'. Navid is a trustee of Creativity, Culture and Education and a Forum member of The Christian Muslim Forum, former Director of FAIR (Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism) and is a Fellow of The Royal Society of Arts (FRSA).



Mahomed Akoob

Managing Director

Hannover ReTakaful

Sector: Financial Services
Bahrain

Profile

Mahomed Akoob is the Managing Director and the CEO of Hannover ReTakaful, a reinsurance company based in Bahrain. Mr. Mahomed Akoob has more than two decades of experience. He has extensive experience in general management, technical insurance and reinsurance underwriting, risk management and financial management. He has worked for the Reinsurance company of Africa Ltd. (MRoA) Reinsurance company of Africa Ltd. (MRoA) in various capacities, including 6 years as Managing Director and has also served as Board Director at Fahmiah Investments (Pty) Limited, an Investment company and at SARBCIC, South African Reserve Bank Captive Insurance Company. While working at (MRoA), he conceptualized a cell captive insurer and implemented it through the formation of a cell captive insurer preference shares as a cell financing solution and is now an industry standard. He also conceptualized the introduction of an offshore reinsurance subsidiary and introduce to the regulators Authorities the concept of letters of credit that can be accepted as security instead of cash deposits. Mr. Akoob had introduced Fin Re and establishing it as Fin Re Center of Competence.



Ali Ibrahim Al Abdul Ghani

CEO

Qatar Islamic Insurance Company (QISI)

Sector: Takaful

Qatar

Profile

Ali Ibrahim Al Abdul Ghani is the CEO of Qatar Islamic Insurance company (QISI) is a leading takaful insurance company .QISI Won Middle East Insurance Industry Awards for 2014 for “family and general takful company of the year”. AL Abdul Ghani holds a Bachelor Degree of Business Administration from the University of Campbell, North Carolina – United States of America in 1985.After graduating he worked at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in the post of Chief Financial and Administrative Affairs, and then in 1987 he moved to work in the Qatari Armed Forces, he has been assigned to several leadership positions during his tenure there, most recently was General Director of the Qatar Armed Forces Procurements Department.In addition, Mr. AL Abdul Ghani attended many courses on how to provide and manage resources, business contracts and adopting modern methods in the art of negotiation, budgeting, risk management, building the organizational structures of institutions, modern management of human resources in addition to lots of seminars and forums on the local and regional level and international levels.



Khalid M. Al-Aboodi

Managing Director

SALIC

Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Mr. Khaled Al-Aboodi joined the Board of Directors of the Company as of the 29th of December 2016 and was assigned to chair the Executive Committee in the Board and a membership in the Nominations and Remuneration Committee, he was appointed as Managing Director as of 1 February 2018. Mr. Khaled Al-Aboodi holds a master's degree in economics from Northeastern University at the United States of America. Before joining SALIC, he worked as CEO of Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD) for more than ten years. Mr. Al-Aboodi worked in the position of senior economist at the Public Investment Fund where he was responsible for many privatizations. He also worked as Alternate Executive director for Saudi Arabia at the World Bank Board in Washington DC.



Buthaina Al Ansari

Director HR

Ooredoo

Sector: Media, Events & IT
Qatar

Profile

Buthaina Al Ansari is a born leader and actively promotes positive change for her country and the emerging talent of Qatari women. As Senior Director, HR of Ooredoo she leads with passion and integrity and continues to challenge the status quo. As an entrepreneur and Chairperson of Qatariat T&D she collaborates with innovative and best-in-class organisations to raise the benchmark and quality of expertise in Qatar. Qatariat services include - Training & Leadership, Media & Publishing and Business Consulting. She won many awards like the Qatar's Most Inspirational Arab Woman of the Year Award in 2012. She has good ranking on many magazines like ArabianBusiness.com 100 Most Powerful Arab Women, MEA in the Top 50 Female Telecoms Executives... She is a member of many networks like MENA Business Women's Networks, Qatar Professional Women Network Circle of Purl Mentor and board member of Qatar Business Women's Association. Buthaina holds a Master's Degree in Business Management/HR Strategic Planning from American University in Cairo, as well as a Master of Business Administration from Qatar University and other diplomas and certifications in other business disciplines from universities in London and Cairo. She is the author of the book "Qatari Women Before and After Oil & Gas" 2014.



Mohammed Al Ardhi

Executive Chairman

Investcorp

Sector: Financial Services
Bahrain

Profile

Mohammed Bin Mahfoodh Al Ardhi is the Executive Chairman of Investcorp, which operates in New York, London and Bahrain. Mr Al Ardhi has been a Director on the Investcorp Board since 2008. A retired Air Vice Marshal by profession, Mr. Mohammed Bin Mahfoodh Al Ardhi joined the Royal Air Force (RAFO) of Oman in 1978, and was subsequently appointed as Chief of Omani Air Force. In 2000, he was awarded the «Order of Oman» by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al-Said. Mr. Al Ardhi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Military Science from Royal Air Force UK Staff College in Bracknell, England and a Masters in Public Policy from John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University USA. He also graduated from the Royal Air Force Military Academy in Cranwell, UK, and the National Defence University in Washington DC, USA. Following the completion of his Masters in Public Policy from the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Air Vice Marshal Mohammed Al Ardhi joined the family business group as Chairman Rimal Investment Projects which invest in different sectors such as Real Estate Development, Oil Companies, Information Technology and looking after other family assets. He regularly speaks on international trade, real estate, tourism, the relationship between the Middle East and the West, the security of the Gulf. He is also the author of two books: «Arabs Down Under» and «Pearls from Arabia».



Abdulla Mohammed Al Awar
CEO

DIEDC (Dubai Islamic Economy Development
Centre)

Sector: Education & Advisory
UAE

Profile

Abdulla Mohammed Al Awar is the CEO of Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre. Prior to his current role, Al Awar was the CEO of Dubai International Financial Centre for the period from 2009 to 2012. During his overall 8-year tenure with DIFC that saw him hold various executive positions, he leveraged his exceptional skills in strategic planning, operational management and financial control to help develop DIFC into a global financial hub. Under his strategic leadership, DIFC was ranked as the leading financial centre in the region for the years 2009-2012, demonstrating an average 13% client growth year on year and improving the organization's efficiency and performance. Al Awar has served as member of several committees and boards in Dubai including the Economic Committee of the Executive Council of Dubai, Dubai Free Zones Council, Bourse Dubai and the Investment Committee of the Emirates NBD Real Estate Fund. Al Awar holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado at Boulder, US. He has also graduated from the Mohammed Bin Rashid Program for Leadership Development, an executive education program, through affiliation with Cranfield University, UK, IMD and INSEAD.



Dr. Mansoor Al Awar
Chancellor

Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University
Sector: Education & Advisory
UAE

Profile

Dr. Mansoor Al Awar is the Chancellor of Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University. Dr. Al Awar has significant achievements throughout his professional life, he was the founder of the first TQM Department (Total Quality Management Department at Dubai Police) when he was appointed as a Director, and held that position from 1998 till 2006. He was the first Director of quality in the public sector in the Emirate of Dubai and UAE. Dr. Al Awar founded the Emirates Business Women Award at Dubai Quality Group in 2002, and he was the first elected Chairman of Dubai Quality Group of the Government Sector in 2001. He also founded Public Opinion Survey Center at Dubai Police in 2001. And last but not least, he was the founder of Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University which was known as e-TQM College since its first inception in 2002 and then Hamdan Bin Mohammed e-University in 2009. At Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University, Dr. Al Awar has several initiatives included as being the first founder of the Excellence in Leadership Award in the Arab world in April 2005. The Award holds the name of (Feigenbaum) the Quality Management Scholar. Furthermore, he has established Juran Chair at HBMSU for the first time in the history of the region in 2004. It is also worth enough to mention that Dr. Mansoor has established the Virtual Executive Club in 2003 in addition to the Media Quality Award for the Arab World in 2004. His membership at committees and affiliation worldwide are included in being Honorary Visiting Fellow in Organization and Information Management at University of Bradford, a member of International Academy for Quality (IQA) as Academician, a part-time professor in graduate studies at the University Of Salford in UK, and supervisor for PhD dissertations and a Certified International Assessor for European Foundation of Total Quality Management (EFQM).



Shaikha Khaled Al Bahar

Group CEO

National Bank of Kuwait

Sector: Banking

Kuwait

Profile

Al-Bahar studied at Harvard Business School, Stanford University and Duke University. Shaikha Al Bahar is currently NBK Kuwait Deputy CEO since 6 years. She had different position on NBK before acting as CEO. She is also on the board of the International Bank of Qatar. She was ranked as the 85th most powerful woman in the world by Forbes in 2012 and ranked as the 8th most powerful Arab woman of 2012 by Arabian Business. Al-Bahar also serves as director of Mobile Telecommunications Company KSC, vice chairman of Watani Investment Company KSCC and vice chair of Watani Investment Company K.S.C. Ms. Al-Bahar is an experienced strategic thinker with extensive experience in institutional financing including privatization, project finance, advisory services, bond issues, Build/Operate/Transfer financing, Initial Public Offerings, Global Deposit Receipts programs and private placements.



Adnan Abdulaziz Al Bahar
Advisor and member of the Sharia Group

The International Investor
Sector: Financial Services
Kuwait

Profile

Mr. Adnan Abdulaziz Ahmed Al Bahar is Chairman & Managing Director at The International Investor Co. KSCC. He is also Member of Kuwait Higher Planning Board. During his career, he served as a Managing Director of Al Rajhi United Company (AlRajhi Co) for Islamic Investments. He also served as General Manager at Kuwait Finance House KSC. He is the Chairman of Al Bahar United Company and FleetCorp Turkey. In addition, he served as Director of the Kuwait Investment Authority, Kuwait Stock Exchange and Kuwait High Planning Board. In 1994, Mr. Albahar was awarded the Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum. Mr. Albahar graduated with a Bachelor of Science in International Administration from the American College of Switzerland in 1977.



Mahmood Al Bastaki

CEO & Board Member

Dubai Trade

Sector: Trade & Tourism
UAE

Profile

Leading Dubai Trade, Mahmood Al Bastaki has played a major role in the advancement of e-trade in the region. As an expert in e-commerce solutions, Al Bastaki previously served as the CIO of Dubai World Corporate Departments. He was subsequently appointed as an Advisor for the Dubai Expo 2020 bid team and he is a Member of The UAE National Committee of World Trade Organization. Al Bastaki is also the Chairman of Customs & Trade Facilitation Commission-International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) – UAE Chapter, an Advisory Board Member of the National Association of Freight and Logistics and a Member of the External Advisory Council at the University of Wollongong. As the Acting Director of E-Services of Dubai E-Government, he formulated the 2005 E-Government Strategy and managed critical projects such as the governmental Electronic Payment Gateway “ePay”, Unified Contact Center “AskDubai”, and Web Hosting and Management Platform “eHost”. He won the International Maritime Club (IMC) Golden Helm Award 2014 for Excellence in Maritime Services, and the “Accomplished Leaders” category of Feigenbaum Leadership Excellence Award 2013. Moreover, he was voted as the “Popular CEO of the Year” at the 6th International Maritime Awards in 2013, and selected as one of the Government Technology Leaders by “The Who’s Who of Government Technology – Middle East” in 2006. Al Bastaki holds a Master Degree in Electrical Engineering from Oregon Graduate Institute in USA and received a Bsc in Electronics Engineering Technology from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, USA.



Aladdin Al Deesi
CEO

Mashreq Al Islami
Sector: Banking
UAE

Profile

Mr. Aladdin Omar Al Deesi is CEO at Mashreq Al Islami, which is the Islamic Banking division of the Mashreq Group. He has been Regional Head of Distribution at Mashreqbank psc since February 29, 2016. Mr. Al Deesi is responsible for Mashreqbank's branches network and its day-to-day operations in UAE, Qatar and Egypt. He has more than 17 years of experience in the Finance industry, having worked in all areas of retail banking in the UAE. Prior to joining Mashreq, Mr. Al Deesi held various managerial positions in Corporate Banking, Wealth Management, Distribution and in SME sector in Citi Bank and Emirates NBD. 2016 CPI Financial. Mr. Al Deesi holds Bachelor's degree in Business Administration-Finance & Banking from the American University of Beirut.



Fadi Salim Al Faqih
CEO

Bank of Khartoum
Sector: Banking
Sudan

Profile

Fadi holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Jordan and a Global Executive MBA in a partnership with New York University, London School of Economics and HEC school of Management. After working for 9 years at the Standard Chartered Bank in Jordan where he held the position of Chief Operating Officer, in 2004, Fadi joined the Egyptian Arab land Bank as Chief Financial Officer where he was in charge of restructuring the Bank Financial Position and Income Statement to comply with the International and Regulatory Accounting Standards. In 2005 he joined Citigroup in Jordan as CFO where he ensured the execution of accounting activities in accordance with U.S. and local GAAP and regulatory accounting guidelines. He was involved in strategic decisions affecting organizational businesses across the country and conducted a peer audit review in Kazakhstan. He also implemented Basel II standards while serving as a member of Central Bank of Jordan Basel II Committee. In 2006 he joined the Bank of Khartoum in Sudan as Chief Operating Officer and was appointed the CEO in 2008. He established Islamic banks in diverse countries with an aim to expand the existing network of Dubai Islamic Bank, performing due diligence and assessment of banks in countries for acquisition and investment. He is currently the CEO of Bank Al Khartoum where he mainly focuses on creating value, business development and differentiation. Fadih has general expertise in Conventional banking and Islamic banking as well as specific expertise in finance.



Abdulmohsen Al Fares
CEO

Alinma Bank
Sector: Banking
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Mr. Al-Fares is the managing director & Chief Executive Officer at Alinma Bank. With more than 30 years experience, he started his professional career at Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency in 1983 where he held various positions including Director of the General Accounting Department. Subsequently, he worked at Ernst & Young in Los Angeles for two years and became the Director General of the Department of Zakat and Income tax for four years. Moreover, he served as Managing Director for Financial Services of Abdul Latif Jameel Group for more than two years. He is a board member of Alinma Bank, a board member of the Saudi Association for Certified Public Accountant, and the chairman of Alinma Tokio Marine Corp. Mr. Al-Fares is also a member of the audit committee of Saudi Basic Industries Corp. He is a former board member of many corporations and organizations such as SABIC, the General Organization for Social Insurance, the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority, the Saudi Agricultural Fund, and the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector and was the chairman of the audit committee of ICD for 8 years. Mr. Al-Fares has participated and attended several conferences and seminars specialized in finance, accounting, investments, management, and information systems. He holds a degree in Accounting from King Saud University in 1982, and MA degree in Accounting from Western Illinois University (WIU) USA in 1989, and obtained his CPA in 1995.



Ahmed Al Gebali

Group CEO

One Global

Sector: Banking
Canada

Profile

Ahmed Al Gebali is the group ceo of one global a pioneer company in the mobility solutions. Ahmed studied BS, Accountancy and Finance at Ain Shams University and pursued a BSc in Computer Science at The American University in Cairo. He also holds an MBA from the American University of London and is a certified public accountant from the University of Illinois. He served as Vice President at the Kuwait financial tower, Senior Vice President at the Gulf Investment House and as Senior Vice President at Global Investment House. From 2006 to 2008 he worked as Vice Chairman at Boubyan Takaful Insurance Company, he was responsible of establish the company, set the business model and strategy, hire the executive management. Al Ahmed Al Gebali held a number of executive and non-executive positions such as Board Member at Boubyan Capital, Board Member at the Dubai islamic bank pakistan ltd and Group Chief of Finance and Strategy at Dubai Islamic Bank. He worked as Advisor for the Minister of Finance - Sukuk Issuance in the Arab Republic of Egypt and served as President & CEO at IInvest Canada - Middle East from 2013 until 2014. He is pursuing a PhD in business administration in Islamic finance at Henley Business School under the supervision of Rotman school of management in Canada. Ahmed AL Gebali served as Director- Global Head of Islamic Financial Services Industry at Islamic Development Bank and as a Member of the Board of Trustees at Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI). Currently, he is Adjoint Professor at IE Business School, Madrid.



Sheikha Huda M. Al Ghoson

Executive Director - HR

HR Oil Giant Saudi Aramco
Sector: Logistics & Construction
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Ms. Huda Al-Ghoson was the first woman to be named as permanent Executive Director in Saudi ARAMCO's history. Since May 2012S she has been Executive Director of Employee Relations and Training at Yanbu Aramco Sinopec Refining and as the Head of Human Resources in Saudi Aramco, Ms. Al-Ghoson is responsible for all HRM and HRD programs in the company, including workforce planning, staffing, training and development, retention, employee and retirees services, and legal and labor. Ms. Al-Ghoson served as the General Manager of Training & Development at YASREF, where she was responsible for the design and delivery of corporate education, together with training and development programs for all segments of the workforce covering industrial, administrative, professional and leadership positions. Since joining YASREF in 1981, she has held a variety of positions within Human Resources and support organizations including Health Care Services, Facilities Planning, Finance, Community Services, Industrial Relations and Human Resources Policy & Planning. She serves as a member of the Board of Directors at Vela International Marine Limited, Aramco Far East (Beijing) Business Services Company Limited (ABS), Yanbu Aramco Sinopec Refining Company (YASREF) and Saudi Aramco Development Company (SADCO). Moreover, she serves as a member of the Board of Trustees at the Arabian Society of Human Resources Management (ASHRM). She holds an MBA from the American University of Washington, D.C., USA in 1986 and a BA in English Literature from King Saud University in Riyadh in 1980.



H.E. Abdul Aziz Abdulla Al
Ghurair
CEO

Mashreq Bank
Sector: Banking
UAE

Profile

H.E. Abdul-Aziz Abdullah Al-Ghurair has been the Chief Executive Officer at Mashreqbank PSC since 1991. He joined Mashreqbank in 1977, working in various capacities at Mashreqbank until 1988 and he took over responsibility for its international operations, setting up branches in New York - USA, London - UK, Bahrain, Qatar, Egypt, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. He serves as the Chairman in a number of companies: Masafi Mineral Water Co. L.L.C., Masafi Mineral Water Company, Oman Insurance Company (P.S.C.), Mashreq Al-Islami Finance Company (P.J.S.C.) and RAK Petroleum. Furthermore, he is Director at Abdulla Al Ghurair Group at Companies and Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry. He serves on the Board of Directors of Visa Card International and MasterCard. He served as a Director of Commercial Bank of Dubai PSC. His previous positions include: Director of Emaar Properties PJSC and RAK Petroleum, Chairman of Authority Board of Directors at Dubai International Financial Centre. H.E. Al Ghurair is an Industrial Engineer and is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University, USA.



Sulaiman Al Harthy
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Meethaq Islamic Banking
Sector: Banking
Oman

Profile

Sulaiman Hamad Al-Harthy is Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Meethaq Islamic Banking at BANK MUSCAT (SAOG). He served as Deputy General Manager of Bank MUSCAT (SAOG). He has been the Head of Consumer Banking at BankMuscat since 2004. Mr. Sulaiman Hamad Al-Harthy is on the board of Oman Air SAOC, Pak Oman Advantage Fund, Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf and Pak Oman Asset Management Co. Ltd. In addition, he is Member of the Omani French Friendship Association. Mr Al-Harthy received an MBA from the University of Leicester.



Saleh Abdelghaffar Al Hashimi

Managing Director & Vice Chairman

Dar Al Takaful

Sector: Financial Services

UAE

Profile

Mr. Saleh Al Hashimi has distinguished himself in senior management positions in banking, finance and real estate industry with an eminent and enriching career spanning over 11 years. He holds an MBA in Finance and Strategy from CASS Business School, City University, London UK and a Bachelors of Finance and International Management from Boston University, USA. Mr. Al Hashimi strives to continue his family's deeply rooted history in the business fraternity and is currently the Managing Director of Dar Al Takaful, a public joint stock company dealing in Islamic Insurance.



Yaser Hamad Al Jar

Acting CEO

Inovent

Sector: Financial Services
Bahrain

Profile

Yaser Hamad Al Jar is the Acting Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of Inovent Bahrain. Mr. Yaser Al Jar is a finance professional with almost two decades of experience. He is specialized in assurance services, commercial banking, investment banking and real estate. Mr. Al Jar has held a series of key finance positions within the field of finance in a number of reputable financial institutions such as Shamil Bank of Bahrain, which merged with Ithmaar Bank and Qatar First Investment Bank. He is a Member of the Technical Advisory and Interpretation Committee of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI). Mr. Al Jar has the distinguished credentials of having worked in the Islamic banking sector on numerous levels, from dealing and interacting with different type of Islamic products, to financial and investment structures, with a solid exposure to both audit and risk-based business perspectives. He holds a B.Sc in Accounting from the University of Bahrain. In addition, he holds the CIPA and CSAA certificates from AAOIFI and is an accredited instructor of Islamic Accounting Standards issued by AAOIFI.



Khalid Jamal Al Kayed

General Manager

Bank Nizwa

Sector: Banking

Oman

Profile

Mr. Khalid Al Kayed, a veteran banker with MSc in Accounting from University of Liverpool, Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and Certified Financial Manager (CFM) with over two decades of solid experience across senior management roles at region's leading domestic and international banks including Islamic financial institutions. Currently, he is Acting CEO Oman's First Islamic Bank, Bank Nizwa. Prior to this, he was Deputy CEO and CFO at Jordan Dubai Islamic Bank (JDIB) and Standard Chartered Jordan. He also served the Board of corporate companies as nominee director of JDIB.



Mahmood Hashim Al Kooheji
CEO

Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company
Sector: Financial Services
Bahrain

Profile

Mr. Al Kooheji holds a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Staffordshire University, and a Masters of Business Administration from Henley College of Management, Brunel University, UK. Mr. Al Kooheji served as the Chairman of the Board of Alba from 2008 to 2014. Within this role, he spearheaded the company's restructuring in 2009 and the successful listing of 10% of its shares on both the London and Bahrain stock exchanges in 2010. As the CEO of Mumtalakat, Mr. Al Kooheji oversees the management of the company's stakes in over 35 commercial enterprises. He also directs the company's initiatives to firmly implement the highest standards of transparency and corporate governance across Mumtalakat and its diverse holdings. Mr. Al Kooheji is actively involved in the management of portfolio companies and sits on the board of Gulf Air. He is also a board member at McLaren Automotive Limited and McLaren Group Limited. In addition, he sits on the boards of Durrat Khaleej Al Bahrain Company, the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation ("APICORP"), Governors of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Bahrain.



Adel Abdul Wahab Al Majed

Vice Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Boubyan Bank
Sector: Banking
Kuwait

Profile

Mr. Adel Abdul Wahab Al-Majed has been at the helm of Boubyan Bank as Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since 2009, achieving remarkable success in the Islamic banking industry and enhanced the bank's position in the local market. He has demonstrated success in strategic positioning by increasing sales and directing the reengineering of the bank's organizational structure. He has also improved the margin of the bank and its subsidiaries by streamlining management practice and re-focusing the bank's daily activities on transparency and performance. Mr. Al Majed began his career at NBK in 1983 and progressed from executive manager to Deputy Chief Executive Officer in 2008, before taking the leadership position at Boubyan Bank. He graduated from the University of Alexandria with a bachelor's degree in Accounting, and attended various management training programmes at prestigious universities including Harvard, Wharton, and Stanford. Other positions include Chairman of BLME and committee member of the Finance and Investment Committee at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Kuwait.



HH Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al
Maktoum
Chairman

Dubai World
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

HH Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum is the Chairman of Dubai World depuis 2010. HH Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum has been at the forefront of Dubai's remarkable economic development for more than 25 years. Under his leadership, Dubai World has entered a new phase of growth. Sheikh Ahmed holds a number of important government positions, such as Second Vice Chairman of the Dubai Executive Council, which is responsible for formulating policies and strategies for the Emirate of Dubai. He is also Chairman of the Dubai Supreme Fiscal Committee, member of the Board of the Dubai Council for Economic Affairs, Chairman of Economic Development Committee and Board Member of the Dubai Corporation for Government Investment. In 1985, he was appointed President of the Dubai Department of Civil Aviation and Chairman of the newly-launched Emirates Airline. He is the Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline and Group. HH Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum is behind the success of the Emirates Airline. The Dubai World Central airport complex, opened in 2010, is an integral element of Sheikh Ahmed's vision for the future of aviation in Dubai, along with the Dubai Logistics Corridor, which links the new airport to Jebel Ali Port and Jebel Ali Free Zone. Sheikh Ahmed holds a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from the University of Denver, Colorado, USA, and has received many international honours, including the fellowship of the British Royal Aeronautical Society, Commandeur de l'Ordre de la Legion d'Honneur (the Legion of Honour), the highest French civilian award.



H.E. Rasheed Mohammed Al
Maraj
Governor

Central Bank of Bahrain
Sector: Banking
Bahrain

Profile

H.E. Rasheed Mohammed Al Maraj serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. H.E. Al Maraj served as General Manager of Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation. He served as the Chairman of Islamic Financial Services Board since January 2012 until December 31, 2012. He served as the Deputy Chairman of Islamic Financial Services Board. He served as Chairman and Director of Bahrain Telecommunications Company BSC (Batelco) and Member of Economic Development Board. He serves as a Director of Central Bank of Bahrain. H.E. Al Maraj serves as a Governor of Central Bank of Bahrain (formerly, Bahrain Monetary Agency). He served as a Director of Islamic Financial Services Board and Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait B.S.C. (BBK B.S.C.).



Dr. Shaikha Yahya Mohamed Al
Maskari
Chairperson

Al Maskari Holding
Sector: Education & Advisory
UAE

Profile

Dr. Shaikha Al Maskari has Bachelor's degree from University of London and studied for her Master's degree and PhD in Geology at the Indiana University. She is also Chairperson of Johnson Controls & Global Communications, JCGC. She began her career with ADNOC Group. In 1989 she took charge of her family company, Tricon Energy Operations, grew it to become Tricon Group with companies in the UAE, GCC, USA, Europe, Turkey and Singapore. Dr Shaikha Al Maskari is the Chair of Al Maskari Holding, an umbrella organization for business interests in oil, gas renewable energy, mining, contracting, facilities management, health care, food services, security, and media, with offices in the Middle East, Turkey, USA, Europe and Singapore. She is also Chair of the Tricon Group, Johnson Controls and Global Communications, and Singapore Expo (SGME). Dr Al Maskari is a board Member of the Arab International Women's Forum, the High Advisory Board of International Cooperation Platform, Women for Sustainable Growth, Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation and MOSAICA Schools.



HE Mohamed Khalifa Al Mubarak

Acting Executive Director

Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority

Sector: Trade & Tourism

UAE

Profile

His Excellency MOHAMED KHALIFA AL MUBARAK Acting is Chairman of Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority , which oversees the conservation and promotion of Abu Dhabi's heritage and culture, leveraging them to develop distinctive experiences designed to enrich the lives of visitors and residents.His Excellency MOHAMED KHALIFA AL MUBARAK is also Chairman of Miral Asset Management, an organisation responsible for the development of Yas Island, a worldclass leisure and entertainment destination.In 2016, Al Mubarak was additionally appointed Chairman of the Tourism Development & Investment Company (TDIC).He is Chairman of Aldar Properties PSJ , Abu Dhabi's leading property development and management company .He is also Chairman of Aldar Academies, the largest providers of modern private education in Abu DhabiPrior to joining Aldar, he worked with the corporate and investment bank Barclays Capital in London, focusing on investment and finance in the MENA region.MOHAMED KHALIFA AL MUBARAK is a graduate of Northeastern University (USA), with a double major in Economics and Political Science.



Bashar Al Natoor
The global head of islamic finance

Fitch Ratings
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Bashar Al Natoor is Fitch Rating's Global Head Islamic Finance. Mr. Al Natoor is responsible for coordinating all Islamic Finance activities across Fitch's Sovereign, Financial Institutions, Corporate, Structured Finance, Infrastructure and Insurance teams, bringing together dedicated analytical and industry expertise into a centralised and focused Islamic finance group. Mr. Al Natoor has more than 14 years' experience in the Islamic Finance market. Since joining Fitch in 2007, he has overseen Fitch's Sukuk criteria and Islamic Finance practices, undertaken research and written numerous published articles on Islamic Finance. Mr Al Natoor Joined Fitch as a director in the EMEA Corporates group based in Dubai. He was responsible for analysing EMEA issuers, with focus on Middle East and Turkish issuers in the construction, property and Telecommunication sectors. Prior to joining Fitch, Mr. Al Natoor spent seven years at the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) in key roles including Investment Officer in the Treasury Department, a Senior Credit Analyst in Risk Management and Senior Technical Assistant to the Vice President of Finance & Administration. Before working with IDB, Mr. Al Natoor was a senior auditor for four years in Arthur Andersen. Mr. Al Natoor graduated with an MSc in banking and financial studies from the Arab Academy for Finance and Banking Science and a BS in finance and banking from Amman University. Bashar is also a Certified Bank Auditor (CBA), a Certified Risk Professional (CRP), a Chartered Market Analyst (FAD-CMA), and a Certified Risk Analyst (CRA).



Abdul Hakeem Omar Al Ojaili
CEO

Bank Dhofar
Sector: Banking
Oman

Profile

Abdul Hakeem Omar Al Ojaili is a veteran banker with over 24 years of progressive banking experience. He assumed the leadership of BankDhofar in 2013 with a proven track record of vast experience in Corporate & Retail Banking, Operations Management, Technology and Corporate Support Services - all gained while navigating through the organisation from its embryonic inception to aiding development of BankDhofar to become one of the leading banks in Oman. Prior to his current role, Abdul Hakeem was the General Manager of Corporate Services where he led the restructuring and transformation of the bank's entire support functions including Operations, Technology, Support Services and Human Resources. Before that he headed the Retail Banking and Marketing Division, during which the bank had achieved strong growth, performance and network expansion. Abdul Hakeem started his career in wholesale banking for a number of years where he managed a diverse corporate portfolio in businesses and industries. Gaining exposure in the international banking environment, he was also cross posted on a number of assignments with JP Morgan and Lloyds TSB. Abdul Hakeem holds a BA and MBA from Exeter University in the UK and is also an alumnus of both Harvard and London Business Schools Executive Education Programs.



Sultan Sooud Al Qassemi

Founder

Barjeel Art Foundation

Sector: Media, Events & IT
UAE

Profile

Sultan Sooud Al-Qassemi is an Emirati commentator on Arab affairs. Sultan Al-Qassemi is widely recognized for his use of Twitter and has been described by numerous media outlets as a prominent voice during the events of the ongoing Arab Spring. In February 2014 Sultan Al Qassemi joined the Global Commission on Internet Governance and in the summer of 2014 became an MIT Media Lab Director's Fellow. Sultan Al Qassemi is also the founder of the Sharjah-based Barjeel Art Foundation whose mission is to promote art by artists from the Arab world through a series of exhibitions locally and internationally. Al Qassemi was also on the panel of judges on Sheikha Manal's Young Artist Award in 2010. He have been recognized as the 100 Most Powerful Arabs by Gulf Business in 2013 and 2014. He also won the award of the 140 Best Twitter Feeds by TIME magazine in 2011.



Khalid Al Rumaihi
CEO

Bahrain Economic Development Board
Sector: Government & Associations
Bahrain

Profile

Khalid Al Rumaihi was appointed as chief executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) in March 2015. Mr Al Rumaihi currently serves as a board director of the National Bank of Bahrain and Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company. He remains a board director of the EDB. Mr Al Rumaihi previously spent more than 10 years at Investcorp as a managing director, a member of the management committee and head of the institutional placement team covering Investcorp's clients in the Gulf. Before joining Investcorp, Mr Al Rumaihi spent 9 years serving at J.P. Morgan as head of the private client group in the Gulf. He chaired the board of Bahrain Airport Company and held previous board positions at Gulf Air and Securities Investment Company (SICO). He holds a masters degree in Public Policy, specialising in Economic Development, from Harvard University, and a bachelor of science degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.



Rashid Saif Al Saadi
CEO

Tanmia (Oman National Investments
Development Company)
Sector: Financial Services
Oman

Profile

Mr. Rashid Bin Saif Al Saadi serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Tanmia, Oman National Investments Development Company SAOC. He is a businessperson who has been at the helm of different companies. He is also Chairman of A'Saffa Foods SAOG, Chairman of Takaful Oman Insurance SAOG and Chairman of Oman Hospitality Co. SAOC. Mr. Rashid Saif Al Saadi is Chief Executive Officer at Oman National Investments Development Co. SAOC. He is on the board of National Bank of Oman and Oman ORIX Leasing Co. SAOG, Muscat National Development & Investment Co. SAOC and Minerals Development Pty Ltd. Mr. Rashid Bin Saif Al Saadi received an undergraduate degree from Rollins College, Florida.



Al Sayyid Wasfi Jamshid Al Said

Acting CEO

National bank of Oman

Sector: Banking
Oman

Profile

Mr. Al-Sayyid Wasfi J. Al-Said is a Chief Executive Officer at National Bank of Oman SAOG (NBO). Mr. Al-Said has held posts as Chief Information Officer and Deputy Head of WB. He is also a member of all the Bank's Management Committees. He was previously Chairman of National Aluminium Products Co. Ltd. and Deputy General Manager- Investment Banking at National Bank of Oman. Prior to joining to NBO, he served as Deputy Director of Investments at the State General Reserve Fund. In addition, he served as Deputy Chairman of the Investment Committee for domestic equities and as a member of the Investment Committee of the National Investment Funds Company (NIFCO) and National Equity Fund (NEF). He also served as Chairman of National Aluminum Products Company SAOG (NAPCO), Deputy Chairman of Gulf Energy LLC and as a member of the Investment Committee for Oman Integrated Tourism Projects Fund. Mr. Al Said holds Business and Finance degrees from the University of Portsmouth, UK and El Centro Europeo de Gestion de Empresas, Madrid, Spain.



Dr. Sami Mohammed Al Salahat

Founder

International Institute for Islamic Waqf,
Malaysia

Sector: Financial Services
Malaysia

Profile

Dr. Sami Mohammed Al Salahat is the Founder and member of the Board of Directors of the International Institute of Islamic Waqf Malaysia. He has more than 15 years of experience in training for universities, colleges and AWAQF organizations in the areas of business strategy, planning & development, program management and training. Moreover, he is a consultant at Future Investment Centre.



H.E. Marwan Bin Jassim Al Sarkal
CEO

Sharjah Financial Services and Development
Authority (Shurooq)
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

H.E. Marwan Bin Jassim Al Sarkal was a speaker at the AUS Student Leadership Conference 2013. He is the CEO of Sharjah Investment and Development Authority (Shurooq), CEO of Al Qasba Development Authority and a former Board Member of Sharjah Tourism and Development Authority. He holds a high diploma in accounting from Dubai Men's College (1999) and a bachelor's degree in Applied Sciences in Business Administration. Al Sarkal initially worked for the Sharjah Electricity and Water Authority in 1999 as a head of the Auditing Department. In 2003, he joined Dubai Shopping Festival (DSF) and was assigned the post of Finance Manager and thereafter promoted to be Director of Finance and Administration at DSF in 2005. Possessing a sharp understanding of the market and in-depth insight into the functioning of economies and international legalities and legislation, Al Sarkal has proven his mettle in quality, operations control and strategic planning. Al Sarkal believes that Sharjah is a highly dynamic city, and a place where people can find democracy, peace and community engagement. For him, the UAE is a country where nothing is impossible and where development has become a continuous, fast-moving trend that shaped his responsibility to cope with this rapid change. Al Sarkal follows a life method based on dedication and loyalty to the job and owns a clear faith that life brings many challenges, which can be turned into valuable opportunities through organized leadership and team spirit.



H.R.H. Prince Dr. Amro
Mohammed Al Faisal Al Saud
Chairman and Founder

Faisal Islamic Bank Sudan
Sector: Government & Associations
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Muhammed bin Faisal earned his Bachelor's Degree in business administration at Menlo College in California. Prince Mohammed began his career at the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA). In 1964, he was transferred to the Ministry of Water and Agriculture. Subsequently, he was appointed director of the saline water conversion Department at the Ministry in 1970 and contributed to the formation of the water desalination program. He was later named deputy minister of water and agriculture responsible for saline water affairs in 1974 and was also named governor of the newly founded saline water Conversion Corporation in 1974. He resigned from office in July 1977. Prince Mohammed began to deal with business after his resignation. His most significant investments are in the fields of banking and finance and he is one of the pioneers in Islamic banking. He is the founder of the Faisal Islamic Bank of Egypt that was established in Cairo in 1977. Moreover, he founded Dar Al Maal Al Islami Trust (the DMI group) in 1981. The DMI group is a Bahamas-incorporated holding company with a portfolio of Islamic banks in Bahrain, Niger, Egypt and Pakistan. Then he founded Faisal Private Bank in 1990 that is the pioneer banking institution in Islamic finance industry. Prince Mohammed is the chairman of its board of directors and of the Islamic Finance Group.



H.E. Ahmed Ali Al Sayegh

Chairman

Abu Dhabi Global Market

Sector: Financial Services

UAE

Profile

HE Ahmed Ali Al Sayegh has a wealth of experience that spans over three decades, having run several businesses across multiple disciplines; including financial services, investments and energy sectors. In addition to his position as the Chairman of Abu Dhabi Global Market, Mr Al Sayegh is also the Managing Director of Dolphin Energy Limited. His current and past positions include: Board Member of the UAE Offsets Group, Deputy Chairman of First Gulf Bank, Board of management Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority, Deputy Chairman of Abu Dhabi Ship Building (UAE), Chairman of Aldar Properties PJSC, Secretary General of the Executive Council and board member of the Emirates Foundation. Mr Al Sayegh holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Lewis & Clark College, USA.



Meshal Al Shalan
CEO

Aman Takaful
Sector: Takaful
Kuwait

Profile

Meshal Al Shaalan is since 2013 Chief Executive Officer at Aman Takaful Insurance.



Sarah Jammaz Al Suhaimi

CEO and Member of the board

NCB Capital CISC

Sector: Financial Services

Saudi Arabia

Profile

She is the vice chairperson of the advisory committee to the CMA and is a graduate of King Saud University, with a Bachelor of Administrative Science degree in accounting. Sarah Al-Suhaimi joins, following CMA approval, from Jadwa Investment where she took over as head of asset management and CIO during 7 years, managing over SR17 billion of assets in public and private equity, real estate and fixed income. She also worked 5 years at Samba group financial. She has been in the company since May 2007, soon after the bank was set up and a month before it launched its first fund. She was in charge of portfolio management before her recent promotion.



Nabeel Al Tattan
CEO

BOK International
Sector: Banking
Bahrain

Profile

Nabeel Al Tattan has over 26 years' professional experience in Islamic and conventional banking, insurance and real estate. Appointed as CEO of BOK International in October 2015, Nabeel was entrusted with the responsibility for establishing the first overseas branch of the Bank of Khartoum in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Prior to joining BOK International, Nabeel was part of the founding members of three financial institutions. He has held senior management positions with prominent Sharia's-compliant financial and real estate institutions. These include Venture Capital Bank, Arcapita Bank, Al Salam Bank and Manara Development Company. He previously worked for Shuaa Capital and Securities & Investment Company (SICO), having started his career with Arab Insurance Group. Nabeel is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), and holds a BSc degree in Business Administration from Husson University, Maine, USA.



Khalid Al- Subeai
Group Chief Executive Officer

Barwa Bank
Sector: Banking
Qatar

Profile

Khalid graduated from the University of Arizona with a BA in Finance and has gone on to hold several key positions within the finance sector in Qatar. Khalid has been Senior Financial Advisor at Qatar Petroleum (QP) for more than six years. As part of the Project Finance team, he was directly involved in the execution of over \$15 Bn in landmark debt capital market transactions for QP, its subsidiaries and the State of Qatar. Subsequent to this, he moved on to hold the position of Morgan Stanley Qatar Manager, where he was responsible for Qatar Client Coverage. Khalid joined The First Investor (TFI) as CEO in February 2013, and was then appointed acting CEO of Barwa Bank Group in March 9, 2014.



Essam M. Al-Ansari

Acting CEO

Takaful International Company B.S.C

Sector: Financial Services

Bahrain

Profile

Essam Mohammed Al Ansari is Acting Chief Executive Officer at Takaful International Company B.S.C. Prior to becoming the Acting CEO, Mr. Al Ansari held the position of General Manager at Takaful International Company. Al Ansari has almost two decades of experience in the insurance and reinsurance sector. Between 1994 and 2001, he worked at Tawuniya in Saudi Arabia as Regional Underwriter for Eastern Region. In addition, he worked between 2001 and 2006 at Bahrain National Insurance Company as Assistant General Manager. He also worked at Bahrain and Kuwait Insurance Company, National Co-operative Insurance Company. Mr. Al Ansari holds an MBA from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.



Hussain Ali Al-Attal
CEO

First Takaful
Sector: Takaful
Kuwait

Profile

Mr. Hussain Ali Al-Attal is the Chief Executive Officer of First Takaful Insurance Company. Before becoming CEO, Al-Attal held several positions within the company. He has a Bachelor degree from Kuwait University. Mr. Hussain is Board Member of Weqaya and Takaful Insurance & Reinsurance Co, Neova Sigorta AS and International Financial Advisors Ksc.



Maha Khaled Saleh Al-Ghunaim

Founder and CEO

Global Investment House

Sector: Financial Services

Kuwait

Profile

Mrs. Al-Ghunaim co-founded Global in 1998 and has managed the company till April 2017 to become a prominent asset management and investment banking firm in the region. She was involved in several milestone transactions including one of the largest M & A transactions in the telecommunications sector for USD10.7bn, the raising of USD10bn in equity capital, and USD3bn in conventional & Islamic debt, and the management of USD4bn on behalf of clients. Mrs. Al-Ghunaim has over 31 years of experience in the financial sector and mainly in asset management and investment banking. She has served on the board of several regional companies and advisory boards and held several senior positions. Her success drew media attention to herself and she has been recognized as a role model for Arab women and women in the Islamic world. She received several accolades from industry leaders including the «Banker Middle East Industry Award (BME) for her outstanding contribution to the financial industry. The Wall Street Journal had named her on its list of 50 “Women to Watch”. Forbes (US) ranked her for three consecutive years as one of the World’s 100 most influential women. Mrs. Al-Ghunaim holds a BS in Mathematics from San Francisco State University, California, USA.



H.E Abdullah Bin Ahmed Al- Ghurair Chairman

Al Ghurair Foundation
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

H.E Abdullah Bin Ahmed Al-Ghurair is Chairman at Al Ghurair Foundation. Mr. Abdullah Ahmad Al Ghurair was born in the Emirate of Dubai and he is descendants of the Al Ghurair family, which has a long and renowned history in the world of business and commerce in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Gulf region. Mr. Abdullah is one of the first supporters of the development and enhancement of the educational sector in the UAE. He built the first school in Masafi during the sixties. In 2015, As a show of commitment to his religion, faith and service to his community, Mr. Abdulla Al Ghurair announced the establishment of the "Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education," a non-profit, philanthropic organization. The Organization of the Arab League for Education, Culture and Science (ALECSO) appointed him in 2016 as the first Goodwill Ambassador for Education in the Arab World. Mr. Abdullah Al Ghurair is Chairman of the Board of Mashreq Bank. In addition, Al Ghurair family is the largest contributor to the establishment of Kuwait's Al Ahli Bank .



Dr. Mohammad Y. Al-Hashel

Governor

Central Bank of Kuwait

Sector: Government & Associations
Kuwait

Profile

Dr. Mohammad Yousef Al-Hashel is the Governor and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK). He is also the Alternate Governor of the State of Kuwait at the International Monetary Fund, and the Arab Monetary Fund. Besides that, Dr. Al-Hashel is a member in many Higher Councils in the State of Kuwait, such as: Higher Petroleum Council, Board of Directors at Kuwait Investment Authority, and Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Institute of Banking Studies. Dr. Al-Hashel is also a member in many regional and international institutions, including the Governing Board of the Council of the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB), the FSB Regional Consultative Group for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), the Governing Board and the Chairperson of the Board Executive Committee of the International Islamic Liquidity Management (IILM), and member of the Board of Directors of the Gulf Monetary Council. Prior to assuming his position as a Governor, Dr. Al-Hashel had served as Deputy Governor, Executive Director of Supervision Sector, and off-site Supervision Department Director at CBK. Dr. Al-Hashel was a teaching professor at the College of Business Administration, Kuwait University, before joining the Central Bank of Kuwait. Dr. Al-Hashel holds a PhD in Finance.



Abdulaziz A. Al-Helaissi

Chief Executive Officer

Gulf International Bank

Sector: Banking

Bahrain

Profile

Mr. Abdulaziz A. Al-Helaissi has been the Chief Executive Officer of Gulf International Bank B.S.C. since 2016. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Gulf International Bank (Uk) Limited. Mr. Al-Helaissi served as Deputy Governor of Supervision at Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency until 2015. He was responsible for overseeing SAMA's regulations and supervision of the country's entire banking, insurance and financing sectors. He was also responsible for leading industry-wide strategic initiatives as well as actively contributing to important international banking bodies such as the Bank of International Settlements (BIS) and the Financial Stability Board (FSB). In addition, for more than two decades he held key positions in various banking institutions in Saudi Arabia, including JP Morgan Chase, the Saudi Hollandi Bank, the Saudi British Bank, and the Arab National Bank. Mr. Al-Helaissi has also served in several corporate boards in Saudi Arabia, including the Tadawul Stock Exchange. Mr. Al-Helaissi holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Texas.



Hasan Shakib Al-Jabri
CEO

SEDCO Holding
Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Hasan Al Jabri became the CEO of SEDCO Holding Group in April 2018. He joined the Group in 2010 as the CEO of SEDCO Capital and has over 33 years of banking experience in the GCC region, managing senior positions in leading banks including The National Commercial Bank & Samba Financial Group. Mr. Al Jabri was also NCBC board member, Managing Director, and head of Investment Banking, he also served as Chairman of the Funds Board covering all of NCB Capital's 27 mutual funds business until leaving NCBC in 2010. Upon joining SEDCO Capital Hasan was also appointed as Chairman of SEDCO Capital Investment Committee, Chairman of SEDCO Capital Global Funds and Chairman of SEDCO Capital Luxembourg Boards. Mr. Al Jabri was the Chairman for the World Presidents Organization's Chapter in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He is also currently serving as a member of boards and executive committees of several companies in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Mr. Al Jabri has a B.Sc. in Engineering from the American University of Beirut and is a graduate of the Executive Management Program at Columbia University.



Yousuf Al-Jaida
CEO and Board Member

Qatar Financial Center
Sector: Financial Services
Qatar

Profile

Yousuf Mohamed Al-Jaida is the Chief Executive Officer and Board Member of Qatar Financial Center. He previously held the role of Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Strategic and Business Development Officer at the Qatar Financial Center and was responsible for the overall strategic development of the organization. He is also on the Board Member of the Qatar Exchange, the Qatar Finance and Business Academy and the Financial Markets Development Committee. Before joining the Qatar Financial Center, Mr. Al-Jaida was the Head of Indirect Investment at the Qatar General Retirement and Pension Authority. In fact, he was responsible for overseeing the management of investments in hedge funds, private equity, real estate, fixed income and equities. In addition, he had worked as an engineer for Dolphin Energy and Qatar Petroleum. Mr. Al-Jaida has previously sat on the boards of Nakilat QSC and the strategic investment fund of Unicorn Investment Bank. He also sits on the Advisory Council of Qatar University's College of Business & Economics. He holds a Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering from the University of Arizona.



Tamim Hamad Al-Kawari
CEO

Q invest
Sector: Financial Services
Qatar

Profile

Tamim Al Kawari joined QInvest from Goldman Sachs where he was a Managing Director and Country Head for Qatar. As well as his role as CEO, Mr Kawari also heads the Principle Investments team. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Mr Kawari was the Chief Financial Officer for Qatargas' Transport Company, Nakilat. At Nakilat he implemented a US\$ 8 billion program to finance 27 liquefied natural gas (LNG) vessels that ship LNG from Ras Laffan to customers worldwide. Prior joining Nakilat, Mr Kawari served as the treasurer for the Qatargas Company. Earlier in his career he also worked as a trader at Qatar National Bank, where he traded a range of financial products. Mr Kawari holds a BA in International Business with a minor in Political Science from George Washington University and an MBA from the American University - Washington, D.C.



Ziad Aba Al-Khail
CEO

Aljazira Capital Co
Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Mr. Ziad Aba Al-Khail is the Managing and Chief Executive Officer of Aljazira Capital Co since 2010. He is also on the Board of Directors at Aljazira Takaful Taawuni Co. Mr. Ziad Aba Al-Khail began his career as a management consultant with Accenture, the global consulting company. In 1994, he joined Bank Aljazira as Chief Operating Officer. At Bank Aljazira, he has held several senior executive positions, including Acting CEO of the Bank in 2007. He holds a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California.



Amani Al-Khatahtbeh

Founding Editor-in-Chief

MuslimGirl.net

Sector: Media, Events & IT
USA

Profile

Amani is the founding editor-in-chief of MuslimGirl.net, a blog aimed at eliminating stereotypes surrounding Islam and promoting the place of Muslim women in Western societies. Her ambition for building bridges across different religious and cultural communities has been recognized in a New Jersey state resolution honoring the top community service pioneers in the state. She is a Lloyd Gardner Fellow and a Women's Leadership Scholar at Rutgers University, where she conducted multiple independent studies on the Arab Spring and Middle Eastern politics. She is a blogger for Atlantic Council, a foreign policy think tank in Washington, D.C. Amani is a regular speaker at events on political and social issues.



Qais Al-Khonji
CEO

Genesis Projects and Investments
Sector: Healthcare & Pharma
Oman

Profile

Qais al-Khonji is a prominent Omani entrepreneur. He has received several awards for his contribution to the development of entrepreneurship in his country, including Social Entrepreneur of the Year Oman by Business Worldwide Magazine and International Entrepreneur of the Year Oman Award. Mr Qais is also a powerful figure in politics where he has played an instrumental role in getting entrepreneurship into schools as a subject as part of the national curriculum. He has also pushed for creating a solid Angel Investment structure in Oman to provide finance for business start-ups. Mr Qais has also proved himself as a successful entrepreneur making a difference in Oman through his two companies, Qais United Enterprises Trading and Genesis International. His Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) laboratory services company is the first outsourcing company to operate within the company's oil and gas industry. At just 38, rather than pursuing his family's business, Mr Qais decided to go his own way leveraging his entrepreneurial skills and becoming a point of reference for many in his country and in the Arab world.



Ali Ahmed Al-Kuwari

Group CEO

Qatar national bank

Sector: Banking

Qatar

Profile

Mr. Ali Ahmed Al Kuwari has joined Qatar National Bank (QNB) in 1988. Prior to his appointment as QNB Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO) in July 2013, he was the Executive General Manager and Group Business Officer. He was responsible for all business lines of QNB and he played a key role in QNB becoming the leading financial institution in the Middle East and North Africa. Mr. Al Kuwari is also Chairman of MasterCard Middle East and North Africa Advisory Board, Chairman of QNB Capital (the investment banking and advisory arm of QNB Group), Chairman of QNB Indonesia and Chairman of QNB Privée Suisse in Switzerland. He is Vice Chairman of QNB Al Ahli in Egypt, Vice Chairman of CBI in the UAE, and Vice Chairman in Qatar Exchange. Mr. Al Kuwari has a Master Degree of Science in Management Information System from the Seattle Pacific University in 1987, and a Bachelor in Math and Computer Science from Eastern Washington University in 1984. He also attended a number of Executive programs at Wharton School of Business, London Business School, Cambridge University and Duke University.



Hamad Al-Marzouq
Chairman

Kuwait Finance House
Sector: Banking
Kuwait

Profile

Hamad Abdulmohsen Al-Marzouq is chairman of the Kuwait Finance House, chairman of the executive committee and member of the governance committee. Mr. Al-Marzouq has a wealth of banking experience both inside and outside Kuwait spanning more than 27 years. He started his career at the Kuwait Investment Company. He has been a board member of the Kuwaiti Banks Association (KBA) and the association's Chairman from 2010 to 2016. Mr. Al-Marzouq is a Board Member of the Banking Studies Institute and a Board Member of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET). Mr. Al-Marzouq served as Deputy Chairman of Ahli Bank Q.S.C. and Ahli United Bank B.S.C. He served as Second Deputy Chairman of Ahli Bank S.A.O.G until 2011, and served as its Director from 2007 to 2014. He was also Vice Chairman of the Iraqi Commercial Bank. Mr. Al-Marzouq held key executive positions at the Central Bank of Kuwait where he acted as Assistant Director of the Technical Affairs Office, and served as the Deputy Manager of Financial Control and then served as Director of Financial Control Department. He holds a Master's Degree in International Finance and Business Management from Claremont University, USA, and a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Systems Engineering from the University of Southern California, USA.



Khalid Al-Mulhim

CEO

Alkhair Capital

Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Mr. Khalid Al-Mulhim joined Alkhair Capital Saudi Arabia in 2009 and is currently serving as the Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Al-Mulhim has over 16 years of investment banking experience in prominent financial institutions in Saudi Arabia. From 1997 - 2008, Mr. Al-Mulhim held various senior positions at Samba Financial Group in Riyadh. Prior to joining Alkhair Capital Saudi Arabia in 2009, he served as the Head of Operations at Arabian Capital. Mr. Al-Mulhim holds a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from the Central State University, California, USA.



Mr. Mazin Saad Al-Nahedh
CEO

Kuwait Finance House
Sector: Financial Services
Kuwait

Profile

Mr. Mazin Saad Al-Nahedh has been the Chief Executive Officer of Kuwait Finance House K.S.C.P. since October 1, 2014. Mr. Al-Nahedh served as Group General Manager of Consumer Banking at National Bank of Kuwait S.A.K.P from 2011 to October 21, 2014. He served as General Manager - Corporate Banking Group, and Retail Banking General Manager at the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK). Mr. Al-Nahedh served as General Manager of the Treasury Group at the National Bank of Kuwait and was responsible for setting and implementing the Treasury's strategic business plan. He graduated from California State University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance. Mr. Al-Nahedh completed a Financial Management Program from Stanford University. He had a Senior Executive Program and General Management Program from Harvard University and a Leadership Program from Harvard University.



Hisham Ahmed Al-Rayes

Chief Executive Officer

Gulf Finance House

Sector: Financial Services
Bahrain

Profile

Hisham Alrayes is the Chief Executive Officer of GFH Financial Group, one of the regional leading financial groups with USD 3.5 billion assets under management and shares listed in Bahrain, Dubai and Kuwait. In 2012, Mr. Alrayes assumed leadership of the firm with an objective to establish a diverse and well-recognized regional financial group offering a remarkable platform for Wealth Management, Real Estate, Commercial Banking and Asset Management. Prior to his role as the Group's CEO, Mr. Alrayes was GFH's Chief Investment Officer during which he was responsible for driving the development and execution of its regional and international investment strategy along with management of the bank's liabilities. Before joining the group in 2007, Mr. Alrayes was part of the senior management team of the Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait ('BBK'), a leading commercial bank in the Kingdom of Bahrain. During his tenure at BBK, Mr. Alrayes was responsible for a number of key projects and new venture initiatives. These included establishing one of the bank's key subsidiaries Invita, a recognized business process outsource company, as well as developing BBK's successful E- Banking platform. Alrayes is the chairman of Balexco, Gulf Holding Company and hold directorship in GFH financial Group, Khaleeji Commercial Bank, Falcon Cement Company and GFH Capital. Mr. Alrayes holds a Masters degree with Honors in Business Administration from the University of DePaul, Chicago (USA), and a Bachelors degree in Engineering with Honors from the University of Bahrain.



Faisal Omar Al-Sakkaf
CEO

National Commercial Bank
Sector: Banking
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Mr. Faisal Omar Al Sakkaf is the Chief Executive Officer of National Commercial Bank. He served as its Head of Strategy & Business Development Group since 2013 and Acting Chief Executive Officer since 2018. Mr. Al Sakkaf has 30 years of experience within senior management roles in the bank and financial sectors. He has served as Group Chief Financial Officer and Senior Executive Vice President at the NCB. He serves as a Member of Board of Directors at NCB Capital Dubai Inc. Mr. Al Sakkaf graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelor's degree in Economics, as well as receiving a Master's degree from Harvard Business School.



Abdulbasit Ahmad Al-Shaibei

CEO and board of director

Qatar International Islamic Bank (QIIB)

Sector: Banking
Qatar

Profile

Mr. Abdulbasit Ahmed Abdulrahman Al-Shaibei is Chief Executive Officer & Director at Qatar International Islamic Bank. He is on the Board of Directors at Qatar International Islamic Bank and Medicare Group QSC. Mr. Al-Shaibei was previously employed as Director & Managing Director by Islamic Holding Group. He also served on the board at Gulf Cement Co. PSC and Al Khalij Holding Co. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina and an undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania.



Dr. Sami Al-Suwailem

Head of Financial Product Development Centre a

Islamic development bank

Sector: Financial Services

Saudi Arabia

Profile

Dr. Sami bin Ibrahim Al-Suwailem is the Head of Financial Product Development Centre at the Islamic Development Bank. He was Deputy Director of Islamic Research and Training Institute at the IDB Group. Dr.Sami was President of advisers, then Manager of research and development department at Al Rajhi Bank from 1995 to 2004. He earned his Master in Economics from the University of Southern Illinois in 1990, and his PhD from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, USA in 1995. He has published numerous research and studies in Islamic economics and finance both in Arabic and English.



H.E. Mohamed Ali Rashed
Alabbar
Chairman

Emaar Properties PJSC
Sector: Logistics & Construction
UAE

Profile

Alabbar graduated in 1981 with a degree in business administration from The Albers School of Business and Economics at Seattle University. He has received an honorary doctoral degree in humanities from his alma mater in 2007 and serves on its Board of Trustees. Alabbar has served as a member of the Dubai Executive Council and the Dubai Economic Council. As vice chairman of Dubai Aluminum Company (DUBAL), Alabbar has contributed to the growth of the country's non-oil sector. He also served as vice chairman of Dubai World Trade Center and chairman of Dubai. He is the founder and chairman of Africa Middle East Resources (AMER), a private company that works to unlock the value of natural resource opportunities in Africa and link them with large consumer markets in Asia. Moreover, he is the chairman of Tradewinds Corporation, a premier leisure and hospitality owner-operator in Malaysia, focused on developing world-class real estate developments in the country and Southeast Asia and chairs RSH, the leading Singapore-based pan-Asian marketer, distributor and retailer of international fashion and lifestyle brands. Alabbar sits on the board of Noor Investment Group, an affiliate of Dubai Group, the leading diversified financial company of Dubai Holding. Alabbar is the founder and chairman of Emaar Properties, one of the largest real estate development companies in the Middle East. Ranked second in the list of the 'World's 100 Most Powerful Arabs – Leaders' 2014 by Arabian Business, Alabbar is well-known for his pioneering role in positioning Dubai as a world-class.



Abayomi Alawode

Head of Islamic Finance

The World Bank

Sector: Banking

USA

Profile

Abayomi Alawode is Head of Islamic Finance, Finance and Markets Global Practice of the World Bank Group. He is responsible for designing and delivering the Bank's Work Program in the area of Islamic finance which includes strengthening the institutional foundations of Islamic finance, enhancing regulatory and supervisory frameworks for Islamic financial institutions, developing and applying Sharia-compliant financing solutions for key developmental challenges and knowledge generation and dissemination activities to improve the understanding of Islamic finance globally. Since joining the World Bank in 1997 as a Young Professional, Abayomi has worked in various capacities including as Practice Manager (Financial Systems Practice), Lead Financial Sector Specialist (East Asia and Pacific Region) and as Program Leader/Senior Financial Specialist (World Bank Institute). He also served as Adviser for financial stability at the Central Bank of Bahrain from 2006 to 2010. Before joining the World Bank, Abayomi was a Lecturer in Economics at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria (1990-1994) and an Instructor in Development Economics at the University of Cambridge. In addition to Islamic finance, he has strong expertise in financial stability, risk management, financial sector policy and strategy as well as knowledge management/capacity development. As a Nigerian national, Abayomi holds a B.Sc and M.Sc (both in Economics) from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria and an M.Phil in Development Studies from the University of Cambridge, England. He is the author of several academic papers on monetary and financial sector issues.



Samer Alhaj
Group Chief Executive Officer

Al-Ghurair Financial Services
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Mr. Samer Raja Alhaj has been Group Chief Executive Officer of Al Ghurair Group since June 2017. He has 35 years of multi-industry experience gained in the US, Asia and the GCC region, where he has developed strategic expertise in the fields of retail estate development, retail, hospitality and F&B, among many others. Before joining Al Ghurair Group, he worked for 5 years as Chief Financial Officer at Dubai Holding. He served as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer at the Abu Dhabi Basic Industries Corporation (ADBIC), in Abu Dhabi. He also served as Chief Executive Officer of Al Waha Capital PJSC. In addition, Mr. Samer Raja Alhaj served as Deputy Chief Executive Officer at Gulf Investment House K.S.C.P. and Deputy General Manager at KIPCO Asset Management in Kuwait. Mr. Alhaj served in various Wall Street Investment Banking roles (corporate finance, M&A and private equity) with William Blair in London and Chicago, Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers. He is an INSEAD Certified International Board Director (IDP-C) and he holds MBA in Banking and Corporate Finance and a MS in Project Management from the Case Western Reserve University, and a BSc in Civil Engineering from the University of Leeds.



Dr. Abdulrhman bin Ibrahim
Al-Humaid
Chairman

Bank al Bilad
Sector: Banking
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Dr. Abdulrhman bin Ibrahim Al-Humaid served as Head of the accounting department for the College of management at King Saud University from 1981 to 1985. Dr. Bin Ibrahim Al-Humaid also served as an Assistant for the accounting department from 1986 to 1989. From 1985 to 1989, he worked for Al-Rashed office (legal accountants). He has been the Chairman of the Board of Bank Albilad since April 16, 2013. He serves as Chairman of the Board at HNC Co. He serves as Director of Saudi Vitrified Clay Pipe, Alrajhi Holding Co., and Mohammed Ibrahim Alsubaie & Son Co. (Masic). He serves as Independent Director of Bank AlBilad. He served as a Director of Saudi Hollandi Bank. He served as Dean of Accounting Department position at King Saud University from 1989 to 1996 with a history of lecturing professor in the accounting department. He serves as Member of Audit Committee of Fawaz A. Al-Hokair Group. Dr. Bin Ibrahim Al-Humaid holds Bachelors in Management with a concentration in Accounting from King Saud University (Riyadh University previously) in 1973. He also received a Masters in Management from Missouri University in the USA. In 1981, he received a PHD from Louisiana University in the USA with a concentration in Financial Accounting and Auditing.



Khalid Alhussan
Chief Executive Officer

The Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul)
Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Khalid carries a wealth of capital market knowledge that spans over business development, corporate planning to strategy and operations. Before being appointed as the Chief Executive Officer in March, 2016, Khalid assumed executive roles that covered Markets, Asset Services and Depository as well as Strategy and Market Data. Khalid has sponsored key programs within the exchange that covered the establishment of the Markets Division, introduction of QFIs, Introduction of Independent Custody framework, Tadawul 5-Year Strategy, Market Data Transformation Program and many others. Khalid has been with Tadawul since 2007. Prior to joining Tadawul, Khalid has worked in the Insurance Sector, managing areas of business and product development, marketing, PMO, and strategy. Khalid is an engineer and holds an MBA from the University of Colorado. He is also a certified entrepreneur from the University of Colorado.



Attiya Nawazish Ali

Assistant Secretary General

Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and
Agriculture

Sector: Government & Associations
Pakistan

Profile

Mrs. Attiya Nawazish Ali has been working in the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), which is an affiliated Institution of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) since its establishment in 1980. She has been working with the private sector of 57 OIC member countries, and has spear headed projects focused on Capacity Building, Poverty Alleviation, Microfinance, Value Addition, Entrepreneurship development, SME development and transferring of knowledge and expertise. She represents Islamic Chamber at numerous international events and brings with her a rich experience of the private sector of the OIC Countries. She works closely with some of the UN Agencies and other International Organization and Association working in similar fields, aiming at South-South Cooperation.



Javed Ali
CEO/Founder

Illume Media Inc.
Sector: Media, Events & IT
USA

Profile

Javed Ali is an American entrepreneur born to immigrant parents from Fiji Islands. He is the CEO and founder of the nationally acclaimed, first-of-its-kind, award-winning digital news outlet, Illume Media Inc. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Network and Communications Management. Under his leadership, illume has won several accolades. He has been recognized as one of the World's 500 Most Influential Muslims. He has received the National Press Foundation award for 'Excellence in Journalism' and the RTDNA/UNITY award for 'Best Online News Operation'. His work was also recently recognized by the Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton at the State Department in the nation's capital. In addition, Javed has successfully steered illume through many technological innovations and enhancements, including video, mobile features, and multi-platform content-distribution. He advises the Board of Directors of KQED on diversity programming, and is a Soliya Network Fellow on Conflict Resolution through Storytelling. He is a seasoned technology expert and entrepreneur, who previously founded Digital Pad in 2003, a technology consulting company.



Quazi Osman Ali
Managing Director and CEO

Social Islami Bank Limited
Sector: Banking
Bangladesh

Profile

Mr. Quazi Osman Ali has been the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Social Islami Bank Ltd since 2017. Mr. Quazi Osman Ali is a banker with a professional career of more than 30 years in the banking sector. In 1984, he began his career in the banking sector as an intern at National Bank Limited (NBL) and held various positions within the Bank until 2000. In 2000, he joined First Security Islami Bank Limited as Assistant Vice President and served there until 2017. Within the First Security Islami Bank, he has been head of various branches and divisions at head office. As the acknowledgement of his sincerity and dedication, he was promoted to the ranks of Executive Vice President, Senior Executive Vice President, Deputy Managing Director and Additional Managing Director in FSIBL. Mr. Quazi Osman Ali completed Bachelor of Commerce with Honours and Masters of Commerce in Management from the University of Chittagong.

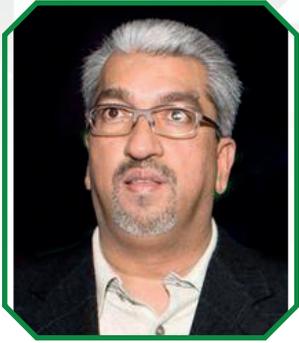


Esam Alkhashnam
CEO

International Turnkey Systems Group (ITS)
Sector: Fintech
Kuwait

Profile

Mr. Esam Alkhashnam is the Chief Executive Officer of International Turnkey Systems Group (ITS). He has a strong background in banking and computer software industry. He is a specialist in Portfolio Management, Risk Management, Corporate Finance, Banking and Business Development. Before joining International Turnkey Systems Group (ITS), he was the Manager of the Strategic Planning Department at Central Bank of Kuwait. He also held the position of Sales Director at Rekaz Systems. Mr. Esam Al Khashnam holds a Bachelors in Computer Engineering from the University of the Pacific.



Feroz Allana
Founder

Allana group
Sector: Food & Beverages
India

Profile

Feroz Allana is the Founder of the Allana Group that deals in fast-moving consumer goods. He is the owner of the company IFFCO which is based in Sharjah. The company is one of the biggest in food manufacturing and distribution in the Gulf. Founded in 1975, the company operates under segments like FMCG, frozen foods, oils and institutional services. Among the company's brands are Al Baker, London Dairy, Noor, Tiffany, Rahma, Khaleej and Igloo. However, IFFCO is only a small part of Allana success story. In India, Allana Sons Ltd is a truly global giant, with interests in food production, seafood, retail and pet food, as well as the distribution of a variety of products. Irfan Allana, his brother, is the Chairman of the Allana Group, but Feroz Feroz runs the firm's Gulf operations.



Ali Allawala

Acting CEO

Standard Chartered Saaddiq

Sector: Banking

Malaysia

Profile

Mr. Ali Allawala is Acting Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Saaddiq Malaysia. Mr. Ali Allawala is a seasoned Banker with a career spanning more over two decades in conventional and Islamic banking and has extensive experience in managing local and international businesses. He has worked in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Egypt and Pakistan for Citibank, Samba Financial Group and Standard Chartered and he has a deep understanding of emerging and developed markets .As Acting CEO, he heads Saaddiq's operations in Malaysia and he is also Global Head of Islamic Retail Banking covering UAE, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Bahrain, and Kenya. He joined Standard Chartered Bank Pakistan in 2012. He has held a numerous senior management roles including Chief Executive Officer, Head of Retail Banking, Head of Brand & Marketing, Cards Business Manager, and Regional Business Development Head, as well as being on Country Management committees like Executive Committee and Country Risk Committee. He has Experience of launching new markets and businesses and has also introduced various 'first in the market' product features. These initiatives have been recognized for «Best Islamic Retail Banking Group», « Best New Bank in UAE 2009», «Best Digital Islamic Bank», «Best Islamic Consumer Banker in Pakistan». Mr. Allawala Managed Businesses during challenging economic and political cycles. He Holds a MBA and BBA with honors from the Institute of Business Administration Karachi, a certification in Islamic Banking & Takaful from Dar-ul-Uloom Karachi . He is Chartered Professional in Islamic Finance.



Mohammed Alsehli
CEO

Arab Chain
Sector: Fintech
UAE

Profile

Mohammed is responsible for bringing the first public and decentralized blockchain to the Arabian economy. He is the Founder of Arabchain , an open source smart contracts and decentralized applications development platform along side the fuel that runs the platform and the first digital currency in the region Dubaicoins DBIX. He is a Cofounder of Palmex the first professional digital asset trading platform in the MENA region and the Cofounder of KaizenTec a venture focused on mobile applications, IoT solution and consulting services. Mohammed is among the first Innovation Strategists in the region, a blockchain visionary and a serial entrepreneur, he holds a Bachelor degree from King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals KFUPM in Software engineering, and has worked as an enterprise architect in banking and as a Technology Advisor in Microsoft.



Atef Alshabrawy

Advisor to the Prince Abdulaziz International Prize
for Entrepreneurs

The Centennial Fund-KSA
Sector: Education & Advisory
Bahrain

Profile

Dr. Atef El Shabrawy is an International Board member at World Startup Festiva. He was Advisor to the Centennial Fund, KSA, from March 2015 to 2016. He is also Contracted Expert at UNDP Bahrain. He is an expert in Islamic Finance, Sustainable development, Entrepreneurship, and innovation. He had undertaken expertise in several countries like: France, Bahrain, Libya, Jordan, Oman, Tunisia, Kuwait, Syria, Lebanon, India, Bangladesh, Congo, Morocco, Qatar, KSA, AUE, Kuwait, Afghanistan, etc. From January to March 2014, he was advisor to the Federation of GCC Chamber of Commerce and Adviser to the Minister of Social Development from 2005 to 2009. In addition, he has been Senior Expert at Al Maali Consulting & Training Group, KSA since 2014. He founded in 2009 Family Bank in Bahrain and managed it until 2014. Previously he worked as Director in Bahrain Development, Director of Bahrain business incubator, Director in Social Fund for Development, the Egyptian Society of incubators, He worked also as Assistant manager at AFPA-France, Researcher at INERIS and University of Lorraine, France. He wrote several books and researches on Islamic Finance, Business Incubators, SME's, Poverty & Unemployment, Development of The Gulf Cooperation Council, the Development in Islamic World, Family Businesses, Social Entrepreneurship, etc. Dr. Atef El Shabrawy holds a Ph. D in Modeling of Risk, France.



Farouk Abdullah Alwyni
CEO

Alwyni International Capital
Sector: Financial Services
Indonesia

Profile

Farouk is both an Islamic finance practitioner and lecturer who spent most of his Islamic finance career in the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank Headquarters handling hundreds of US\$ million IDB trade finance operations in many countries in Asia & CIS countries such as Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, the Maldives, and Tajikistan (1998-2007). Prior to running PT. Alwyni International Capital (AIC) in 2012, Farouk was a member of the executive management of PT. Al-Ijarah Indonesia Finance (ALIF), the first Islamic leasing company in the country and PT. Bank Muamalat Indonesia (BMI) where he initiated and implemented a number of new initiatives. Farouk serves as the chairman and co-founder of Center for Islamic Studies in Finance, Economics, and Development (CISFED), a Jakarta based think tank whose objective is to develop an integrated paradigm in addressing Indonesian and global development issues. He also lectures in Perbanas Institute Graduate School of Management (MM Program – Perbanas Institute) and the Graduate School of Management (MM Program), the Faculty of Economics & Business, the University of Indonesia (MM-FEB-UI) on Islamic finance and banking subjects. He is one of the country correspondents for Kuala Lumpur based-Islamic Finance News. Farouk obtained his Bachelor in Banking & Financial Management from Perbanas Institute (Jakarta-Indonesia), MA in Economics from New York University (USA), and MBA in International Banking & Finance from the University of Birmingham (UK). He also has Diploma in Islamic Finance from Chartered Institute of Management Accountant (CIMA), London, UK & Islamic Finance Qualification (IFQ) from Chartered Institute.



Said Amaghdir

Chairman AMFP & Director Takaful Insurance

SAHAM Insurance Morocco member of
Sanlam Group

Sector: Financial Services
Morocco

Profile

Said holds a Master's degree in Financial Markets from the University of Bordeaux, France. He is also accredited by the French Association of Financial Analysts (SFAF) and the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institution (CIBAFI). Said started his career at Wafabank in charge of Internal Control and Risk Management, and then he joined Wafabank's Asset Management subsidiary (Wafa Gestion) holding the same position. He was the legal representative of Wafa Gestion in asset management to the ASFIM (Association des Sociétés de Gestion et Fonds d'Investissement Marocains), he is also a member the Fitch rating board and GIPS AIMR certification. When it comes to his commitment to Islamic Finance, Said is the President of the A.M.F.P; the Moroccan Association for Participative Finance-Sharia Compliant- Professionnels. The Association strives to contribute to the positive developments of participative Finance-Sharia Compliant- in Morocco.



Shahed Amanullah
CEO & Founder

HalalFire (Zabihah.com)
Sector: Food & Beverages
Malaysia

Profile

As a serial entrepreneur who has founded several Silicon Valley media startups, Shahed Amanullah currently serves as CEO & co-founder of LaunchPosse, a DC-based startup that helps people leverage their social networks to shape and launch ideas for entrepreneurship. Prior to starting LaunchPosse, Shahed served as Senior Advisor for Technology at the US Department of State, where he worked on digital diplomacy in the bureaus of Secretaries of State John Kerry and Hillary Clinton and was responsible for building and launching the Generation Change and Viral Peace projects. Shahed also worked closely with the White House and other government agencies on social entrepreneurship, social media policy, combating online extremism, and fostering innovation. He serves as CEO & founder of HalalFire, a producer of online content and market research for global Muslim communities. Moreover, he founded altmuslim.com, an online magazine with 2.5 million annual unique users and served as its editor-in-chief for 10 years and subsequently founded zabihah.com, the world's largest Halal restaurant guide, with 10 million annual users and 500,000 mobile app. He was also co-founder and CEO of Relatia, a venture-backed mobile software company acquired in 2001 and he is also a Principal at Affinis Global, where he organizes and runs global hackathons to create social impact businesses as well as crafting social media strategies for NGOs and governments that combat extremist narratives. He is a co-founder of Affinis Labs, a Northern Virginia startup incubator that focuses on businesses with positive social impacts in global Muslim communities.



Salah Amin
CEO

Emirates Islamic Bank
Sector:
UAE

Profile

Mr. Salah Amin has been Chief Executive Officer of Emirates Islamic Bank PJSC since June 2018. Amin has 30 years of experience in the banking industry and worked in various positions including head of branches and head of corporate banking unit before taking on his most recent role as executive vice-president, head of corporate banking group, Emirates NBD. He has joined Emirates NBD Group in 1989. Mr. Amin serves as Chief Executive Officer.



Arif Mohamed Amiri
Chief Executive Officer

DIFC
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Arif Amiri has been appointed Deputy CEO of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Authority. A UAE national with more than 15 years of experience in banking, finance, retail and real estate, Mr. Amiri joined DIFC Authority from Emaar Properties, where he was Chief Commercial Officer. In that role, he oversaw a significant expansion in corporate revenues and directed the company's rapid move into new markets and new business opportunities. Earlier roles with Emaar included CEO of Emaar Retail, where he had autonomous decision-making responsibility for the business unit's strategic planning, new business, sales and marketing, and business support. He grew the unit's annual revenue, guided the opening of new business lines, and enhanced productivity, efficiencies, and the unit's overall corporate culture. Mr. Amiri's significant contributions to the region's retail sector were recognised in 2012 when he was awarded the 'Retail Leadership Award' at the 2nd Asian Leadership Awards. He also won the Honorary Award for his significant contribution to the retail industry's growth at the Retail City Awards 2011. He joined Emaar in 2006 as a Senior Director – Investor Relations, Corporate Governance and Business Development. In this role he drove the Sales and Distribution at Emaar Properties. As well, Arif developed and implemented strategies across the group's seven subsidiaries. Before joining Emaar, Mr. Amiri worked for seven years with HSBC Bank Middle East, rising to the position of Senior Manager – Corporate & Institutional Banking.



Karim Amous

Managing partner

Smarteco

Sector: Financial Services
Tunisia

Profile

Karim Amous holds a master in CCA, COMPTABILITE-CONTROLE-AUDIT at “Université de Sfax” as well as a Master 2 in accountancy and audit in “Institut d’Administration des Entreprises” in France and became a chartered accountant and a member of the “Ordre des Experts Comptables de Paris” in 2010. Karim Amous pursued internships in various major firms including PwC and BDO, which allowed him to improve his knowledge, and helped him build a good expertise in the financial field. He then pursued a long experience during which he discovered the profession of chartered accountant and strengthened his personal skills such as discipline, responsiveness and teamwork, gaining a good command of English professional. Through these experiences, he showed determination to achieve his dream of becoming a chartered accountant but also maturity when facing the workplace. His previous internships conducted during his university studies and his social and cultural activities have allowed him to gain valuable work experience and contributed to the development of his personality. Since 2010 he served as Founder and Managing Partner at SMARTECO. With SMARTECO and his role as a leader, he established a group specialized in the financial field and expanded through African and Asia. In 2014, Karim AMOUS became a certified “Islamic Fund Manager” by the European Centre of Islamic Finance and is aiming to create the first Islamic fund in Sfax (Tunisia) to promote projects in the region. Karim AMOUS is a member of the direction board of AMBANK in Tunisia and AIAMANA fund in Sfax.



Zouhair Amri
CEO

Oumma
Sector: Media, Events & IT
France

Profile

CEO of Oumma Media, the biggest French-Muslim media group with more than 1,5 million unique visitors per month (publisher of Oumma.com, OummaTV.tv, Mejliss.com, and Chooff.fr). In 2016 Oumma.com received a better ranking than «La Croix», the french biggest catholic newspaper founded in 1880 (<http://goo.gl/LhKc8C>). Cofounder (in 2008) and Chief Executive Officer of Alakees, a tech company specialized in social advertising. Business angel, investor in several companies in France & Tunisia (Feltacom, Gazelis, ECD, Aywa,), co-founder and board member of SPMF (Union of Muslim Companies CEOs in France), co-founder of UFCM (first French foundation dedicated to the Muslim consumer rights). Expert on the Islamic business in France, intervned as a speaker on this topic in French Universities (Polytechnique) and in international tradeshows (the «ExpoHalal Spain 2015» or the next «Muslim Lifestyle Expo 2016» for example).



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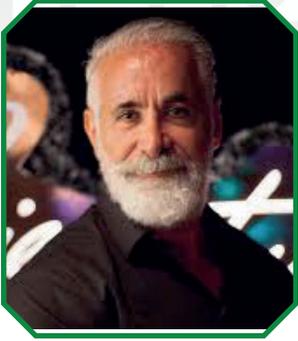
Executive Chairman

Temenos

Sector: Fintech
Switzerland

Profile

Mr. Andreas Andreades has been an Executive Chairman of Temenos Group AG since July, 2012. Mr. Andreas Andreades joined Temenos in 1999, initially in the position of Chief Financial Officer, before assuming the responsibilities of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer in 2001 and then the Chief Executive's role from July 2003 until July 2011, when he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors. He started his career with KPMG in London in 1988. He held a number of Strategic, Sales and General Management positions at PepsiCo from 1994 to 1999. Since he joined Temenos, the Company has grown from less than 150 employees to more than 4,900 and to more than 3,000 customers generating in excess of USD 730m in annual revenues and achieving a market capitalisation close to USD 9 billion. Mr. Andreades holds a Masters engineering degree from the University of Cambridge and is a Chartered Accountant from U.K.



Kyri Andreou

Co Founder

Ata plus

Sector: Financial Services
Malaysia

Profile

Kyri Andreou is the Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of ATA Plus, a Online Equity Crowdfunding platform.He is also the founder and Executive Director of One Big Idea, Matahari Workshop, Collatra and I-Sharaka Co.Mr. Andreou has a degree in Business Studies from London Metropolitan University and has more than 20 years of experience in strategic planning, marketing and branding in agencies such as Batey Ads, Saatchi & Saatchi and Dentsu Young & Rubicam.He is a strong advocate of social entrepreneurship, sustainable business and Islamic finance.



Muhammad Owais Ansari

Director & Member of the board

FWU Global Takaful Solutions

Sector: Financial Services
Germany

Profile

Muhammad Owais Ansari has studied from 1999 to 2006. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) and has significant experience of working for Takaful and conventional insurers in the Middle East & UK. From 1999 to 2005 he served as manager actuarial services division at Sldat Hyder Morshed Associates. From January 2005 to April 2007 he served as Acturial Manager at HSBC Takaful. He has also experience of working as the Insurance Adviser in Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency from 2007 to 2008 to develop and effectively implement a new regulatory framework for an emergent Saudi insurance market. From December 2008 to February 2010 he was senior actuarial consultant at PwC. From December 2009 to February 2013 he served as Chief actuary at FWU Global Takaful Solutions and since December 2010 he is working as Director at Pak-family Takaful. Since February he is also Director of Premium Select Lux SA and Chief Operating Officer at FWU Global Takaful Solutions. Prior to joining FWU, Mr. Ansari was a Senior Consultant within PwC, UK where he worked on a variety of consulting projects involving Solvency II, M&A, and Pension Buyout and Actuarial audits. Muhammad Owais Ansari is the Chief Actuary of FWU Global Takaful Solutions and is an expert in Takaful related issues. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) and has significant experience of working for and advising Takaful Companies, Conventional Insurers and Regulatory authorities in the Middle East & UK.



Juan Aranols
CEO

Nestlé Malaysia
Sector: Food & Beverages
Malaysia

Profile

Juan Aranols is chief executive officer at Nestlé Malaysia, effective from 1 December 2018. Juan Aranols currently serves as the chief financial officer for Nestlé Group's Asia, Oceania and Sub-Saharan Africa unit, and has held various roles at Nestlé over 28 years at the company. He joined the Nestlé Group in 1990 as an auditor for Nestlé Spain. Mr. Juan Aranols graduated from the University of Barcelona in 1995.



Ahmet Kudsi Arslan
Chairman of the Management Board

KT Bank AG
Sector: Banking
Germany

Profile

Mr. Ahmet Kudsi Arslan has been the CEO and Chairman of the Management Board of KT Bank AG since April 2017, following his appointment as Board Member in January 2017 and holding the position of Deputy CEO since January 2016. KT Bank is the first bank in Germany and in the Eurozone which introduced comprehensive financial products and services according to Islamic banking principles. Prior to this role as head of a pioneering bank in the Islamic banking sector, Mr. Arslan had been part of KT Bank's parent bank Kuveyt Türk Participation Bank in Istanbul for more than two decades and in several leading positions. Since September 2013, he served as Group Head of Wealth Management and Private Banking, and, from October 2009 until August 2013, as Corporate & Commercial Credit Manager. Other stations of his career at Kuveyt Türk, which he started in September 1997, include branch management and financial analysis. In the same year, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara and then joined his employer to date. Strongly believing in the Islamic economic order and in the ethical principles of Islamic banking, and pursuing a sustainable as well as future-oriented career path, Ahmet Kudsi Arslan has acquired substantial expertise in the Islamic banking field.



Hossein Askari

Economist, Iran Professor of International Business
and International Affairs

George Washington University
Sector: Education & Advisory
USA

Profile

Hossein Askari was born in Iran and moved to the UK and later on to the US where he pursued his B.S. in Civil Engineering and received his Ph.D. in Economics, both at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was an instructor at MIT, and started his academic career at the age of twenty-three as Assistant Professor of Economics at Tufts university, becoming an Associate Professor at Wayne State University, and Professor of International Business and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin in 1978, before coming to George Washington University in 1982, where he has served as Chairman of the International Business Department and as Director of the Institute of Global Management and Research. He is now the Iran Professor of International Business and International Affairs. Askari served on the Executive Board of the IMF and was Special Advisor for the Minister of finance of Saudi Arabia and assisted in the negotiations of a \$10 billion loan to the IMF. During the mid-1980s he directed an international team that developed the first comprehensive domestic, regional and international energy models and plans for Saudi Arabia. Hossein Askari has written extensively on economic and human development in the Middle East, conflicts and wars in the Persian Gulf, Islamic economics and finance, Development in Islam, social and economic justice in Islam, international trade and finance, agricultural economics, oil economics and on economic sanctions. He wrote twenty-seven books, referred journal articles and numerous chapters in books and magazines.



Gulfairuz Yerlanovna Assayeva
Director

ZAMAN-BANK
Sector: Banking
Kazakhstan

Profile

Gulfairuz Yerlanovna Assayeva is Director at ZAMAN-BANK



Dr. Ahmed Ali Attiga
CEO

Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation
(APICORP)

Sector: Logistics & Construction
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Dr. Ahmed Ali Attiga is Chief Executive & General Manager at Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation (APICORP) since April 2017. Dr. Attiga serves as a Principal Country Officer and Head of Mission for Jordan at International Finance Corporation. He has over 25 years of experience in investment management, development finance, private equity, research and teaching. Before joining APICORP he was with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group. He has served at the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank Group in Washington, D.C as well as a Manager of a Private Equity fund for the State of Wisconsin in the United States of America. He also advised Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) on privatization and restructuring strategies. In addition, he is a board member of the Emirates Development Bank and has served on the Royal International Commission to evaluate Jordan's Privatization Program. Dr. Attiga, holds Ph.D. in Finance & Development, MBA, and M.S in International Economies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He obtained his BA in Economics (Summa Cum laude) from Kuwait University.



Huseyin Aydin
CEO & Member of Board

Ziraat Bank
Sector: Banking
Turkey

Profile

Hüseyin Aydin graduated from the Ankara Academy of Economics and Commercial Sciences (Faculty of Economics) in 1981. He began his career as an Assistant Inspector at Ziraat Bank and served as a director in various departments at Ziraat Bank until 27 March 2003. After working as an Executive Board member at Halkbank, as a Board member at Pamukbank and as Deputy Chairman at Ziraat Bank, Mr. Aydin worked as the General Manager and Board member at Halk bank between 31 May 2005 and 14 July 2011. Having joined Ziraat Bank as the General Manager on 15 July 2011, Mr. Aydin also serves as the Chairman of the Banks Association of Turkey.



Sameer Azam

Investment Advisor

TBC dominion securities Inc.

Sector: Financial Services
Canada

Profile

Sameer Azam is Investment Advisor at RBC dominion securities Inc. He has Over 12 years of experience in wealth management, investment management, trade execution, risk management, and client service. He is Specialized in providing sophisticated advice to investors who are looking to align their socially-conscious values and ethical beliefs with their investments. Mr. Sameer Azam is Active Member of RIA (Responsible Investment Association of Canada). He had worked for ten years as Wealth Advisor for Absolute Wealth Advisor in Mississauga, Canada. He also worked as Wealth Advisor for FundEX Investments Inc. for almost nine years. Mr. Sameer Azam holds a Certificate in Portfolio and Investment Management Service and a Chartered Investment Manager Designation.



Sirajuddin Aziz
CEO

HABIB BANK AG ZURICH

Sector: Banking
Switzerland

Profile

Mr. Sirajuddin Aziz has been has been the Head of Group Financial Institutions at Habib Bank AG Zurich since 2018. He served as the Chief Executive Officer and President at Habib Metropolitan Bank Limited from 2012 to 2018. From 2001 to 2011, Aziz served as the Chief Executive Officer and President at Bank Alfalah Limited. Mr. Sirajuddin Aziz has held various positions in Pakistan, China, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, Nigeria and the United Arab Emirates for more than 25 years.



Mohamed Azmeer
CEO

Amāna Bank
Sector: Banking
Sri Lanka

Profile

Mohamed Azmeer, a Banker with strong international exposure took over the reins at Amāna Bank from retiring CEO Faizal Salieh with effect from 1 June 2014. Azmeer has been serving Amāna Bank as its Chief Operating Officer, since August 2012, where he was responsible for the Consumer, SME & Corporate business functions along with the Treasury function. Azmeer's illustrious carrier counts over 30 years of conventional and Islamic banking experience. Azmeer has sound experience in business banking and risk operations, having overseen such operations at a senior level during his stay at Citi Bank Dubai, where he also held the position of Vice President Risk. He was also involved as a member of the founding team in the establishment of Dubai Bank UAE in 2002, an entity of the Dubai Government, taking the position of Credit Controller. Apart from the Middle East Azmeer has also carried out many overseas assignments on behalf of Citi Bank to countries such as UK, India and Kenya, where he acquainted himself to the different dynamics and challenges specific to each region. In the area of Islamic banking, Azmeer's track record involves holding senior positions at Al-Rajhi Bank Saudi Arabia, one of the largest and leading Islamic Banks in the world and Sharjah Islamic Bank, a leading Islamic Bank in the UAE.



Dr Sofiza Azmi
CEO

Ebiz group of companies
Sector: Government & Associations
Malaysia

Profile

Dr. Sofiza Azmi is CEO of HD-Edbiz Group of Companies, managing all the business entities including Edbiz Corporation and Cambridge IF Analytica. Previously she was Director of Strategy, Policy and Research at the Asian Institute of Finance (AIF). Dr. Sofiza Azmi was also Head of the Director General's Office at Labuan Financial Services Authority (Labuan FSA), and Researcher at the International Center for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF). She is a prolific writer and has written numerous articles in Islamic finance, which have been published internationally. She is the co-author of the book entitled "Islamic Finance and Banking System: Philosophies, Principles & Practices". Her book is being used as a textbook at numerous universities worldwide. She has been called on numerous occasions to advise governments, corporates and social sector organisations on matters related with strategy and policy. She also leads Cambridge's Islamic Finance Leadership Program, delivered annually at the University of Cambridge. Dr. Sofiza Azmi holds a PhD in Corporate Finance from the University of New England, Australia, Master of Science in Corporate Finance and Bachelor of Science in Business Economics from the University of Salford, UK.



Claudio Azzolini

Founder

TFW and President Association TMODA

Sector: Fashion
Italy

Profile

Born in Turin, 1969, he has always been a sales man for prestigious companies, from public exercises with Lavazza, to professional aesthetics with Sportarredo, Germaine de Cappucine, Skeyndor, Revivre. Until 2012, after several years of fashion show organization, he became agent for the Piedmont and Aosta Valley region of the international MISS WORLD contest. I spent three years with about 50 selections in prestigious locations such as Saffarone Castle, Audi Terminal, Mirafiori Motorvillage, Golf Club IlFeudo, Moncrivello Castle, Mont Blanc Hotel, Palazzo delle Feste, Palazzo Boglietti, Tenuta Mazzetti D'Altavilla etc in 2015 is contacted by the torinese show, Piero Chiambretti, for recruiting models for the Chiambretti Supermarket broadcast on Mediaset networks, Italia One channel. In 2016, the TORINO FASHION WEEK was inaugurated with the participation of 100 emerging fashion designers from all over the world. In 2017 he proposes the second edition of TFW by introducing Modest Fashion through the Islamic Fashion Design and Council, which reaches a great deal of consensus around the world. Solar, ingenious, innovative, open and attentive to everything that is innovative. From relational skills and competencies, he believes that living and working with other people in a multicultural environment, occupying places where communication is important and in situations where it is essential to work both team and individually, acquired in the various work undertaken, and the winning formula to reach milestones, sometimes considered impossible. Capable of creating and developing new projects. Passionate about travel, music lover, drum kit, in love with the two wheels, has been in motion since the age of eight, practicing various sports, black kickboxing belt.



Youssef Baghdadi
CEO

Bank Assafa
Sector: Financial Services
Morocco

Profile

Mr Youssef Baghdadi is the CEO of Bank Assafa, the leader of participative (Islamic) banks in Morocco, operating in 19 main cities of the country with a total of 32 branches. He was since 2013 the CEO of Dar Assafaa, the only company specialized in alternative finance launched in 2010 before its transformation to a participative bank (Bank Assafa) in July 2017. His professional career is rich with more than 27 years of experience in the financial sector. He previously held several posts at Wafasalaf (subsidiary of Attijariwafa bank Group specialized in consumer financing) : Head of Information Systems Division, Head of Risk division and then Deputy General Manager. Mr. Baghdadi contributed to the development of participative finance in Morocco by providing recommendations and guidance to various stakeholders (Parliament, tax administration, Central Bank, Order of Notaries,...) and participated in several national and international conferences and workshops on Islamic finance. Under his presidency, Bank Assafa won the prize of the best participative bank in Morocco for the year 2017 awarded by Islamic Finance News. Mr. Baghdadi has also featured on the Top 500 of the world's most prominent and influential personalities in the Islamic economy by ISLAMICA 500 and awarded by The Moroccan Association for Islamic Economics (ASMECI) for his contribution in promoting participative finance in Morocco. Mr. Baghdadi holds an engineering degree in computer science, he is a professional coach and certified in Islamic banking by the General Council for Islamic Banks & Financial Institutions (CIBAFI) in Bahrain.



Fazal Bahardeen
CEO

CrescentRating & HalalTrip
Sector: Trade & Tourism
Singapore

Profile

After 20 years experience in the corporate, Fazal Bahardeen decided to become an entrepreneur in 2007. In 2008, he founded CrescentRating with a vision to help the industry understand the needs and better cater for Muslim travellers and today, CrescentRating is the world's leading authority on Halal Friendly Travel market providing insight, research, consultancy, training & rating services to every sector of the tourism industry from Government bodies to hotels. CrescentRating has partnered with MasterCard to co-develop the "MasterCard-CrescentRating Global Muslim Travel Index (GMTI)", the most in-depth and comprehensive research to track the health and growth of the Muslim travel segment. The growth of the sector and demand from the market led CrescentRating to acquire and re-launch HalalTrip as a standalone b2c online platform with a vision to become the trusted trip advisor for Muslim travelers around the globe. In 2015, HalalTrip launched a mobile application with the world's first Halal Food Spotting feature, the first in-flight prayer times calculator and a unique multi-functional prayer times calculator. Fazal holds an International Masters in Management from Management School of Lyon & Alcatel University, in addition to the Masters Degree in Computer Applications and Bachelors Degree in Telecommunication Engineering from the Beijing University of Post and Telecommunications. Fazal also has a Diploma in Islamic Banking and Finance from the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM). He is a corporate member of IET (UK) and a Chartered Engineer.



Fadilah Baharin
General Director

Department of Standards Malaysia
Sector: Government & Associations
Malaysia

Profile

As the DG of the National Standards and Accreditation Body, Fadilah is a strong advocate for standards and accreditation, driving local and global competitiveness of the industry. Since taking the helm 15 years ago, she has been championing quality efforts. Her many achievements include leading Malaysia's acceptance into the regional and international accreditation Mutual Recognition Arrangements for the fields of testing, calibration and inspection as well as for certifications in areas of Environmental Management Systems and Product Certifications. She was also responsible as the Nation's lead negotiator for more than 10 for Free Trade Agreements including the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. In 2000, she spearheaded the development of the first Halal standard i.e. MS 1500 – General Guidelines on the Production, Preparations and Handling of Halal Food, which is now the global de facto standard for halal foods. To date, 13 MS have been developed. In 2006, Fadilah created a training program under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) for Halal Standards and Conformance Infrastructure. To date, almost 40 OIC countries have participated in this programme. Fadilah has just been re-elected as an ISO Council Member for the term 2017-2019, a post of which she previously held from 2013-2015. During her previous tenure, she was key in establishing the ISO Regional Office in Singapore, allowing Asia Pacific countries' voice to be heard louder. Among her many accolades include being awarded the title "Datuk" as well as being conferred as a Fellow to the Academy of Sciences Malaysia by the Malaysian Premier.



Hani Othman Baothman

Vice Chairman

Sidra Capital

Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Hani Othman Baothman is a British Chevening Scholarship holder for his MBA at the Imperial College, London. He obtained his Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Reading, UK. He has extensive experience with prominent national and multi-national public and private institutions including Al-Khabeer Financial Consultants, the Islamic Development Bank («IDB»), Saudi Economic & Development, a prominent and proactive investment group, and ABV Rock Group, a Saudi Scandinavian JV contracting company. He is currently the Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer of Sidra Capital, a Saudi, Shari'ah compliant financial services company concentrating on asset management and corporate finance and advisory. Under Mr Baothman Sidra Capital has been growing 40% each year and has achieved 24% net profits for the last two consecutive years. Sidra Capital manages assets worth \$400m. Sidra Capital was established in 2008. Part of its focus is on real estate investment in the UK. It's been advising on various investments such as the £75m Sterling UK Real-Estate Fund (SURF). Sidra Capital has a strong track record creating innovative, award-winning products such as Sidra Capital's Ancile Global Structured Trade Finance Fund, which was the first of its kind in KSA. The fund was honoured as 'The Best Structured Islamic Trade Finance' by Triple AAA Islamic Finance Awards in 2013.



Hassan Bashir
CEO

Takaful Insurance Of Africa
Sector: Financial Services
Kenya

Profile

He is an entrepreneur who founded a number of successful companies in the pharmaceutical, ICT, Construction, financial services, and food industries in East Africa. He has served on the Board of the Association of Kenya Insurers (AKI). A member of the Development Committee of ICMIF; A member of Kenya's Capital Markets Master Plan Steering Committee; A member of the Chandaria School of Business Advisory Council; A member of the SIMAD University Board of Trustees; and Chairs the Boards of a number of private sector companies. He is an Entrepreneur, Mentor, and Educator. Mr. Bashir holds BSc International Business (IBA) USIU San Diego and MBA (Marketing) from USIU-Africa, Nairobi.



Abdul Haseeb Basit

Co Founder-principal

Elipses

Sector: Fintech

UK

Profile

Abdul Haseeb is a digital finance specialist and has over 15 years' experience working at the intersection of finance, technology and strategy. He is a Co-Founder and Principal of Elipses. He is also the former CFO of Innovate Finance, the UK not-for-profit FinTech members association, Chairman of Yielders, a crowdfunding property investment platform and the first regulated Islamic FinTech in the UK, and an advisory board member of Global Digital Finance, a not-for-profit promoting fair and transparent market for digital and crypto assets. He has previously worked in tier-1 banks in technology transformation and strategy with a private wealth and asset management focus. He is a qualified management accountant and has an MBA (with distinction) from Imperial College Business School. Abdul Haseeb is an Islamic & ethical finance advocate and promotes the transformational impact of technology to the industry.



Housseem Eddine Bedoui

Senior Researcher and Trainer

IRTI (Islamic Research and Training Institute)

Sector: Islamic Finance

Saudi Arabia

Profile

Housseem eddine BEDOUI is a senior Researcher and Trainer at IRTI-IDB. He accomplished with too much success Islamic finance capacity development courses in many countries. He is as well a lecturer and speaker in many regions on different subjects including Islamic finance, Social Entrepreneurship and Halal industry. As part of his work at the Islamic development bank, he contributed to develop innovative products and creating processes to develop new financial products. Besides, Housseem Eddine had several entrepreneurial experiences putting Islamic finance principles and products into practice. Prior to this, he was a consultant in Europe in management advisory and ethical/sustainable finance. He worked with many think tanks to develop Islamic Finance in France. He has Master degree from Telecom Sud Paris Engineering School (INT), France, his MBA from IE Business School (Spain) and he is an Alumni from Harvard Kennedy School (CID: Center for International Development). He is as well a PhD at ENS (Ecole Normale Supérieure, France). He is the co-editor of IRTI French Journal. Moreover, his research interests are in Islamic capital markets, entrepreneurship, competitiveness, social finance and Islamic banking. He published in international journals and presented his research works in various international conferences.



Thaslima Begum

Foundre & ceo

Teek Taka

Sector: Financial Services

UK

Profile

Thaslima Begum is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Teek Taka, a FinTech platform. Astonished by the lack of transparency and accountability in global supply chains, Thaslima Begum launched TEEK TAKA to lift millions out of poverty by empowering women, promoting decent work and driving economic growth. Before launching Teek Taka, Thaslima worked at BSI as Global Product Manager and Senior Campaign Manager. Passionate about social entrepreneurship, Thaslima wants to address via Teek Taka, some of the daily challenges faced by workers in the garment industry in Bangladesh. Thaslima Begum holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Marketing from Imperial College London and a BSc of Science & International Politics from Brunel University.



Abdelilah Belatik

Secretary General

CIBAFI

Sector: Financial Services
Bahrain

Profile

Mr. Belatik is the Secretary General of the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI) the global umbrella of Islamic Financial Institutions, since March 2014. Prior to this he was Assistant Secretary-General of the Malaysian based Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB), where he was responsible for overseeing key initiatives such as the strategic performance planning and Integrated Result Based Management Framework for the Secretariat, standards implementation initiatives in member countries and spearheading cooperation and development of the Islamic financial services with multilateral banks and global organizations in the industry. Previously, Mr. Belatik was attached to PricewaterhouseCoopers firm and has worked in Luxembourg, New York and Hong Kong offices mainly in the Assurance and Business Advisory Services, and Financial Services. He has extensive experience in financial sector management, industry-related training, developing and conducting workshops, and is a regular speaker at international platforms on Islamic finance, accounting and auditing, asset management, etc. He has also participated as a member of many international committees, including those of the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) Consultative Advisory Group (CAG), the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB) Consultative Group (CG) on Shariah Compliant Instruments and Transactions (2013 – current) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) External Advisory Group on Islamic Finance (2014 – current) and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of other institutions. Mr. Belatik is a qualified Business Engineer from Brussels, Belgium and has a Bachelor of Arts in Commercial Sciences. He is fluent in Arabic, English and French.



Makrem Ben Sassi
CEO

Zitouna TAKAFUL
Sector: Financial Services
Tunisia

Profile

Chairman, of the Board, Zitouna TAKAFUL, is the co-founder of “Arab Tunisian For Investment & Development Company (A.T.I.D Co)”, Chairman, of the Board and Member of the Executive Committee. He is rich with more than 39 years experience in banking and investment. He was Deputy General Manager of Best Bank Tunisia – member of Al Baraka Banking Group and Board Member of several development projects created and financed by Al Baraka Group: S.P.L.T (Tunis Lake project 100 Million USD), International Tunisia Fair 25 Million USD, Best Lease 10 Million USD, Best Reinsurance 55 Million USD, Bizerta Economic Activities Park 5 Million USD, Best Invest... He is graduated from “Ecole Nationale d’Administration de Tunis” and graduated in Economy from “Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Economiques de Tunis” in 1971. The A.T.I.D. was founded in 2009 and is a part of an Islamic investment, banking and financial services group called Al Baraka Banking Tunisia (member of A.B.G group) with head office in Bahrain. Zitouna Takaful is specialized in Islamic Insurance and offers services for companies and individuals. The company is founded on the cooperative principle and on the principle of separation between the funds and operations of shareholders, thus passing the ownership of the Takaful (Insurance) fund and operations to the policyholders.



Kamel Bendamardji

General Director

Trust Bank
Sector: Banking
Algeria

Profile

Kamel Bendamardji is the director general of Trust Bank Algeria. Trust Bank Algeria is a member of Nest Investments holding LTD based in Cyprus and the majority shares of the bank is a part of « Abdul Nahl » family. This group invested in many different sectors as Banks and financial services, Insurance, real estate, industry and tourism. The bank is located in 22 countries from Algeria to Saudi Arabia. Trust Bank Algeria was created in 2003. Kamel has an extensive experience on the banking sector. He was the Vice director of Gulf Bank Algeria and spend the majority of his career in Al Baraka Bank in Algeria. On the academic side, he holds a computer engineering diploma from the university of « Houari Boumediène » and 2 MBA from Université of Quebec in Canada in Business Administration and global management.



Dr. Tarik Bengarai

Trainer

CIFIE

Sector: Education & Advisory
France

Profile

Dr Tarik Bengarai ABOU NOUR: Secretary General and spokesman of the Shari'a board CIFIE (Independent Committee of the Islamic finance in Europe). Member of the Islamic Finance Committee of Paris-Europlace. Senior consultant and expert in Islamic Finance, Basel II, Risk Management and IAS / IFRS. He has a dual expertise profile being both: Training Engineer (graduate of Muhammadiyah Engineering School (EMI) (1999) and the National School of Bridges and Roads in Paris -ENPC) ,MBA Finance (IAE Sorbonne), a graduate of the "Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes" in Paris EPHE religious science, PhD in Islamic law. Senior Consultant for 15 years in large banking groups. Tarik was a Professor of Islamic finance and Islamic law (ijaza) at the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT France). Actually, he teaches Islamic finance at EM Strasbourg and the University of Strasbourg in the Executive MBA in Islamic finance (mainly: Takaful, Islamic Financial Engineering and Risk / Governance). Framed memories Islamic finance within the Islamic finance degree at the University of Paris-Dauphine and as part of the EMBA of Islamic finance at EM Strasbourg. To his credit, consulting missions, advice for large French and international banking groups, reference books, including Islamic Finance and Islamic law and Islamic finance certifications for various clients. Tarik also conducted several trainings, conferences and programs on Islamic finance and Islamic law. He is also Imam Khatib, head of the first French site specializing in Islamic law Maliki: www.doctrine-malikite.fr. Membre the instance of dialogue with Islam at the initiative of the French government. Finally, Tarik is responsible for public relations with Muslim traditions for interfaith dialogue group Peacemakers « Artisans de Paix ».



Sheikha Bodour Bent Sultan Al Qasimi

President & Founder

Emirates Publishers Association
Sector: Media, Events & IT
UAE

Profile

Sheikha Bodour bint Sultan Al Qasimi holds a BA (Hons) from Cambridge, an MSc in Medical Anthropology from University College London, and has successfully completed publishing courses from both Yale and Columbia. In 2007 Sheikha Bodour founded Kalimat, the first publishing house dedicated to the production of quality original Arabic children's titles which has published over 140 Arabic children's books, and sold translations and publishing rights to a number of international publisher, receiving numerous awards, including the Sharjah International Book Fair's Publisher of the Year in 2012. She is also the Founder and former President of the Emirates Publishers Association (EPA), which is responsible for representing UAE publishers locally and internationally, developing the country's publishing industry, and participating in domestic and overseas exhibitions and conferences. In 2012, her efforts gained the EPA full membership of the International Publishers Association (IPA). Recently, in recognition of her vision to make reading accessible to all, as well as for her role as communication facilitator with wide-ranging international organisations and institutions to help support and enrich the cultural exposure of children and individuals with special needs, Sheikha Bodour participated in the Diplomatic Conference of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Marrakesh, Morocco, during which the treaty to make books available to the visually impaired was signed. Away from publishing Sheikha Bodour Al Qasimi stands as Vice President of the Sharjah Ladies Club, a combination leisure facility and community body committed to the intellectual and social development of Sharjah's women and children.



Paolo Pietro Biancone
Full Professor of Financial Services

University of Turin
Sector: Education & Advisory
Italy

Profile

Paolo Pietro Biancone is a full Professor of Financial Management and Islamic Finance, and other Accounting disciplines at the University of Turin. Biancone acts as the director of the European Research Centre for Islamic Finance (www.ercif.org), Coordinator of the PhD in Business Management and President of the Business Accounting degree at the University of Turin. He has been teaching at the University of Lanzhou (China) and at the National Chengchi University in Taipei (Taiwan) for several years. He is a main speaker at national and international conferences and also an author of numerous publications in the field of Accounting and Islamic Finance. Paolo is the Editor in Chief for the European Journal of Islamic Finance (EJIF) as well as the Scientific Journal of Management Science. He is creator of university spin-offs with the subject entrepreneurial activities of interest to the Islamic business. As a chartered accountant and auditor, he is a consultant for several national and multinational companies and financial institutions. Biancone has contributed to the field of Islamic finance by several publications and important initiatives and events like the Turin Islamic Economic Forum 2014 and 2015, the Thematic Workshop on Islamic Financial Innovation 2015. He supervised a huge number of Master degree thesis in Islamic Finance as well as Phd thesis.



Haj Tahar Bimezzagh
CEO

Koutoubia holding
Sector: Food & Beverages
Morocco

Profile

Tahar Bimezzagh is the CEO of Koutoubia Holding, which is leading producer of meat products in Morocco. Koutoubia is the largest brand in production and distribution of read meat, turkey meat, salami, sausage and other similar products. Mr Bimezzagh is originally a butcher that became the king of the deli in Morocco. At 12, that native of Taфраout, a small town of Souss, already operated two butchers alongside his father in Casablanca. At 20, he bought a small poultry meat processing plant in Mohammedia. His name: Koutoubia, in reference to the Grand Mosque in Marrakech.



Ahmed Bin Abdulaziz Alhakbani

Secretary general

Saudi export development authority

Sector: Government & Associations

Saudi Arabia

Profile

Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Alhakbani is in charge of Saudi Arabia's foreign trade policy, FTA negotiations, trade remedies, joint commissions and the international commercial attaché offices worldwide. He is also the Secretary General and board member of the Saudi Export Development Authority (Saudi Exports). Prior to joining Saudi Exports, Mr Alhakbani was leading the overall organizational transformation project as well as being the Director General of Information and Technology and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Saudi Arabia. Mr Alhakbani had previously worked in both the public and private sectors of Saudi Arabia. His career started off at Microsoft where he managed the technical relationships between Microsoft and large publicly traded Saudi companies, then moved on to become a resident technology consultant for Microsoft at a large government agency. After that, he moved to join the first national e-government task force as a project manager for strategic and key operational projects. Subsequently, Mr Alhakbani moved on to join Cisco systems as a business development manager for mega projects in Saudi Arabia. In mid-2008, he left Cisco to become a technology and strategy advisor for the deputy minister of higher education primarily focusing on developing the ministry's e-government strategy and launching the online portal. Mr Alhakbani is a member of multiple cross-governmental committees and a board member of the National Center of Palms and Dates (NCPD). During his career, Mr Alhakbani has been involved in technology start-ups in different capacities from investor to co-founder and being involved in delivery.



Dato' Seri Ibrahim bin Haji Ahmad

Executive chairman

Brahim's group

Sector: Food & Beverages
Malaysia

Profile

Dato' Seri Ibrahim bin Haji Ahmad serves as Executive Chairman of the Board of Brahim's Holdings Berhad since May 15, 2008. He is the founder and Executive Chairman of Dewina Holdings Sdn Bhd. He holds Master degree in Food Technology and a Diploma in Agriculture. A former lecturer and founding member of the Faculty of Food Science and Biotechnology at Universiti Putra Malaysia and subsequently the Head of Corporate Research and Development at a publicly-listed company, he has wide experience in food and agro-based industries, and has been involved in various organizations holding posts such as National Representative of the UNESCO Regional Network for Basic Sciences, Secretary General of Asean Federation of Food Processing Industries, Member of International Standards Committee SIRIM, Council Member of Malaysian Microbiological Society and Malaysian Institute of Food Technology. He founded Dewina Food Industries in 1986 and steered it to public listing on the BMSB in 1995 after which the company diversified into various food-related businesses and went private again in 2002. He was honored with the Anugerah Usahawan (Entrepreneurship Award) in 1993 and with a Datukship in 2002. In 2014, he was awarded Darjah Gemilang Pangkuan Negeri (DGPN) by TYT Governor of Penang on September 20, 2014, which carries the title «Dato' Seri». He also sits on the board of Brahim's Airline Catering Sdn Bhd and the Founder-Chairman of Baitul Hayati Charity Foundation.



Dato Haji Othman Bin Mustapha

Chairman

Jakim

Sector: Government & Associations
Malaysia

Profile

Dato Haji Othman Bin Mustapha is born the first July 1956 in Tumpat, Kelantan. He is married with his wife Rohani and they have 5 children. He went to school in Kota Bharu and received a Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies (Sharia) in 1982. He also received two certificates, Special course Malaysia Islamic officers 2010 in London and Sharia governance course 2007 in Birmingham. From 1982 until 1991 he worked as assistant director for the Federal Territory Islamic Department. After that he worked 5 years for the Malaysian embassy in Jakarta. When he returned he was assistant director for Jakim. In 1999 until 2002 he was director of the Publication Division of Forestry. In 2002 he had the position of director in the Sarawak Forestry Branch. Before he became CEO of «Majlis Agama Islam W.Persekutuan, KL» was he director of Jakim for 2 years. In 2008 he worked as deputy director (operations) for the Islamic development department of Malaysia. After that he became deputy general director (policy) and finally he got the position of general director in the Islamic development department.



Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem

Group Chairman and CEO

Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority (Jafza)

Sector: Trade & Tourism

UAE

Profile

H.E Sultan Ahmad Sultan Bin Sulayem serves as Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority. H. E. Bin Sulayem has been Interim Chief Executive Officer of Economic Zones World since July 20, 2015. He has been an Executive Chairman of DP World UAE Region FZE since May 30, 2007. He serves as Chairman at Jebel Ali Free Zone FZE. He serves as the Chairman of Istithmar Building FZE Inc., Istithmar World P.J.S.C., Dubai World at Economic Zones World and all Dubai World's companies. H. E. Bin Sulayem serves as an Executive Chairman of Dubai Ports International. He serves as the Chairman of Port & Free Zone World FZE. He served as the Chairman of Dubai World Africa Services (Pty) Ltd., Istithmar World Capital P.J.S.C., Customs & Free Zone Corporation, Dubai Waterfront Company, Dubai Multi Commodities Centre and Dubai World Corporation until December 13, 2010. He served as Chairman of the Board of Tejari-FZ, LLC. H. E. Bin Sulayem served as an Executive Chairman of Nakheel LLC. He has been a Director of Hyperloop Technologies, Inc. since October 13, 2016. He serves as on the Board of the Executive Economic Council, Hyperloop Technologies, Inc. as well as the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry. He holds a BS in Economics from Temple University. He holds a BBA Degree from California State University.



Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Al Saud

Chairman

Kingdom Holding Company

Sector: Financial Services

Saudi Arabia

Profile

Al-Waleed received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Menlo College in California in 1979. He then received a master's degree in social science with honors from Syracuse University in 1985. Al-Waleed is the founder, the chief executive officer and 95 percent-owner[7]of the Kingdom Holding Company, a Forbes Global 2000 company with investments in companies within various sectors such as banking and financial services, hotels and hotel management companies, mass media, entertainment, retail, agriculture, petrochemicals, aviation, technology, and real estate. Waleed is also Citigroup's largest individual shareholder, the second-largest voting shareholder in 21st Century Fox, he owns Paris's Four Seasons Hotel George V and part of Plaza Hotel. His business acumen and shrewd entrepreneurial prowess have earned him comparisons to American investor and business magnate Warren Buffett.



Hakan Binbasgil
CEO

Akbank
Sector: Banking
Turkey

Profile

Hakan Binbasgil joined Akbank as the Executive Vice President in charge of Change Management in October 2002. He initiated the Bank's «Restructuring Programme» which has transformed Akbank into one of Turkey's most customer-focused, modern and innovative financial institutions. Hakan Binbasgil was appointed Executive Vice President in charge of Retail Banking in November 2003, Deputy CEO in May 2008, and since January 2012 as Board Member and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank. Prior to joining Akbank, Binbasgil worked as a Management Consultant in the London and Istanbul offices of Accenture, and as Executive Vice President in a different private sector bank. Binbasgil also served on the boards of directors of numerous companies domestically and abroad. Currently, in addition to his position as CEO at Akbank, Binbasgil is also the Chairman of Ak Asset Management, Ak Investment, Ak Lease, Akbank AG and Akbank (Dubai) Ltd. After graduating from Robert College, Hakan Binbasgil graduated from Bosphorus University, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. Binbasgil also holds MBA and MS degrees in Finance from Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge, USA.



Chris Abdur-Rahman Blauvelt

CEO & Founder

LaunchGood.com

Sector: Startups, Islamic Finance, Charity
USA

Profile

Chris Abdur-Rahman Blauvelt is a passionate Muslim American entrepreneur committed to building up the global Muslim community to reach its full potential. Chris is the founder & CEO of LaunchGood, the world's largest faith-based crowdfunding platform and a leader in the burgeoning digital Islamic economy. Since launching in 2013, LaunchGood has helped raise over \$20 million for more than 2,000 projects across 84 countries, and has been recognized for their impact & excellence with the Islamic Economy Award (Dubai) and the American Muslim Consumer Conference Entrepreneurship award, as well as coverage on CNN, Al-Jazeera, and more. Previously Chris was an award-winning film producer (Bilal's Stand, 2010 Sundance Film Festival), founder of Patronicity, a successful American civic crowdfunding platform startup, and winner of the Magic Johnson Social Entrepreneur prize. Chris was born in Malaysia, raised in Korea and the United States and at the age of 16 became a Muslim through the influence of a friend and the Autobiography of Malcolm X. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Michigan's prestigious engineering school and received a masters in educational leadership as well. Chris is a leading thinker in the Muslim community, especially in the area of social entrepreneurship and Islamic crowdfunding, where he travels the world delivering inspirational speeches, including as a guest of the US State Department in Malaysia and Singapore, ISNA, and SXSW. He advises several Muslim startups and organizations on creative initiatives. Currently he resides in Dearborn, Michigan with his wife Amani and children Maryam and Omar.



Mohamed Boulif

Chairman

Al Maalya

Sector: Education & Advisory
Belgium

Profile

Mohamed Boulif is an international expert in Islamic finance who famously quoted: “ ... if there is an Islamic Economy activist, Mohamed Boulif must be the one”. After holding many senior financial positions, he joined the pioneering group Dar Al Maal Al Islami for ten years as Financial Director for its subsidiaries Faisal Finance Holding Luxembourg and Takaful S.A. He also sat on the board of many subsidiaries of the group. Mr Boulif co-founded and is still managing Al Maalya Islamic Finance Consulting, historically the first of its kind consulting firm in Continental Europe. He was also a strategic partner and assisted Al Maali Group to launch its Moroccan division, a leading consulting firm today. Mr Boulif served as advisor to Paris-Europlace and to the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Brussels-Capital Region. As financial expert, he was also member of the Shari’a committee of COFFIS (France). Mr Boulif is frequently invited to speak at major conferences. He also lectures and teaches Islamic Finance in many universities throughout Europe and Africa (Paris Dauphine, University of Strasbourg, International University of Rabat, UCL University, etc.). He is currently also Director of the Master in Islamic Banking and Finance of Mundiapolis University in Casablanca (Morocco). As a promoter of Islamic Finance, he continues to channel his efforts in line with his catchphrase “May Islamic Finance brings mercy to Humanity”.



His Excellency Hamad Buamim

President & CEO

Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Sector: Government & Associations

UAE

Profile

Hamad Buamim was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of Dubai World in December 2010 and he is the President & CEO of Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Buamim brings to Dubai World rich experience as a professional manager and administrator who has held diverse positions in both the public and private sectors. In capacity as President & CEO of Dubai Chamber, which represents, supports and protects the interests of the business community in Dubai, Buamim carries with him a deep understanding of trade, one of the most important drivers of the emirate's economic development. He has also serves as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates, Chairman of National General Insurance P.S.C, a Member of the Board of CityCenter, a Member of the Board of Kerzner International Holdings Ltd, a Member of the Board of Atlantis The Palm Limited, a Member of the Board of International Hotel Investment p.l.c., a Member of the Board of Union Properties PJSC, and Deputy Chairman of the World Chambers Federation – ICC in Paris. Educated in the US, Buamim graduated from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. In 2002, he obtained an MBA in Finance from the University of Missouri, Kansas City.



Khamis Mohamed Buharoon

Acting CEO

Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (ADIB)

Sector: Banking
UAE

Profile

H.E Khamis Mohamed Buharoon Al Shamsi, also known as Bu, has been an Interim Chief Executive Officer of Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank PJSC since March 2017. H.E Al Shamsi served as the Managing Director of Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank PJSC. He has been the Chairman of the Board of Abu Dhabi National Takaful Company P.S.C. since August 2014. He serves as Director of Arqaam Capital and Non-Executive Independent Director of Agthia Group PJSC since April 2014. He served as a Director at Tejoori Limited. He serves as a Board Member of Abu Dhabi National Hotels Company, the Emirates Institute for Banking and Financial Studies, Arqaam company and the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions. He has helped establishing prominent businesses and institutions through leading positions such as Board Member of the RAK Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Board Member of Emirates - Jordan Investment Company, Chairman of Abu Dhabi National leasing Company; he was also a Board Member of CEMEA VISA International. He began his career in 1987 as Accountant and Auditor in the UAE Central Bank and moved on to become Assistant Director of Finance Division and the Assistant Director of the Internal Audit Division at the UAE Central Bank. He joined after that First Gulf Bank where he held the position of General Auditor and later on he was appointed as the Head of Domestic Banking in National Bank of Abu Dhabi. He served as a Director at Seera Investment Bank B.S.C. He has a B.A. in Business and Accounting.



Amer Bukvic
CEO

Bosna Bank International
Sector: Financial Services
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Profile

As the CEO of Bosna Bank International, Amer Bukvic holds a bachelor's degree from the International Islamic University in Kuala Lumpur, a Master's degree from the International University of Japan and completed an executive course at the London Business School and Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford. He worked as a research coordinator for the Overseas Strategic Consulting – USAID Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina and later joined IDB Group as a Deputy CEO of BBI in 2004 and later as a CEO. Under his leadership, BBI has become the fastest growing bank in B&H and its assets increased fivefold. Mr. Bukvic co-founded the Sarajevo Business Forum (SBF), the largest International investment conference. He is the vice-chairman of an Islamic Bank in Albania and of BBI Real Estate Company B&H, as well as board member of International University of Sarajevo and Mediterranean University. He also sits on advisory board of Bled School of Business, Slovenia and Center for Islamic Finance at the University of Bolton and participated as a keynote speaker at some of the most prestigious international conferences on banking, finance and international business where he received the "Jewels of Muslim World Award 2015", the Best Banking CEO B&H 2014" and "The Best Entrepreneur and Leader in 2014" – Prince Abdulaziz bin Abdullah International Prize for Entrepreneurs Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and "Best manager in Banking sector of B&H 2013" – Perdana Leadership Foundation Malaysia, and Charter of International League of Humanists "Aurelio Peccei".



Lee Byung-ho
President

Korea Agro-Fisheries & Food Trade
Corporation
Sector: Food & Beverages
South Korea

Profile

Byung Ho Lee is the President and CEO of the Korea Agro-fisheries and food trade corporation. The Korea Agro-Fisheries & Food Trade Corporation (aT) was founded as the Agriculture & Fishery Development Corporation in 1967, and it changed name to the Agricultural and Fishery Marketing corporation. Since January 2012, the aT has been renamed, aiming at expanding exports and developing food industry.



Zeinoul Abedien Cajee

Founder & CEO

National Awqaf Foundation of South Africa

Sector: Government & Associations

South Africa

Profile

Zeinoul Abedien Cajee is a founder member and former CEO of the National Awqaf Foundation of South Africa (Awqaf SA). He is a consulting partner in the firm of Chartered Accountants Cajee Razak & Associates. He holds an M.Ed. from Wits University in addition to his degrees in Accountancy and Business Science. He lectured in Auditing and Taxation at Vista University in Soweto during 1997-2003. He participated in the first “ Management of Awqaf Properties” course in Jeddah in 1984 and has written and presented several papers on the subject of awqaf at various international conferences in Singapore, South Africa, Dubai, and Iran. AWQAF SA is an independent non-profit organization founded for the social, economic, political, educational, intellectual, moral, religious, and spiritual empowerment of Muslim and historically disadvantaged communities. It aims to contribute meaningfully towards the growth and development of post-apartheid South Africa through the initiation and/or support of strategically focused and sustainable community development and poverty alleviation projects.



Yusuf Calkara
Managing Director

European Institute of Halal Certification
Sector: Food & Beverages
Germany

Profile

Yusuf holds a Diploma in Civil Engineering from Hamburg University of Applied sciences and is a board member of the Islamic community “Eyup Sultan Mosque”. In November 2006, Yusuf held the position of the CEO (Managing Director) of the European Institute of Halal Certification (EHZ). EHZ is a non-profit organization part of the Islamic Council for the Federal Republic of Germany (IR) and is supported by the Union of Islamic Communities in Northern Germany eV. To place uniform Halal standards, standardization of the certification process and preventing abuse in the German Halal market, an umbrella organization was also founded in leadership from EHZ: “Gütegemeinschaft Halal-Lebensmittel e. V. (GHL)”, for which Yusuf is also the leading Manager. To define the general principles and requirements of Halal food in the food chain, based on the holy Qur’an and Sunnah, European Committee for Standardization (CEN) is working on a draft together with national standards institutes. Yusuf has been giving lectures in Islamic communities, associations and conferences. With appearances in the media, such as TV, radio and interviews Muslim consumers, but even non-Muslims (majority society) will be informed about the halal standards. Yusuf participates at a lot of activities such as Halal conferences, meetings, seminars and exhibitions as a guest speaker. EHZ tries to draw attention on the Halal-Market in Europe. For this purpose, Yusuf is in contact with relevant trade associations, chambers of commerce, etc.

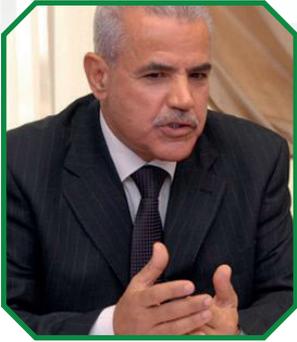


Drs. Allard Castelein
CEO

Port of Rotterdam
Sector: Logistics & Construction
Netherlands

Profile

Allard Castelein is Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Rotterdam Authority since 1 January 2014. The Rotterdam Port received a halal certificate in Kuala Lumpur and became the first European port whose products can be distributed while fully complying with Islamic religious laws. Born in Rotterdam in 1958, Allard graduated in medicine at Erasmus University. He started working with Shell in the Netherlands in 1987. For the first couple of years he held positions in Trading, Sales and Marketing. From 1992 he lived and worked in Malaysia, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom in various positions in Marketing, Strategy, Business Development and General Management. Allard returned to The Netherlands in 2002 to join the Executive Board of the NederlandseAardolieMaatschappij, a Shell-Exxon JV. In 2003 he became Commercial Manager for Shell's European Upstream business. In this capacity he led a major re-organization and change management programme. In 2009 Allard was appointed Vice President Environment for Shell. He led the global Environment cluster and was accountable for strategy, standards, controls and strategic partnerships worldwide. In addition to his position as CEO with the Port of Rotterdam Authority, Allard Castelein is amongst others 1) Vice president and member of the Supervisory Board of Sohar Industrial Port Company SAOC (SIPC) and 2) Vice president and member of the Supervisory Board of Sohar International Development Company (SIDC).



Abdellatif Chaabane
CEO

El Amana Takaful
Sector: Financial Services
Tunisia

Profile

Mr Abdellatif Chaabane is CEO at Al Amana Takaful. He was chosen, while he was already on retreat, by a pool of investors, including CARTE (Compagnie d'Assurance et de Réassurance Tuniso-Européenne) and the group Al Baraka. The Investors based their decision on his life-long experience of the Tunisian Banking and Insurance sector. He has held positions in the Ministry of Finance, as well as at Tunisia Airports.



Houda Chafil
CEO

Maghreb Titrisation
Sector: Government & Associations
Morocco

Profile

Houda Chafil is the Chief Executive Officer at Maghreb Titrisation, a Moroccan company specialized in financial engineering. She joined Maghreb Titrisation in 2007 as Managing Director in charge of financial strategy. In 2011, she was appointed Chief Operating Officer. Before joining Maghreb Titrisation, Ms. Chafil worked in BMCE Bank and BMCI-BNP Paribas. In 2017, she led the launch of a fund dedicated to consumer credit. Ms. Houda Chafil has an MBA in Finance, Strategy and Management from Ecole des Ponts Business School.



Philippe Karim Charot
Président

Agro-food industry - Vita Meal
Sector: Food & Beverages
Morocco

Profile

Philippe is the co-founder of AGRO-FOOD INDUSTRIE based in Marrakech MOROCCO. VITAMEAL Baby is the main brand of the company worldwide known for its offer of Halal baby food. More 80 References: Fruits, Vegetable, Meat, Fishes, Drinks and Cereals sold in a large Distribution network. The Other Brand named PHARMAMEAL Baby is exclusively dedicated to the pharmacies. AGRO-FOOD industrie is proud of its 2 factories certified ISO 22000, IFS V6 and Label HALAL from Moroccan Ministry of industry. The first factory manufactures the compotes and the second plant is for the production of cereals. The products are exports in more than 25 countries around the world: France, UK, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Dubai, Qatar, Abou Dhabi, Oman, Libya, Senegal, Nigeria, Russia, and India...The company is also the Moroccan Leader of Halal Baby Food.



Dr. Muhammad Munir Chaudry

President & Chairman

IFANCA (Islamic Food and Nutrition Council
of America)

Sector: Food & Beverages
USA

Profile

Dr. Muhammad Munir Chaudry, founder and CEO of the Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA) is a pioneer of halal compliance standard and has allowed the vertical integration of halal standards enabling global adaptation of halal principles, facilitating the halal economy. Dr. Chaudry holds a BS from the Agricultural University, Faisalabad, Pakistan, an MS from the American University in Beirut and a PhD in Food Chemistry at the University of Illinois. Dr. Chaudry is the co-author of the textbook Halal Food Production, published by CRC Press and has written several articles and papers for technical journals. For the past 30 years, he has been managing the halal certification programs for IFANCA. Under his administration, halal certification by IFANCA has expanded to over 4000 production sites in 56 countries. Prior to IFANCA, he worked in the food industry and held technical and management positions. Under his leadership, IFANCA has partnered with vaccine programs in sub-Saharan Africa to assist in disease prevention. IFANCA has also worked with UNICEF to deliver micronutrients to nutrient deprived areas. In 2013, the Emir of Dubai, His Excellency Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, awarded Dr. Chaudry the Islamic Economy Award for Standardization and Compliance. In 2015, Dr. Chaudry was appointed to the USDA Agriculture Trade Advisory Committee for trade in Processed Foods. He is the first chairman of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) Religious and Ethnic Food Division. Dr. Chaudry is experienced in the management of not-for-profit organizations and industrial corporations.



Talal B. Chehab

CEO & Founder

Aya Financial

Sector: Financial Services
USA

Profile

Mr. Chehab is the CEO/President & the General Counsel of AYA FINANCIAL (AF). He obtained a bachelors degree in Economics from the UNIVERSITY of Toronto and a Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. He began his legal career in 1989, starting his own firm in 1993 where he continues to work. His main areas of practice include corporate/commercial and real estate law with a focus on raising capital for public and private companies, shariah compliant financing, corporate acquisitions and structuring asset/share purchase & sale transactions, joint venture agreements, franchising, secured lending and financing, organization of various corporate and business associations, shareholder agreements and exclusive distribution / agency agreements. Mr. Chehab has ample experience in management and corporate governance as well as raising capital through private placements. He is a member of the Board and Chairman of the Audit Committee of ECU Silver Mining, a publicly traded company listed on the Toronto stock exchange engaged in gold, silver, zinc and lead mining in Mexico, having a market capitalization of \$600 Million. He is also a Director and member of the Audit Committee of Golden Tag Resources, involved in gold mining projects in Canada and Mexico. Mr. Chehab is one of the handful of lawyers in Canada who are actively engaged in shariah compliant financing & product development. He has undertaken various community projects like developing shariah compliant residential and auto leasing contracts with Islamic cooperatives and shariah compliant financial companies in Ontario.



Dr. Adnan Chilwan
CEO

Dubai Islamic Bank
Sector: Banking
UAE

Profile

With a career spanning nearly two decades with both reputed conventional and Islamic banks in the gulf region, Dr. Adnan Chilwan currently serves as the CEO of Dubai Islamic Bank, the world's first shariah-compliant player and the largest Islamic Bank in the UAE. Dr. Adnan Chilwan has been recognized by key organizations for his efforts in driving the globalization of Islamic Finance to the reliable standing it has today and was awarded the 4th highest ranked CEO position amongst the top 100 CEOs in the GCC region across all sectors, at the renowned Top CEO 2015 awards ceremony. He was nominated as "Banking CEO of the year" at the Indian CEO Awards 2014 and was awarded the Official Scarf Golden Medallion of "Wise Leadership" during Tatweej-Arab Business & Finance Leaders and Leading Islamic Banks Grand Finale Ceremony and has further been recognized by The Banker, Financial Times London, as one of the "movers and shakers in the Middle East Banking Industry in 2013." Moreover, he was recognized by Forbes in their coveted list of top Indian leaders in the Arab world and has also been honoured with the highly acclaimed "Islamic Banker of the Year" award by GIFA and ranked within the top 15 distinguished list of GCC's 100 most powerful Indians. Dr. Chilwan has a PhD and a MBA in Marketing to his credentials. He is a Certified Islamic Banker (CeIB), a Post Graduate in Islamic Banking & Insurance and an Associate Fellow Member in Islamic Finance Professionals Board.



Meryem Chin

Co Founder

Takva

Sector: Financial Services
Singapore

Profile

Meryem Chin is the Co-Founder of Takva, a design brand. Meryem is Writer and Designer. She has a Bachelor's degree in Arts & Industrial Design from the National University of Singapore. During her studies at the National University of Singapore, she obtained skills in human-centered design, interaction design, and service design. She investigated merger benefits for consumers and manufacturers. in the field of ecological products. Meryem Chin has also worked at the Singapore Institute of Manufacturing Technology as a Research Engineer. She also managed a project from concept generation to mass production when she worked at Hp.



Sultan Choudhury
CEO

Al Rayan Bank
Sector: Banking
UK

Profile

In 1994, Choudhury graduated with a BA (Hons) in Economics and Econometrics from the University of Nottingham. His interest in Islamic finance began at this time. In 2001, he graduated with distinction in MBA from Aston Business School. After qualifying as a chartered accountant, his desire to enter the field of Islamic finance became clear when he went on Hajj (the largest Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia) in 2002. From 1994 to 1998, Choudhury worked in Assurance and Advisory Practice at Deloitte & Touche. From 1998 to 2003, he was Director of brokerage operations at Charles Schwab Europe and Barclays Private Bank. In January 2004, Choudhury joined the founding management team of the Islamic Bank of Britain (IBB), the first authorised Islamic bank in the West. He was appointed Commercial Director in June 2007. He set up the Islamic Bank of Britain's Head Office Operations and Branch Network and has led the development and implementation of the bank's product range and service delivery channels. Choudhury is a member of various Community and Government advisory groups and has contributed to the development of Islamic Financial Services in the United Kingdom.[3] He is a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (for whom he sits on the Employer Panel for the Islamic Finance Qualification).



Il-Young CHUNG

President & CEO

Incheon Airport

Sector: Logistics & Construction

South Korea

Profile

Il- Young Chung is the president & CEO of Incheon Airport. He borns in 1957 and had a diploma of BA business in Yonsei University. They also obtained a M.A. Economics in Seoul University School of Public Administration. They also have also a UK academic career in Oxford and Leeds Universities in Economics. He works in many companies on the aviation and transport sector for Public and private companies since 1997. He is also visiting professor in some universities.



Philip Churchill
Founder Partner

90 North Real Estate Partners
Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

A Founder Partner of 90 North, Philip has led the expansion of the business into the international operation it's become today. Starting his career with Citigroup, he moved into real estate over 15 years ago and has specialised in real estate investment management since. With transactions conducted exceeding £2 billion, Philip has extensive practical knowledge in the due diligence and structuring of acquisitions across the UK, US and Continental Europe as well as a wide range of sectors and investment strategies. Before establishing 90 North, Philip was Executive Vice President, Head of Real Estate at Shari'ah compliant Gatehouse Bank in London. He established the team and built assets under management. Philip spent 4 years as Managing Director, Head of Investment Management, Europe at HDG Mansur, fund manager for the Shari'ah compliant HSBC Amanah Global Properties Income Fund. Philip started his career with Citigroup in Banks Risk Management, moving into Citigroup Property Investors, launching and investing two European Shari'ah compliant real estate funds. Philip has a BSc (Honours) 1st in Economics and holds the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investments' Islamic Finance Qualification. He writes a monthly article for Islamic Finance News and regularly speaks at conferences and seminars.



Vince Cook
Chief Executive Officer

National Bank of Fujairah
Sector: Banking
UAE

Profile

Mr. Vince Cook serves as the Chief Executive Officer at National Bank of Fujairah PSC. Vince Cook has held various senior positions including CEO at the Islamic Bank of Asia, General Manager, Corporate Banking and Capital Markets of Qatar National Bank (QNB). He was also the Chairman of Qatar Capital Partners (when it was under formation), and a Director for both QNB International Holdings Ltd. and Ansbacher Group Holding Ltd. He served as the Managing Director, Gulf, of Barclays Capital (1998-2003). He completed 20 years of service in Barclays Bank Plc from 1979-1998, where he was responsible for the bank's Islamic clients, having first headed an Islamic Banking project in 1987.



Stella Cox
Managing director

DDCAP
Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

Stella Cox is Managing Director of DDCAP and its wholly owned subsidiaries DD&Co Limited and DDGI Limited. Stella and her team are responsible for DDCAP's Islamic financial sector clients and market activities. Previously, she was a Director of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson Limited ("KB") where she had responsibility for Middle Eastern institutional relationships and product development for KB's Islamic clients. Stella's team managed assets aggregating over US\$2bn and extended over US\$250mn of finance to their clients through Sharia'a compliant structures. Whilst with the Bank, Stella was involved in structuring The Islamic Fund, the first Sharia'a compliant global equity product, launched in 1986. She was also a Director of the Al Meezan Commodity Fund plc, a joint venture initiative with an Islamic Bank that invested in nonferrous metals traded on the London Metal Exchange. From 2007-2009 Stella served as an Independent Non-Executive Director of Gatehouse Bank, a UK Islamic investment bank. On 13th March 2013, the UK Government launched the first Islamic Finance Task Force. Stella was one of a small group of non-ministerial industry experts within the Task Force and acted as practitioner lead for the regulatory workstream. With support from the Task Force, the UK Government announced plans at the World Islamic Economic Forum in October 2013 in London to launch an inaugural sovereign Sukuk in the near future, culminating in the successful £200mn issuance in June 2014. Subsequently, Stella has been appointed Chair of the Islamic Finance Market Advisory Group recently established by TheCityUK.



Steven Dalzell

Head of Transition Management

Abu Dhabi Financial Services Authority (ADIA)

Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Mr. Dalzell has worked in banking and investment management for over 21 years, the last 15 of which were in transition management. Most recently, he served as Global Head of Transition Management at Citigroup Global Markets Limited, where he led a team of investment professionals based in London, Sydney and New York. He has extensive experience in managing transition projects covering all asset classes including equity, fixed income, foreign exchange, and derivative portfolios. Mr. Dalzell, a British citizen, holds a BA in Accounting and Finance from West of England University. He is a qualified accountant (ACMA/CGMA) and is an FCA approved person. Based in Abu Dhabi, Mr. Dalzell leads the centralised team of ADIA with responsibility for managing and implementing multi-asset class portfolio transitions, including pre-trade analysis, project planning, implementation and reporting. His role involves working closely with ADIA's Strategy Unit and its investment departments to develop and execute transition projects internally that will support ADIA in achieving its investment objectives.



Mohamed Damak

Senior Director financial services and Global head
of Islamic finance

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Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Damak Holds a Master's degree in Management of Financial Institutions from Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Tunis and he also holds an advanced Master's degree in Money, Banking and Finance and a PhD in Finance both from Paris II University in France. He started his career as a Credit Analyst for Citibank Tunis and he joined Standard & Poor's in 2006 as a Senior Research Assistant where he analyzed the credit quality of banks credits in the MENA region. Up to 2010 he held the positions of rating analyst, rating specialist and associate at the same firm where he was in charge of a portfolio of banks in the MENA region and mature markets; he was also the co-chairman of the Islamic Finance work group. From Oct. 2010 to Dec. 2013, Mohamed was Principal Credit Risk Officer at the African Development Bank, in charge of sovereign risk management, capital adequacy and credit limit setting. In January 2014 to today, Mohamed rejoined Standard & Poor's as Director based in Paris and was appointed as the company's Global Head of Islamic Finance in Sept. 2014. He leads a team of around 15 professionals covering Islamic financial institutions, Takaful companies and Sukuk. Damak was also a visiting professor at Dauphine-Paris University and has numerous publications on Islamic finance, regulation and Sukuk markets. Mohamed is also regularly invited to speak in high profile conferences on Islamic finance around the world. He is a thought leader in Islamic finance and has strong expertise in rating Islamic financial institutions and Sukuk and strong connections with MENA Financial institutions.



AlHajj Aliko Dangote
Chairman

Dangote Cement
Sector: Food & Beverages
Nigeria

Profile

Aliko holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business at the Al-Azhar University in Cairo. Aliko started his business when he was 21 years old. The Dangote Group was established as a small trading firm in 1977 and today its a billion dollar business. The company operates in Nigeria, Senegal, Benin, Cameroon, Togo, Ghana, South Africa and Zambia. Dangote is ranked by the forbes magazine as the 23th richest person in the world and the richest in Africa. Dagnote plays an important role in politics where he funded olusegum Obasanjo's re-election in 2003. He also contributed to the funding of the national Mosque and the presidential library. Aliko was awarded Nigeria's second highest honor, Grand commander of the Order of the Niger by the president of Nigeria in 2011. In 2014 he donated \$1 Million to halt the spread of Ebola.



Dr. Aminu Alhassan Dantata

Member - board of directors

Jaiz Bank

Sector: Banking
Nigeria

Profile

Dr. Aminu Alhassan Dantata, CON, Member, Board of Directors – A renowned business man, he began his career as produce buyer in 1949 in the family business of Alhassan Dantata and Sons Limited. He became the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, in 1960, a position he holds till date. Dr. Dantata was a member of the Steering Committee of the Nigerian Industrial Development Bank (now Bank of Industry, BOI), and served as a Director of the Bank between 1962 and 1966. He has led several trade missions to several countries across the world.



Dr. Humayon Dar
CEO

IRTI (Islamic Research and Training Institute)
Sector: Education & Advisory
Saudi Arabia

Profile

An internationally-renowned Islamic finance expert, Dr. Humayon Dar, has been appointed as the new Director General of the Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI), a member of the Islamic Development (IDB) Group based in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Dr. Dar is a seasoned academic, shari'ah advisor, Islamic economist, and advocate for Islamic banking and finance. He previously served as Chairman of HD-Edbiz Group of Companies, a London-based financial consultancy firm, where he developed a global financial advisory business for Islamic financial institutions, government agencies, regulators and multilateral organisations. In a statement on his appointment, Dr. Dar expressed his desire to transform IRTI into a global center of excellence for research, training and capacity building in line with the IDB Group's mission of fostering comprehensive human development in its member countries. Dr. Dar has played leading roles in a number of Islamic financial initiatives in Europe and the Middle East. He is a Visiting Professor at a number of universities around the world. He has also served as a Managing Director at Deutsche Bank (as CEO of its Islamic finance subsidiary). Dr. Dar founded the Global Islamic Finance Report (GIFR), the oldest such annual document on Islamic banking and finance in the world; the Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA), which has become the most prestigious Islamic finance awards program worldwide; and the Islamic Finance Review (ISFIRE), a bi-monthly magazine on Islamic banking and finance published from London. He holds a PhD and MPhil in Economics from Cambridge University, and MSc in Economics (with specialism in Islamic Economics) from the International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan.



Chaiboun Ibrahim Darwiche

Executive Director

SIIL HALAL-BRAZIL

Sector: Food & Beverages
Brazil

Profile

Darwiche joined CHAPECO ALIMENTOS – SA in 1992 and worked there until January 2004 as an Executive for the Halal section. In January 2009, he joined SIILHALAL where he serves currently as an Executive Director and Consultant in the Halal Market. SIILHALAL provide consulting, training and certification of Halal products.



Nehme Imad Darwiche
CEO

Jannah hotels
Sector: Trade & Tourism
UAE

Profile

Nehme's vision for the company was to create a culture to improve people's lives and to build an environment that is beneficial for employees, as well as for Jannah to become the ambassador for halal tourism around the world - The moment guests step into Jannah, they would be able to feel a culture connection, through names and through Jannah's legendary Karim services that is symbolic to the generosity of noble Bedouins, whom will offer the highest standard of hospitality even though he does not have much. Nehme started Jannah Hotels & Resorts in 2013 with the opening of the first hotel and within 3 years, the chain has grown to 5 properties located in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, with 3 more in the pipeline within the emirates. From a young age, the name 'Jannah' has left a deep impression on Nehme after his mother read him a verse from Al Waqiaah on how beautiful Jannah is. The logo of Jannah is a honey-colored olive tree covered in turquoise stones, to symbolize the river of honey in Jannah and the abundance of riches in paradise. The shade under the olive tree signifies Zilon Mamdoud as mentioned in Al Waqiaah. The philosophy of Jannah Hotels & Resorts is based around 4 pillars – Al Safir, Al Daif, Al Mizan and Al Ihsan – with Al Ihsan as the highest level of entrepreneurship, contemplated in the 99 names of Allah.



Ali Ahmad Darwish
Deputy Chief Islamic Banking Officer

Afghan United Bank (AUB)
Sector: Banking
Afghanistan

Profile

Ali Ahmad Darwish work as Deputy Chief Islamic Banking Officer at Afghan United Bank which is among well-known banks in Afghanistan. He got Masters in Business from Dunya University and certified in Islamic Banking and finance from International institute of Islamic bankers and other certification in Islamic Takaful, Islamic Finance and Capital market. He serves at D.CIBO and worked as Head of general service department at Afghan United Bank, but he choose to work after that more on Islamic finance area a sector that I would like to improve more and more. My objective is to convert all the conventional banks in Afghanistan to Islamic Banks and the first step toward Islamic banking is to convert our bank to full fledge Islamic Banking by 2020. 'Come to Islamic Banking if you want to feel peace of mind'



Koen De Praetere

Founder

Halal Balancing

Sector: Education & Advisory
Belgium

Profile

Koen De Praetere, a well-known and respected international Halal business professional, started his career in Halal ten years ago. Anticipating the growing trade from non-Muslim countries to Muslim countries, his rich operational experience allowed him to effectively combine the growing demands of Muslim consumers with the production know-how of producers in non-Muslim countries. He successfully introduced premium Halal brands like Volys or Otentic in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. He has collaborated in the process of developing Halal standards on production, slaughter, foodservice and logistics, and has acquired an exceptional level of expertise and understanding in these fields, with an added capacity of making these complex issues clear and understandable for non-Muslim stakeholders. Currently he is Head of the Belgian delegation working on the CEN European Halal Standard. This unique expertise of integrating Halal requirements into non-Halal production environments earned him worldwide respect, and has positioned him as one of the leading experts in this field. As a founder of Halal Balancing, he is applying his unique first-hand experience to assisting companies wanting to enter Halal markets in Europe, Asia and the GCC-countries. Internationally oriented, he has contributed to many Halal workshops and conferences in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the USA and worked together with Halal certifiers and national authorities promoting Halal trade. Awarded the Armand Blanc prize by the International Commission of Agricultural Engineering, Koen holds a Master's degree in Agricultural and Food Sciences and a Master's degree of Business Administration.



Sangu Delle
Chairman & CEO

Golden Palm Financial Services
Sector: Financial Services
Ghana

Profile

Born in Ghana, Sangu's childhood home was a refuge for victims of torture and violence from Liberia and Sierra Leone. Sangu graduated from Harvard with highest honors in African Studies and Economics. Convinced that community needs can best be met through entrepreneurship, in 2008 he founded an investment holding company, Golden Palm Investments (GPI) to fund promising startups that can have social impact and generate jobs. GPI has backed startups throughout the continent. GPI has built a portfolio of greenfield companies in healthcare, real estate, and financial services. Sangu has received several international accolades including being named Africa's "Young Person of the Year" 2014, a 2014 TEDGlobal Fellow, one of Forbes' top 30 most promising entrepreneurs in Africa in 2015 and Euromoney's "Africa's Rising Stars" award for "outstanding individuals who are changing the financial, investment and business landscape in Africa.



Sheikh Dr. Yusuf Talal DeLorenzo

Independent Shari'ah Consultant

Independent Shari'ah Consultant

Sector: Education & Advisory
USA

Profile

Dr. Yusuf Talal DeLorenzo attended preparatory schooling at Northfield Mt. Hermon School in Northfield, Massachusetts. After graduating he pursued an undergraduate career at Cornell University and then went abroad to complete research for his doctoral dissertation on the Legal Rulings of the Quran at Bahawalpur University in Pakistan. He specialized in interpreting Islamic legal texts regarding trade and finance. During the three-year span between 1981 and 1984, Dr. DeLorenzo acted as an advisor on Islamic Affairs to the President of Pakistan. He was lead professor for The Principles of Islamic Investing, a course developed by a group of scholars including Dr. DeLorenzo himself, Justice Muhammad Taqi Usmani (Pakistan) and Dr. Mohamed al Gari (Saudi Arabia), at Dow Jones University. His work for Compendium of Legal Rulings on the Operations of Islamic Banks is the first systematic academic work in English on the legal rulings issued by Shariah supervisory boards and he has designed the first graduate level program for imams in the United States. This program allowed for Muslim graduates to be endorsed as chaplains in all branches of the US Armed Forces. Outside of academic work, he has been a member of the Shariah Supervisory Boards of Islamic financial institutions internationally, including the Dow Jones Islamic market Index (New York), Al Hilal (Dubai), Muslim e-Financial's (Washington DC), Brown Brothers Harriman Islamic Global Equity fund (New York), and many more financial institutions.



Khalil Demir
Executive Director

Zakat Foundation of America
Sector: Government & Associations
USA

Profile

Born in a remote village in South Eastern Turkey, Khalil Demir understood what poverty meant at a very young age. Raised by unschooled parents, young Khalil thirsted for knowledge and pieced together the scraps of literacy his parents could offer him, teaching himself to read at a young age. Mr. Demir began his activist career as a student before leaving Turkey to pursue his education in Switzerland. There he obtained a Bachelor's degree in sociology, and continued to the United States, where he obtained advanced degrees in history and non-profit management. In 2001 Mr. Demir founded ZF with a group of Muslims driven to improve the lives of the poor worldwide. Since then he has overseen the establishment of schools, orphanages, vocational training programs, and health clinics around the world; the construction of water wells, mosques and community centers in Africa, U.S. cities and the Navajo reservation; the delivery of millions of dollars in emergency humanitarian aid to survivors of wars, natural disasters and other catastrophes including the Syrian conflict, Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and the 2010 earthquake in Haiti among others. Mr. Demir has represented ZF on television and radio, including National Public Radio. He has visited more than 25 countries and speaks six languages fluently. He lives in Illinois with his wife and four daughters.



Marc Deschamps
Advisor in Islamic Economy

Wallonia Agency of export & Invest(AWEX)
Sector: Education & Advisory
Belgium

Profile

Marc Deschamps is an engineer in Applied Mathematics and a graduate in Law from UCL University in Belgium as well as a Sloan Fellow 85 from Stanford University. His career began in 1979 when he joined SOCIETE GENERALE DE BELGIQUE and after attending the SLOAN PROGRAM, he created SYNERFI, a development capital firm dedicated to SMEs. In 1992, Marc Deschamps buys out INVESTSTRUCTURE, a service company that he has developed in more than twenty countries. In 2000, he created INVESTPARKS, dedicated to the development of science parks linked to universities in emerging countries and, in 2006, he launches EXEGO, a company offering applied governance services at the heart of the European Union. As Professor, Marc Deschamps teaches Finance, Strategy and Corporate Governance at HEC School of Management of the University of Liège (since 1991) and at Solvay Brussels School of Management of the University of Brussels (since 1992). He has also lectured numerous times for businesses as well as academic circles on four continents. As a passionate in Muslim Economy, Marc Deschamps is not only President of MUSST (Muslim Services and Training) but also Head of Muslim Economy Unit at AWEX, a Brussels-based International Development Agency. Marc Deschamps is also a founding director of the FORUM FRANCOPHONE DES AFFAIRES in Belgium, of the ASSOCIATION DU MANAGEMENT and of GUBERNA (the Belgian Corporate Governance association). He has published various articles on Corporate Governance and Finance in the European Business Forum, in PME/KMO and in Actualité Comptable (a Kluwer Publication).



El Hadji Bara Diene
President, CEO

CIFIA
Sector: Financial Services
Senegal

Profile

Mr Diene earned a PHD in Islamic Project management. He joined the university Montesquieu in France and earned a licence in Islamic study at the Imam Ghazali institute. Mr. Diene is The Founder of the Independent Company of Islamic Finance in Africa (Specified). He was the head of the division within the Islamic finance CR ISP Deloitte Accounting Service Had France and lead the Islamic Development Finance in francophone Africa. He was responsible for Pole Finance Islamic finance in the Cabinet Scacchi & Associés. Member of the Paris Europlace of Islamic Finance Committee, and head of the Division of Financial field IT participates to a different work structuring and Islamic financiers Products certification. He had to do missions of management and project management, missions, reporting and consolidation under French and international repository well what diagnostic missions of the finance function and drafting procedure manuals. Mr Diene has more than 15 years of experiences. He worked in several bank as Group PCE, BNP Paribas. He served also at the insurance sector at the Audit Salam, BNP Paribas, Audit Sharia Amane VitusLife, the Neuflice Vie, Gan Assurances Iard. Mr Diene also has experiences in the Sukuk sector. He worked at the Audit Sukuk Orasis. Mr Diene worked in several funds company as Salam sparing and placement, FNCE, SFPMEI, SACRA, FMGV, FMGAP.

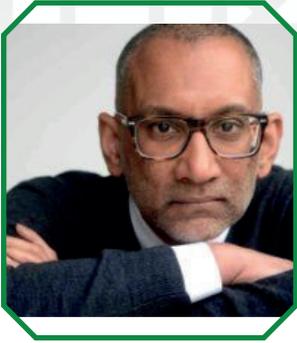


Ian Dillon
CEO

NowMoney
Sector: Fintech
UAE

Profile

Ian Dillon is the co-founder of NowMoney, first Fintech in the gulf region to use mobile banking to provide financial solutions and low-cost remittance options to low-income migrant workers and financial services affordable for everyone. Ian Dillon was educated at Cambridge and Exeter Universities. Whilst at Cambridge, he started a successful e-commerce business which has recently been sold. Ian's former banking career was spent at HSBC, working in retail and corporate banking and FX, before taking a management role within investment banking capital markets. In 2015, he co-founded NOW Money, an accounts and remittance service for the unbanked population of the Middle East.



Shehan Dissanayake

Executive Director

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Sector: Food & Beverages
Australia

Profile

Shehan Dissanayake is a senior Managing Director and member of the Board of Directors of the Tavistock Group, a privately held investment company. He has responsibility for portfolio strategy across 200 companies in 15 countries, and is CEO of Tavistock Life Sciences, an operating unit of the Tavistock Group. Before joining Tavistock Group in 2002, Shehan was a Managing Partner of Arthur Andersen with responsibility for strategy and business planning for the global legal, tax and HR Consulting Divisions of the firm, encompassing 1,600 partners and 15,000 professionals. Earlier in his career, Shehan was involved in the medical research and technology industries. He holds a PhD in Pharmacological and Physiological Sciences from the University of Chicago.



Dima Djani
CEO

ALAMI Sharia
Sector: Financial Services
Indonesia

Profile

Mr. Dima Djani is the Chief Executive Officer at ALAMI Sharia, an Indonesian FinTech. From 2015 to 2018, he was Vice President of Société Générale and worked between 2009 and 2015 at Citi Group. He has nearly a decade of working experience, including the energy, mining, infrastructure, telecommunications, media and consumer industries. Mr. Dima led key operations in Indonesia, including € 3 billion of global government bonds in Indonesia, USD 526 million IPO of Garuda Indonesia, and a US 1 billion syndicated loan of Adaro Energy. He was the youngest in the world and the first Indonesian to enroll at Citi Global Credit Program in New York and the first Indonesian seconded to Citi Leverage Finance and Global Capital Management Divisions in Hong Kong, covering the Asia Pacific region. He has a Bachelor of Business Management, Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurship Studies from RMIT University and won the INSEAD Global Venture Competition during his Master of Business Administration (M.B.A) at INSEAD.



Aldin Dugonji
CEO

Center For Halal Quality Certification
Sector: Food & Beverages
Croatia

Profile

Aldin Dugonji graduated on the Health Polytechnic Zagreb, Department of Sanitary Engineering on the topic: «Halal standards and links with other standards.» From 2011 to 2013 he did his master thesis on „ Implementantation of Halal Standard HRN BAS 1049:2010 in Herds' Slaughterhouses“ . From the beginning Mr Dugonji was involved in the process of establishing of a systematic way of halal certification in the Republic of Croatia. Since 2007. he became certified auditor for halal quality, and in 2009. the consultant for halal quality. Since 2009. he is employed at the Center for Halal Quality Certification on the job CEO, trainer and the auditor of the Center. Mr Dugonji is author of more than twelve papers in the area of halal and halal certification, which he had presented at national and international conferences. He is a member of the Croatian Standards Institute, Technical Committee Agricultural and food products; management system for food safety and Member of the CEN/BT Working Group 212 Halal Food. Also Mr Dugonji is Lead Auditor for ISO 9001:2008.



Adnan Durrani
CEO

Saffron Road
Sector: Food & Beverages
USA

Profile

Mr. Durrani is the CEO and founder of American Halal Co marketing the Saffron Road brand line of all natural, or antibiotic free halal cuisines. Saffron Road is the largest Halal brand in the US and the first halal product to be sold nationally in the USA. Saffron Road is the fastest growing natural frozen entrée brand in USA and nationally ranked #2. In January 2015, The Specialty Food Association awarded Mr. Durrani with its coveted Business Leadership Award. In April, 2014, Social Venture Network awarded Mr. Durrani with a Lifetime Service Award for his 30 years of devotion to socially responsible business and giving back to community. In December 2013, at the Global Islamic Economy Summit in Dubai, Sheikh Al-Maktoum gave American Halal an award as the Best Halal Company in The World and in 2012, Saffron Road received the award as Best Halal Product in the world. Mr. Durrani and Saffron Road have been featured in numerous publications such as Wall Street Journal, Forbes, NY Times, Fortune , CNN. Mr. Durrani is a former Director for READ Global, funded and he has has been hosted by the Vatican, Pope Benedict and Ambassador to the Holy Sees. Mr. Durrani is a graduate of Columbia University's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences . Mr. Durrani is also a Trustee and on the Board of Directors of Zaytuna College at the Graduate Theological Union, University of California, Berkeley, CA., the first and only accredited Islamic College in USA.



Mehmet Dursun
Founder & CEO

Armine
Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics
Turkey

Profile

The 43 year old has made millions by uniquely positioning himself in one of the most polarizing and symbolic existential conflicts in Turkey: fashion for conservative Muslim women.



Nadjihah Mohd Dzaidin

Officer-In-Charge

Maybank islamic asset management

Sector: Banking

Malaysia

Profile

Nadjihah was appointed Officer-In-Charge on 25 April 2018 to oversee the business development of Maybank Islamic Asset Management (MIAM). She is also the Chief Commercial Officer of MIAM appointed on 7 May 2015. Prior to that, she headed the investment team at MIAM as the Chief Investment Officer. She joined Mayban Investment Management (later changed to Maybank Asset Management) in 2004 as a fund manager and later became the Head of Equities (Non Insurance). Over a 17-year career, she has accrued experience in fund management, managing primarily equities and balance funds for pension funds, unit trust funds, corporates and institutions as well as high net worth individuals. Nadjihah started her investment career at RHB Research Institute as an equity analyst in 1994 and then moved on the fund management side in 1998. She was attached with Affin Fund Management as a fund manager until early 2004. She graduated from University of Nottingham with B.A. Law (Hons) and received her Certificate in Legal Practice in 1994. She is a holder of CMSRL license.

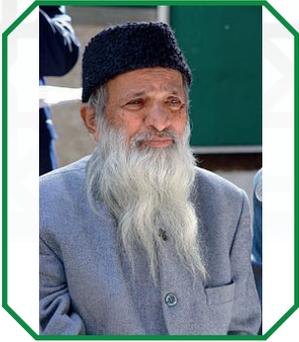


Adam Ismail Ebrahim
CEO

Oasis Crescent
Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

Adam Ismail Ebrahim is the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of the Oasis Group, a wealth management organisation he established in 1997. With keen entrepreneurial acumen, a passionate and disciplined approach to investments, Mr. Ebrahim's leadership has developed Oasis into a well-diversified and sustainable business in the regulated ethical investment space. Oasis offers its investors, based in South Africa, Ireland, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, Switzerland, Mauritius, Singapore, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Malaysia amongst others, access to its highly rated and well structured products through a personalised service offering. The company's client reach is further extended through a deep and widespread distribution partnership established amongst private banks, wealth management companies, leading global platform providers and the local investment providers within each region. As the Chief Executive Officer, Adam is responsible for the strategic direction and operating agility of the firm, including its financial soundness, the development of new and improved business, the delivery of simple and relevant product solutions, creating and sustaining strategic alliances, leading the Group's customer service capability, optimising the business processes with technology, and motivating and mentoring a skilled and determined team. Adam graduated with an honours degree in Economics from the University of Cape Town where he also completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting. He is an admitted Chartered Accountant and Auditor in South Africa and has also completed the CFA Institute's Chartered Financial Analyst Programme. Prior to establishing Oasis, Adam cultivated his experience through the time he spent working for Deloitte & Touche in South Africa and in London before assuming positions as an analyst, portfolio manager, director, and partner of a prominent asset management organisation. With over 35 years of experience in the financial services industry Adam's skill and leadership have ensured that Oasis delivers real value to all its investors.



Dr. Abdul Sattar Edhi

Founder

Edhi Foundation

Sector: Government & Associations
Pakistan

Profile

Abdul Sattar Edhi is a prominent philanthropist and social worker based out of Karachi, Pakistan. He was born in 1928, in the city of Bantva in what is now western India. Mr. Edhi began his philanthropic career in 1951, by purchasing a small shop, which he converted into his first free dispensary. He collected funds by standing on street corners and begging for money, which he later used to purchase his first ambulance. Armed with basic medical training, Mr. Edhi drove around the streets of Karachi administering free basic health care to anybody who needed it, and earned a reputation for being a selfless aid to the injured and unwell. Soon thereafter, Mr Edhi founded the Edhi Trust and Foundation, with an initial sum of a mere five thousand rupees. The Edhi Foundation provides a broad range of free social services, including ambulances, orphanages and support for the elderly and disabled. Edhi involves himself in every activity at Edhi Foundation from raising funds to bathing corpses. The Edhi Foundation has also worked extensively in international relief, including donating to victims of Hurricane Katrina, cyclone relief in Bangladesh, aid to tsunami-impacted regions in 2003 and ambulance services in Afghanistan. The Edhi foundation has centers in the United States, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, Canada and the United Kingdom.



Bilal Eksi
CEO

Turkish Airlines
Sector: Logistics & Construction
Turkey

Profile

Bilal Eksi graduated from Yildaz Technical University, the Department of Electronics and Communications Engineering in 1989. Starting his career in 1989, Mr. Eksi worked as an Electronics and Communications Engineer at Turkish State Railways and thereafter, he was assigned to the position of Workshop Manager at Istanbul Ulasim A.S. As the Head of Overhaul Workshops at Turkish Airlines Inc., Mr Eksi carried out the duty of maintenance of aircraft engines, landing gears and all components between 2003 and 2005. In 2005, he has been assigned as the Chief Ground Operations Officer at Turkish Airlines Inc. Mr. EKss accomplished significant projects, particularly in improvement of the on-time departure performance during his tenure. Having served as the Chief Production Officer at Turkish Technic; and as the General Manager of Cyprus Turkish Airlines as part of the reorganization of Cyprus Turkish Airlines; and as the Executive Vice President at «Turkish Engine Center (TEC)», established by the Joint Venture of Pratt Whitney, the American Engine manufacturer, and Turkish Technic Inc.; Mr. Eksi was assigned as the Director General of Civil Aviation in April 2011. During his tenure as the Director General of Civil Aviation, Turkey has been reelected as a member of Council of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) 66 years later its pervious membership and has become one of the 36 members in ICAO's decision-making platform. On 21st of October, 2016, Mr. Eksi has been assigned as Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chairman of the Board and Executive Committee of Turkish Airlines Inc.



Mahmoud El Gamal

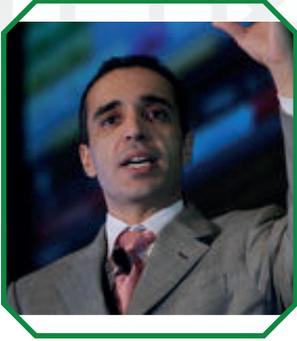
Professor of Economics and Statistics- Chair of
Islamic Economics, Finance and Management

Rice University

Sector: Education & Advisory
USA

Profile

Mahmoud A. El Gamal received his early education in Egypt. He has attended the American University in Cairo where he got his undergraduate Bachelor's degree with a major in Economics and minor in Computer Science and his Master in Economics. During his academic career he has entered the Egyptian Army as a soldier. In 1984 he moved to the USA to attend the Stanford University where he got his Master of Science in Statistics. At the Northwestern University in Illinois he got his PhD in Economics. He has also worked as an assistant professor at the University of Rochester and the California Institute of Technology; as an economist at the Middle East department of the International Monetary Fund (1995-1996); and as the first scholar-in-residence on Islamic finance at the U.S. Department of Treasury (2004). Currently he is a professor in the Department of Economics at Rice University, where he also holds the endowed Chair in Islamic Economics, Finance and Management. He is also a Rice scholar at the Baker Institute at Rice University. Before joining Rice in 1998, he was an associate professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. His areas of expertise include international economics and finance, econometrics, behavioral economics, and Islamic law and finance. Indeed El-Gamal has recently published many books some of them are "Islamic Finance: Law, Economics and Practice" (Cambridge University Press, 2006) and "Oil, Dollars, Debt and Crises: The Global Curse of Black Gold" with Amy Myers Jaffe (Cambridge University Press, 2010).



Kamel El Hajri

Regional Head, Strategic Planning and Business
Growth

Bloomberg

Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Dr. Kamel Hajri is currently managing Bloomberg Enterprise Solutions for the Middle East, Africa, Turkey, Greece, Malta and Cyprus. Dr. Kamel joined Bloomberg in 2000 at their Tokyo Headquarter managing Operations. Then he moved to Singapore to look after south East Asia operations for Bloomberg before settling in Dubai to run the Business Strategy and Islamic Finance. In 2015 he was given the responsibility to look after the enterprise Solutions Business for the region and part of Europe. Kamel Hajri holds a PhD in Economic Development from the University of Takushuku Tokyo and a Master Degree in International Economics from the Tokyo International University. He was also a guest Lecturer at the Tokyo International University, Japan, CASS University and UOWD University Dubai with a main focus on Islamic Finance.



Zaid el-Mogaddedi
Founder & Managing Director

Institute for Islamic Banking and Finance
(IFIBAF)
Sector: Financial Services
Germany

Profile

Mr. el-Mogaddedi (born 1960) studied Business Administration and has been working in the German Financial Services industry since 1991. He worked for German Insurance companies in the field of financial planning and was Head of Insurance Products and Services in a prestigious Swiss commercial bank in Frankfurt, where he was in charge for the Evaluation, setup and implementation of the new Business areas "Bancassurance and Mortgage" (private and institutional clients) and the conception of a private banking-related insurance consulting approach with focus on inheritance planning, private and company pension schemes, as well as tax optimization. In 2006 he founded IFIBAF the No. 1 Islamic Finance consultancy in the German speaking area. He is known as an accomplished result-driven Executive highly developed cross-cultural management und strategic business planning skills and proven business development and management experience in product development, sales and marketing, strategic positioning and market identification. Significantly he also published many papers on the topic of Islamic Finance and lectures not only about Islamic Finance but also about "Ethics and Moral in economies". He consulted the first actively managed principle-based Islamic fund in Germany and works on the market introduction of General Takaful solutions in Germany.



Ghias El Yafi
Managing Director

Tahira Foods Limited
Sector: Food & Beverages
UK

Profile

Born in Beirut, he got his BA in economics from the American University of Beirut and went on to do an MBA at Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He worked for several years in banking and finance before setting up and running Tahira Foods Limited a Europe-wide distributor of own brand of halal products. He is Chairman of the Board of the Berry Juice Company Limited and is also a founder member of the Center for Lebanese Studies and the British Lebanese Association having served as treasurer for the latter for several years.



Jamil El-Abbassy Marchal

CEO

Royal Ranches Marrakech
Sector: Trade & Tourism
Morocco

Profile

Mr. Jamil E-A Marchal is a cutting-edge innovator with over 25 years experience as General Manager and CEO for Leading Resorts. Discerning business sense for organizational efficiency, Instrumental in achieving significant cost reductions and revenue/profit improvements through reengineering, team building, and leadership expertise, Jamil is bottom-line focused and has a proven record of accomplishments piloting and driving several businesses into new marketplaces. Besides being the lead partner of Exclusive Resorts Maroc, Jamil is currently the CEO for Royal Ranches Marrakech, a fully integrated Real Estate development company, ran and operated by Gulf Finance House. Holding a university degree from the University of Houston- Conrad N. Hilton, College of Hotel and Restaurant Management Texas, Mr. E-A Marchal has had extensive experience in the US market till the early 90s. Moreover, Jamil is an expert in Halal Hospitality and his team of consultants helps those who are interested in converting their hotels into shariah compliant and accompany them through the certification process. He has also developed a very innovative concept of Halal Housing , bringing a new way of life to those wishing to experience the Halal lifestyle of a family oriented community. He will also be providing in a near future Halal accommodations for the elderly aimed at the Moroccan Diaspora living in Europe ; along with a chain of real estate and travel agencies to answer the need of the fast growing demand for Muslim friendly products and destinations.



Joann Maryam Enriquez
CEO

Raeed Holdings Sdn Bhd
Sector: Fintech
Malaysia

Profile

Joann Maryam Enriquez obtained a Double Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and International Studies from De La Salle University, Manila; MBA and DBA (candidate) from the University of Phoenix, Arizona. She also obtained a Masters in Islamic Finance Practice at The International Center for Islamic Finance (INCIEF), Malaysia. Raeed Holdings Sdn Bhd (Raeed) was pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Joann Maryam Enriquez as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Raeed is a consortium of six (6) banks namely Affin Islamic Bank Berhad, Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad, Bank Kerjasama Rakyat Malaysia Berhad (Bank Rakyat), Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad, Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) and Maybank Islamic Berhad. Ms Enriquez brings with her over 20 years of experience in Financial Technology from various S&P 500 companies in the Silicon Valley in California. Her last position was as Chief Operating Officer of Ethis Ventures. She was instrumental in developing the start-ups operations until it grew to become a key player in the global Islamic Crowdfunding space having presence in Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Dubai and Brunei.



Emmanuelle Entringer
Counsel

Arendt & Medernach
Sector: Law & Accounting
UAE

Profile

Emmanuelle Entringer is a Counsel in the Investment Management practice of Arendt & Medernach. She is Head of the Dubai office of the firm. She advises clients based in the region, as well as international asset managers on the structuring of Luxembourg funds.

She has over twenty years' experience in the field of investment funds in Luxembourg, in particular in product development, fund structuring and distribution of UCITS and real estate funds, which she gained in the sectors of banking and asset management. Over the last 9 years she has been working in Dubai and has gained in-depth understanding of the GCC regulations, particularly in relation to funds and asset management. Prior to joining Arendt & Medernach she worked for various banks and spent 10 years with Fidelity, as Director of the European Legal Department. Emmanuelle Entringer is a founding member of, and chairs, the Middle East Working Group of the Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry (ALFI) in Dubai. She graduated in Law from the University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) and holds a post-graduate diploma (Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies) in Commercial Law (Droit des Affaires et de l'Economie) from the same University.



Salama Evans

Managing Editor

Hallal Focus

Sector: Media, Events & IT
United Kingdom

Profile

Salama has worked globally with inaugural conferences, online news, reports and magazines specifically for the Halal sector. Her work with her late husband Abdalhamid Evans has helped to build the Halal sector for over 15 years. Their goal was to bring the Halal Industry to the forefront in the business world plus creating new opportunities for entrepreneurs. World Halal Forum, Brunei International Halal Conference, Global Islamic Economy Summit 2013 and World Halal Summit 2015 are amongst the leading Halal industry events they worked on. She is the Managing Editor for the HalalFocus.com website which is a B2B site that is also used regularly by people researching the Halal sector. Research to keep the site current and up to speed with changing trends in business today keeps her up to speed with developments in the Halal sector daily. Adding new topics of interest for readers, and especially out of the box stories, hopefully helps people to think differently in their approach to developing a new business, business management and with finding new opportunities that come out from a weak economy. Her work has also included research for the State of the Global Islamic Economy Reports 2013-2019 (Halal section) and magazines in Malaysia and the US specifically covering the progress of the Halal industry. Enjoys being part of the creative process in events, online and print media projects right from the initial concept. Fluidity in job functions has been essential when working with new events and new publications in this new fast growing sector.



Tn. Hj. Abdullah Fahim
CEO

Islamic Food research Centre (IFRC) Asia
Sector: Food & Beverages
Hong Kong

Profile

Born in 1948 in state of Kelantan, Tuan Haji Abdullah Fahim is a former Director of Research of JAKIM from 1993 to 1998, who was also in charge of Halal Certification of Malaysia when its certificate first being introduced in early 1994. He holds the Bachelor and Master degree in Islamic Studies from the National University of Malaysia (UKM). As Research Director of JAKIM, he was directly involved in preparing and presenting working papers to Malaysian National Fatwa Committee on issues pertaining Islamic laws including contemporary issues on halal matters such as the status of cheese and rennet, stunning, mechanical slaughtering, alcohol and filth (najis) and others. Tuan Haji Abdullah Fahim has been working closely with the World Halal Council since 2002 as the member of Executive Committee and has been appointed as the Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General before being appointed as Treasurer at present. As the Vice Chairman of the Muslim Welfare Organization Malaysia (PERKIM) Damansara Utama, he is closely involved in the welfare activities of the Muslim community.



Moustafa Fahour
Founder

Islamic Art Museum of Australia
Sector: Media, Events & IT
Australia

Profile

Moustafa Fahour OAM is Founder & Patron of the Islamic Museum of Australia (IMA) and is also currently the Group CFO for Habtoor Leighton Group, a leading diversified international contractor in the Middle East and North Africa, based in Dubai. IMA is Australia's first Islamic museum and non-profit foundation. It was inaugurated by the Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Conferences and officially opened in 2014. Joe Hockey, Federal Treasurer of Australia. Within months of opening its doors, the IMA was recognised in the Museum Australia 2014 MAGNAs (Museum and Galleries National Awards), receiving a Highly Commended in the 'Permanent Exhibition or Gallery Fitout' category. Moustafa is the author of *Boundless Plains: The Australian Muslim Connection* and *The Journey: Establishing Australia's First Islamic Museum* book. He is the Executive Producer of the *Boundless Plains: The Australian Muslim Connection* documentary. On the 26th Jan 2015, Moustafa was recognised with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to the visual arts and cross-cultural relations by the Governor – General of Australia. Moustafa was also selected in *The World's Most Influential Young Arabs* under the age of 40, by *Arabian Business* in 2015. He was one of Melbourne's Top 100 Influential by The Age and also Muslim Man of the Year 2011 and Volunteer of the Year 2011 by the Australian Muslim Achiever Awards (AMAA). The IMA was awarded the Best Muslim Organisation and the Best New Muslim Organisation for 2011 by the AMAA.



Fahed Faisal Boodai

Chairman

Gatehouse Bank plc

Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

Fahed, is the co-founder and Chairman of Gatehouse Bank plc, London UK and Gatehouse Capital. Mr. Boodai has transformed his vision of Gatehouse Bank from GSH Kuwait into a global business through trustworthy networks that created success in the investment and real estate field. As a determined leader with more than 18 years of extensive experience, he has managed over US \$3 billion worth of diverse real estate acquisitions. Mr. Boodai and his organization now have more than 14 exits in a number of asset classes from core RE holdings to student accommodation and medical facilities including the UK headquarters for Procter & Gamble, Rolls Royce and Intercontinental Hotels. With a strategy to follow a first mover advantage, Mr. Boodai anticipated a need of supply in the Single-Family Residential Housing market in key cities around the United States. While he didn't stop there to foresee his vision succeed, Mr. Boodai saw an opportunity in the UK market for a Private Rented Sector. The Private Rented Sector and the Single Family Residential Housing are only two of the many successful undertakings by Mr. Boodai and Gatehouse. Fahed was profiled in the «40 under 40» feature for Real Estate Forum, a list of globally recognised real estate investors. Mr Boodai received his M.B.A from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California and a BS in International Business from the University of San Diego, he holds a number of board member and director positions across a range of global funds and US/European companies.



Mohammed Faris

Founder

ProductiveMuslim.com

Sector: Media, Events & IT
Tanzania

Profile

Mohammed Faris is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the ProductiveMuslim Company, a multinational virtual organization and a website that specialises in providing materials for Muslim that respect the teachings of Islam. He is the author of «The Productive Muslim Book: Where Faith Meets Productivity». Mr. Mohammed Faris was born in Tanzania and lived most of his life in Saudi Arabia. Currently, he lives in Dallas, USA. He holds a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law of Bristol University. For a decade, he has been exploring whether Islam can teach productivity. His global team and himself today are dedicated to deliver productivity resources and advanced training in productivity aligned with Islamic ethics and values through the ProductiveMuslim.com website. Mr. Faris conducted a number of public workshops on how to lead a productive lifestyle inspired by Islam in many countries around the world, including UK, USA, Switzerland, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Bosnia and Tanzania.



Dr. Sayd Farook

Co-Vice Chairperson/Permanent Trustee

Responsible Finance & Investment (RFI)

Foundation

Sector: Financial Services

UAE

Profile

Dr. Sayd Farook has advised and served large corporates, multilaterals and governments in the Middle East and North Africa region in his role as Global Head Islamic Capital Markets at Thomson Reuters. During his leadership at Thomson Reuters where he oversaw the Islamic markets strategy, he conceived and led his team to achieve a number of industry firsts besides growing and leading a profitable and highly visible business. He has advised and produced a number of research based insights for government entities in the GCC including Dubai, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia such as the Dubai Islamic Economy Development Center, The Executive Office of the Prime Minister of the UAE, Central Bank of Bahrain, Economic Development Board Bahrain, Tadawul Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Development Bank. Dr. Sayd is also the principle architect of a number of initiatives by the Government of Dubai in relation to their Islamic economy strategy. Previously, Dr. Sayd was a legal and structuring advisor at Dar Al Istithmar, regularly consulting and advising standard setters such as Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) on their standards and professional education. Alongside his executive role, he is the Vice Chairperson of the Responsible Finance Institute, a London based non-profit institute, promoting the convergence and expansion of responsible finance practices. Dr. Sayd has a Doctorate in Financial Economics (specifically focusing on Islamic banking and risk management), a first class Honours in Business and a Law Degree (LLM) from the University of Technology Sydney.



Dr. Mustafa Farouk

Vice Chairman

FIANZ

Sector: Food & Beverages
New Zealand

Profile

Dr Mustafa Farouk is a Senior Meat Scientist in the Food Assurance and Meat Quality Group of AgResearch Ltd and the Objective Science Leader of two programs Red Meat CombiFoods: End-to-End Management of Protein Value; and Value From Quality –Halal. He graduated with a Masters and PhD in Food Science from Michigan State University, USA. His research interest is in exploiting the functional properties of muscle proteins for gelation and texturization purposes; non-traditional uses of meat proteins; Halal meat processing and quality; quality of manufacturing beef; and adding value to red meats and co-products. He has numerous refereed and popular journal articles and book chapters. He currently serves on the Halal Standard Technical Advisory Committee of NZ Ministry of Primary Industries, the World Halal Food Council and the Halal Committee of the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ). He is the Chair of FIANZ Outreach and Bridge-building Initiatives, which involves engaging all stakeholders to foster peace and coexistence, build relationships and to create an environment that enables New Zealand Muslims to thrive in all sectors and to be contributing members of the society.



Dr. Abu Umar Faruq Ahmad
Associate Professor of School of Business and
Economics

Universiti Brunei Darussalam
Sector: Education & Advisory
Brunei

Profile

Dr. Abu Umar Faruq Ahmad is Associate Professor of School of Business and Economics (UBDSBE) at Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei. Prior to joining UBD, he has concurrently worked with International Sharq'ah Research Academy for Islamic Finance (ISRA), Malaysia as its Senior Researcher; and as Associate Professor with INCEIF. He also taught at Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University (HBMSU) in UAE and in Amity College in Australia. He holds a BA (Hons.) in Sharq'ah from Islamic University of Madinah in 1984; and completed LLM (Hons.) from Western Sydney University, Australia in 2003. He earned his PhD with High Distinction from Western Sydney University in 2007. Dr Ahmad is the author of two monographs, namely Theory and practice of modern Islamic finance: the case analysis from Australia, and Developments in Islamic banking practice: the evidence from Bangladesh; and co-author of a book, Principles and practices of Islamic microfinance for a global economy: the case of Bangladesh. Besides, his scholarly contributions published in different edited books and research projects. In addition, his current editorial roles include serving as founding editor, senior editor, editorial advisory board member of a plethora of internationally reputed refereed journals including some of those published by Emerald Group Publishing, UK. He is the Founding Chairman of the Sharq'ah Supervisory Board of Islamic Cooperative Finance Australia (ICFA), Sydney, Australia since 1999; and currently holds the Honorary Sharq'ah Audit Executive position at Islamic Bank of Australia project.



William R. Fatt

Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

FRHI Hotels & Resorts

Sector: Trade & Tourism
Canada

Profile

Mr. William R. Fatt, serves as the Chairman and CEO at FRHI Holdings Limited and as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fairmont Raffles Hotels International at Raffles Hotels & Resorts Limited. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from York University and served as Vice President of Finance & Accounting, CFO and as Vice President and Treasurer from August at Canadian Pacific Limited. He also served as a Director of Doubletree Corporation and Doubletree Partners. He served as a Director of Unitel Communications Inc., since 1995 and has been the Vice Chairman since June 1999 and as a Trustee at Legacy Hotels Real Estate investment Trust where he had served as CEO. Mr. Fatt serves as the Chairman at The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited. He has been Director of Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Inc. since October 1, 2001. Mr. Fatt served as a Director of Enbridge Inc. from 2000 to July 2006. He served as a Director of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. from 1998 to July 24, 2006. He served as a Director of Sun Life Financial Inc. from 2001 to August 2006. He has been Director of The bank of Nova Scotia since January 2015. He serves as a Director of Canada Maritime Limited, Canadian Pacific Hotels & Resorts, Inc., PanCanadian Petroleum Limited, The Jim Pattison Group, Inc. and various direct and indirect subsidiaries of Canadian Pacific Limited. He has more than 30 years of finance, investment, capital markets and international experience.



Wissam H. Fattouh
Secretary General

Union of Arab Banks
Sector: Banking
UAE

Profile

Mr. Wissam H. Fattouh became the Secretary General of the Union of Arab Banks in November 2010. In this role he leads the largest banking consortium in the region and is the sole representative of the Arab banking community. Mr. Fattouh is an expert in Arab and International banking and financial sectors, with over 25 years of experience in this domain and extensive and close relations with MENA Region, Europe and United States of America, in addition to regional/International financial and regulatory bodies. Previously, Mr. Fattouh served as the Acting Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, Director of Conferences Department at UAB and Manager of Databank & Information Technology. He established the new line of technical Forums that excelled for its scientific importance and established a number of Professional Groups and Associations, Group of Certified Compliance Officers (GCCO), Group of Certified Risk Managers (GCRM) in MENA Region, in addition to initiatives for dialogue between the Arab Banking community with its counterparts from Turkey, the European Union and United States. The Turkish-Arab, EU-Arab and US-Arab banking dialogue initiatives cover matters of laws and regulations, investment, trade including Basel recommendations, AML/CFT acts, FATCA, De-risking, Correspondent banking and others. Mr. Fattouh has overseen the development of the UAB to the highest standard of professionalism while using advanced technologies and relying on the best human resources. He managed to transform the UAB into an internationally renowned organization with a say on the international banking and financial fronts.



Albert Fekete
CEO

Trasset International
Sector: Fintech
Italy

Profile

Albert Fekete is the CEO and founder of Trasset International. Trasset is one of the leading international software solution providers for banks and financial institutions with headquarters in Milano, Italy and having offices across the globe. It offers fully integrated solutions with maximum possible automation levels for Asset Management, Treasury, and Corporate Banking. The company is constantly evolving and renewing its programs and platforms to follow the most advanced technology allowing for Straight Through Processing, SOA compatibility, Multi-Platform, Scalability and Fault Tolerance Solutions. The parameterization level of the Trasset software and the already built-in multiple workflow possibilities combined with the expertise of the Trasset implementation team substantially reduces the time of implementation. Its customer base continues to expand and currently includes such clients as ING Bank, AXA, Al Rajhi Bank, Allianz group, Raiffeisen group and Bank of China. Having more than 100 implementations in different financial institutions, Trasset software solutions manage assets worth billions of dollars, and operations in over 21 countries spanning across Europe, United States, Asia and the Middle East. Its products fit the needs of the world's largest banks, having the multi-entity, multi-language, multicultural, multi-time zone solutions in one integrated system, but at the same time Trasset has adaptive, flexible, scalable solutions for specialty clients. Since its inception in 1997 the company has remained faithful to its commitment to promote client satisfaction based on quality services provided by its professionals.



Tan Sri Dr. Tony Fernandes

Group CEO

AirAsia

Sector: Logistics & Construction
Malaysia

Profile

Tan Sri Dr. Tony Fernandes, CBE, has been Non-Independent Executive Director and Group Chief Executive Officer of AirAsia since November 2013. Previously, he served the same company as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director. During his career, Dr. Tony Fernandes held many positions in several companies. He was the Financial Controller of Virgin Communication London, Senior Financial Analyst at Warner Music International London, Managing Director at Warner Music Malaysia, Regional Managing Director Ansean and Vice President, Asean at Warner Music South East Asia. Thanks to his contribution to a number of industries, he received several state awards: in 1991, the Sultan of Selangor bestowed on him the title Setia Mahkota Selangor for his contributions to the Malaysian music industry; he has been awarded the title Dato' by the Sultans of Negeri Sembilan and Pahang; Dato' Seri by the Sultan of Perak; and the title Tan Sri, one of the country's highest honours, from a former Yang di-Pertuan Agong. Internationally, he received the titles of Commander of the Legion d'Honneur, the highest rank of honour that the French Government can bestow on non-French citizens. In 2011, he was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. However, official awards are not only ones he received: Recording Industry Person of the Year; Airline Business Strategy Award and Low Cost Leadership Award by Airline Business; Asia Pacific Aviation Executive by the CAPA for two years. He was presented the CAPA Legend Award; CEO of the Year Award (2009). He was awarded the prestigious Nikkei Asia Prize and the Masterclass Global CEO of the Year award at the 2nd Malaysia Business Leadership Award (MBLA). He was also named Forbes Asia Businessman of the Year 2010, the first Malaysian and Asean citizen to receive the award.



Adrian J. Flowers

Senior Group Executive

HSBC Holdings

Sector: Banking

Saudi Arabia

Profile

Adrian Flowers is the Chief Executive Officer of SABB Takaful (a joint-venture Takaful company with Saudi British Bank and HSBC) based in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He previously served in numerous senior positions in HSBC and Household International and prior to moving to SABB Takaful was the General Manager for HFC Bank (HSBC subsidiary) in UK and Ireland. Mr. Flowers has more than 25 years of experience in Retail Banking and Bancassurance in UK, USA and Canada. He has a proven track record in leading multi-location businesses and re-engineering sales and distribution to meet the ever changing needs of customers. Under his management, SABB Takaful have won a number of distinct regional and international awards, namely ; Global Banking Finance Review Awards – Best Bancatakaful Provider MENA 2015 and Best Retail Takaful Provider Mena 2015, Mena Insurance Review Awards – KSA Insurer 2015, International Finance Magazine (IFM) Awards - Best Takaful Company in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 2014, and Mena Life Insurer of the Year 2013 and 2012. Mr. Flowers is also a member of the Saudi Arabian General Insurance Committee and a distinct speaker at national, regional and international Insurance and Takaful Conferences. Mr. Flowers is a graduate of the Household International General Management Training Program in Chicago, USA.



Hajja Hajara Fola Adeola

CEO & Managing Director

Lotus Capital Nigeria Plc

Sector: Financial Services
Nigeria

Profile

Hajara Adeola is the Managing Director of Lotus Capital Limited, a Nigerian pioneer in Shari'ah compliant Asset Management, Private Wealth Management Advisory Services and Financial Advisory Services. Previously, she was a Convertible Bond Research Analyst at BNP Paribas, London. Ms. Adeola is behind Nigeria first Halal capital management fund, which came on stream in 2008. Before that period there was no any publicly traded company that fully serves the Islamic fund management industry. Today Lotus capital is very active in the Nigerian capital market; it recently lunched together with the management of Nigerian stock exchange Nigeria's first Islamic share Index. Ms. Adeola, also contributed to the nationwide movements for the development of Islamic financial sector in the country, through input in major government policy drafts. She began her career as a consultant at Andersen Consulting (now Accenture), from there, she joined ARM Investment Managers and rose to Vice-President and Head of the Research and Financial Advisory Units. She holds an M.Sc in Finance from Durham University where she specialized in Islamic Finance. She also holds an MBA in International Management from Exeter University and a B.Sc in Pharmacology from King's College, London. Mrs. Adeola is the first President of the Fund Manager's Association of Nigeria and a West African Fellow of the Aspen Leadership Initiative. She is also the Chairperson of the Securities & Exchange Commission's non-interest capital market 10 year master plan committee and a Director of the Aliko Dangote Foundation.



Mohamed Salah Frad
CEO

United Gulf Financial Services North Africa
Sector: Financial Services
Tunisia

Profile

Mohamed Salah Frad is the CEO of United Gulf Financial Services-North Africa (an Affiliate of Kipco Group) which is an asset management company that offers a wide range of services such as managed portfolio services, Fund services and Advisory services. Mr. Frad has extensive experience in Corporate Finance, Asset Management, Financial & Business Restructuring and Valuation. He has set up several Funds in Tunisia investing in listed companies, private equity and startups. In 2013, he succeeded to launch, the first Shariaa Complaint SMEs Fund «Theemar Investment Fund» in Tunisia in partnership with the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector and CDC (Investment Arm of Tunisian Government) Prior to joining Kipco group in 2008, Mr. Frad worked with leading stock broker in Tunisia as a head of research and led the listing of six companies in the stock market. Mr. Frad is Certified International Investment Analyst (CIIA), executive MBA and holds an HEC diploma. Mr. Frad is a member of ATAF (Tunisian Association of Financial Analysis).



Bassel Gamal
Group Chief executive officer

QIB (Qatar Islamic Bank)
Sector: Banking
Qatar

Profile

Mr. Bassem Gamal is currently the Chairman of QIB-UK and a Board Member of Qinvest. He is a member of Board Remuneration Committee and also chairing Management Committee, Asset Liability Committee, Credit & Investment Committee and Special Asset Committee. His career started with Commercial International Bank (Chase National Bank) in Egypt, in 1990 where he worked for more than a decade. In 2001, he joined Ahli United Bank Group in Bahrain at which he held many positions, the last of which was Senior Deputy Group CEO – Banking Group, in charge of various businesses including Corporate Banking, Retail Banking, Treasury & Investment, Private Banking & Wealth Management and Financial Institutions, spanning across eight countries. He chaired and was a member of a number of committees including: Credit and Investment Committee, Operational Risk Committee, Special Assets Committee and Group Management Committee. Within the Ahli United Bank Group, he also served on the Board of many of AUB's affiliated banks. He was Ahli Bank's Deputy CEO in Qatar from 2004 until 2006, at which point he moved on to become the CEO until early 2009. When Mr. Gamal joined QIB in February 2013, the Bank's total assets were at QAR 73.2Billion, and its total deposits at QAR 43.1 billion by end of December 2012. Under his stewardship, QIB's total assets increased to QAR 127 Billion, while the total deposits grew to reach QAR 92 Billion by the end of 2015.



Brad Garlinghouse
CEO

Ripple
Sector: Fintech
USA

Profile

Brad Garlinghouse is the CEO of Ripple who provides global financial settlement solutions to enable the world to exchange value like it already exchanges information – giving rise to an Internet of Value (IoV). Al Rajhi Bank made first cross-border transaction using ripple. They use XRP for money transfers – for banks it means they can source liquidity on demand in real time without having to pre-fund nostro accounts. For payment, providers mean they can expand reach into new markets, lower foreign exchange costs and provide faster payment settlement. Brad served as CEO of file collaboration service Hightail. He was President of Consumer Application at AOL and held various positions at Yahoo! including Senior Vice President. He served as CEO of Diaplad Communications, held management positions at SBC Communication and @Home Network and advisor to Silverlake Partners. Brad currently serves on the Board of Directors of Animoto and OutMatch and has had other board position at Ancestry.com and Tonic Health.



DR. NABIL GHALLEB

Chairman of the board and chief executive officer

Zitouna Tamkeen

Sector: Financial Services
Tunisia

Profile

Dr. Nabil Ghalleb is the Chairman and the founding C.E.O. of Zitouna Tamkeen, the first and sole Islamic Microfinance/Economic Empowerment Institution in Tunisia. He is also President of Tamkeen for Development, an NGO specializing in the economic empowerment of disadvantaged people, in particular vulnerable youth. Previously, Dr. Ghalleb was senior investment manager in the Investment Department of the Islamic Development Bank, and a member of its Investment Technical Committee. He was also senior executive advisor to the mayor of Medina in charge of investment, and a founding member of the Medina Municipal Investment Council. In addition, he sits on the Boards of Directors of several financial institutions. Dr. Ghalleb has held various academic appointments in North American, European and Middle Eastern universities. He has published and presented his research at top international finance conferences. Dr. Ghalleb holds a Ph.D. in finance and a master's degree in financial engineering, both with honors, from HEC Montréal, the graduate business school of the University of Montreal. He is the recipient of several honors, awards and grants.



Dato' Badlisyah Abdul Ghani

Executive group chairman

Pay Halal/Souqa

Sector: Fintech
Malaysia

Profile

Dato Badlisyah Abdul Ghani is recognized as a Leader in Islamic finance globally. Amongst his notable accomplishments includes the introductions of the world's first Sukuk al Ijarah, the world's first Istisna' Sukuk and the world's first Musyarakah ABS/RMBS. In 2004, Euromoney named him one of "Global Top 20 Pioneers in Islamic Finance" and in 2007, he was voted "Islamic Banker of the Year" at the prestigious Islamic Business and Finance Awards and the "Best Individual Islamic Banker in 2007" by Islamic Finance News Poll.



Mr. Habib Ghanim

President and CEO

USA Halal Chamber Of Commerce

Sector: Government & Associations

USA

Profile

Habib D. Ghanim sr, is a 65 year old Washington DC based president of USA Halal Chamber of Commerce, Inc. He is one of the most active Halal expert and Halal certifier in USA. He is also serving as president of ISWA Halal Certification Department since 1999. Being a founder member of World Halal Council, Mr. Habib participated in significant number of international Halal conferences where he always rise key issues related to the Halal Certification and Halal Standards. He emphasizes on Muslim countries and businesses to investment in Halal sector and regard it the best solution for Muslim consumers so that they can get true Halal products. He advocates for one global Halal standard and logo.



Ahmed Ghouth
CEO

Al Khabeer Capital
Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

In 1999, Ahmed Ghouth began his career in corporate banking, Islamic finance, asset management, real estate and private equity. Prior to taking up his present position at Alkhabeer, which includes responsibility for overseeing the Asset Management business, he was Managing Director of Corporate Banking and Structured Finance, where he was instrumental in originating and executing several marquee debt, real estate and private equity transactions. He also serves as a board member on several private and public funds managed by Alkhabeer. Ahmed holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia.



Blake Goud
CEO

RFI foundation

Sector: Government & Associations
USA

Profile

Mr. Blake Goud is Chief Executive Officer at Responsible Finance & Investment Foundation (RFI). He was also the Chief Research Officer for ME Global Advisors. Mr. Goud's main area of interest is global Islamic banking, capital markets and opportunities to increase financial inclusion in Islamic finance through crowdfunding and microfinance. From 2012 to 2015, he was the Community leader for the Thomson Reuters Islamic Finance Gateway and conducts research and analysis on the Islamic finance and Islamic economy sectors. He drafted white papers following events including the IILM roundtables in London, UK and Washington, DC and was a principal author of the GIES 2013 Review following the Global Islamic Economy Summit organized in collaboration with the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre. Several of Mr. Goud's articles have been published, notably on Islamic microfinance, renewable energy microfinance and public finances using the esham structure to develop a flexible alternative for tax increment finance. He holds a B.A. in Economics from Reed College.



Peter Gould
Design executive officer

Zileej
Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics
UAE

Profile

Peter is the Design Executive Officer at Zileej, a global innovation & design company headquartered in Dubai. He leads a strategic creative team developing brands, products, and experiences that enable a bright shared future for everyone. In 2017, Peter's original pioneering design studio was acquired into Zileej after 15 years working for companies from Etihad Airlines to successful startups such as Hijup, governments and global agencies including the United Nations. He has won several international awards including an Islamic Economy Award presented by Dubai Ruler HH Sheikh Mohammed. His personal artwork has been exhibited and purchased by galleries and museums around the world, he has founded popular online creative platforms and is followed by over a quarter million people on social media. He is also casual lecturer in Innovation at the University of Technology, Sydney and a recipient of the Stanford Certificate of Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Through creativity & imagination, Peter aims to inspire and promote understanding, creative thinking and positive impact in the global community.



Jeffrey S Graham

Partner

Borden Ladner Gervais

Sector: Financial Services
Canada

Profile

Jeffrey Graham holds B. Comm. (Honours Economics) and BCL/LLB degrees from McGill University and graduate degrees in international legal studies from Cambridge and Columbia Universities. He is the head of the financial services regulatory practice of Borden Ladner Gervais and one of the most experienced financial services regulatory lawyers in Canada. Jeff began his legal practice in Washington D.C office of Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan Lovells), where he acted for US banking organisations. Before joining BLG, he served as Director of Legal Services for the Ministry of financial Institutions (Ontario), where he was responsible for advising the Minister on legislation and policy related to provincially regulated deposit-taking institutions. Jeff has considerable expertise in drafting and reviewing policies and procedures to ensure compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, as well as drafting contractual and other documentation relevant to the provision of financial services to consumers and corporate entities. Jeff is a member of the Board of Directors of the Toronto Financial Services Alliance. For the past several years, Jeff has co-chaired the TFSA's Islamic finance task force. Among other things Jeff co-led the process of preparing the TFSA report entitled "Making Toronto the North American Center for Islamic Finance" and the more recent successful efforts to convince the Government of Ontario to level the playing field between conventional and Islamic finance. Jeff has advised various Canadian and international parties who are engaged in Islamic financial activities in Canada and is leading efforts to create Canada's first regulated Islamic financial institution.



Thomas Gregoriades

Director

Zero Mortgage

Sector: Financial Services
Canada

Profile

A Senior Executive with broad general management experience and a reputation for consistently exceeding revenue and profit targets during 33 years of career progression in the financial services industry (trust/banking, insurance, financial planning and Credit Union Industries). Combines conceptual, analytical and strategic thinking into execution, which consistently produces results in the cross-functional areas of electronic business, finance, marketing, human resources, business development and revenue and sales. With a blend of field, regional and national experience in complex matrix structures is recognized as a change agent and collaborative problem solver who has successfully built and led high performing teams and achieved dramatic results through process improvements, cost reductions, sales management and strategy implementation. Roles Included: President – Canadian Mortgage Company, Managing Partner Odawa Group, President Sun Life Financial Trust, Senior Vice President Alterna Savings & Alterna Bank.



Paul Griffiths
CEO

Dubai Airports
Sector: Logistics & Construction
UAE

Profile

Paul Griffiths was born in London and is a licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music, an associate of the Royal College of Music. He became an associate of the Royal College of Organists in 1982 and a fellow two years later. In 2000 he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Royal College of Organists, then as Chairman of the Executive Committee and finally as Vice President of the college. In 1989, he returned to the UK and established a software company which developed proprietary information management systems for the airline industry. One of his contracts was for Virgin Atlantic Airways. Upon seeing the capability of the systems he had developed, he was asked by Richard Branson to join Virgin Atlantic as its commercial executive director in 1991. In 1994, he joined the main board of the Virgin Travel Group. During his ten years with Virgin, he was responsible for the strategic growth of the airline and many of its notable commercial successes. In 2001, he became a board director of the Virgin Rail Group and oversaw the public launch of the Virgin Trains fleet. In 2004, he joined BAA and in 2005 became Chairman and Managing Director of Gatwick Airport Limited. In 2007 he was appointed by Sheik Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum as the first Chief Executive Officer of the newly formed Dubai Airports Corporation. Dubai Airports owns and operates Dubai International Airport (DXB), currently ranked fourth in the world for both passenger and cargo traffic.



Soufiane Guerraoui
CEO

Cotizi
Sector: Fintech
France

Profile

Soufiane Guerraoui is the co founder of the first Moroccan platform for crowdfunding “Cotizi” dedicated to social, environmental and educational projects. The idea is to allow people, companies, or association to create a common pot to collect money. The money collected can serve to buy a gift or for a donation. In 2016 he received an award for top Moroccan startup at the Moroccan Web Award and was featured on CNN and local media. He is also the co founder of the website mescadeaux.ma an e-commerce platform in Morocco. He had a first experience on the cosmetic industry. After that, he got an experience from Major consulting company like Capgemini and Roland Berger in strategy management. Soufiane holds a diploma from a reputable French business school in management and strategy.



Tomas Guerrero Blanco
Head of the Madrid Office

Halal Institute of Spain
Sector: Education & Advisory
Spain

Profile

Tomás is Associate Researcher at IE Business School, Head of Madrid Office at Halal Institute of Spain, Managing Director at Halal International Tourism, WIEF Young Leader, SovereignNET Research Affiliate at Tufts University's Fletcher School, Senior Associate for Spain & Latin America at DinarStandard and PhD candidate at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid specializing in Halal industry, sovereign wealth funds and frontier markets. Prior to joining IE, he worked in the ESADEgeo-Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics of ESADE Business School. He was the first Spanish speaker in the World Islamic Economic Forum and appointed trainer for the WIEF Young Fellows Programme. He has contributed to the development of the first four editions of the ESADEgeo SWFs report and has published several articles and working papers on Halal industry, sovereign wealth funds and frontier markets in Fedesarrollo (Colombia), ESADEgeo (Spain), SovereignNET Bulletin (USA), Alternative Emerging Investor (USA), The World Financial Review (UK) and Clear Path Analysis (UK). He has published numerous opinion pieces in newspapers and he is coordinating the Start Up Spain series. He is currently working on the development of the fifth edition of the SWFs Report (with Javier Santiso, at IE Business School), on a Report on the Halal industry in Spain and Latin America, on the development of the Al-Andalus Culinary Lab (first initiative on Halal Haute Cuisine) with the Michelin Star Chef Paco Morales and on the process to be WEF Global Shaper and driving the creation of a Halal Hub in the south of Spain.



Dr. Fatih Mehmet Gul

Managing partner

DRFAMEG Healthcare & Consultancy Ltd.

Sector: Healthcare & Pharma
Turkey

Profile

Dr Gul is a Healthcare Business Development and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Leader. He managed regional projects between 5 to 40 USD Million. Dr Gul established and manages the largest CSR network in the Middle East with 2.750 corporate members at CSR Middle East platform (www.csrmiddleeast.org) . He has awards from UAE, KSA, India, Turkey, several international organisations. He is on the prestigious list of «2011 TOP 100 THOUGHT LEADERS in Europe and the Middle East». Dr. Gul is a licensed physician and received intensive trainings in finance, business and administration, and managed major projects in different countries and cultures. Dr. Gul spent several years in project management and business development for international organizations such as UN, BP, ALJ, Ac?badem and Toyota. Having had the opportunity to become affiliated with different countries and cultures, Dr. Gul holds significant experience in health, insurance, aviation, automotive sectors, mainly in the Middle East and North Africa region. Dr. Gul is passionate for CSR & Sustainability and founder and Executive Director of CSR Middle East platform (2005) leading thousands of corporate members on their regional initiatives. Dr. Gul is on the prestigious list of «2011 TOP 100 THOUGHT LEADERS in Europe and the Middle East».



Adrian Gunadi
Co-founder and CEO

Investree
Sector: Fintech
Indonesia

Profile

Over 18 years foreign and local banking experience in retail and wholesale, and strong specialization in Islamic Finance, with last 6 years experience as Managing Director - Retail Banking for Indonesia's second largest Islamic Bank with over 35% of market share. Extensive network and relationship with financial institutions, SOE, private sector, and regulators in Indonesia. Self-starter with a passion for building robust business model and technology. Diverse experiences in product structuring, origination, credit, retail network, restructuring, and digital - branchless banking. Avid sports enthusiast with passion in running and golf.



Pankaj Gupta
CEO

Gulf Islamic Investments LLC (GII)
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Mr. Pankaj Gupta has a very impressive academic career, he hold a master in International Economics degree from plekhanov russian university of economics, and an MBA in business management marketing and other related services from Moscow International Higher Business School. In addition to several diploma related to Islamic finance such as theprofessional Diploma related to Islamic Finance, Takaful, Islamic Capital Markets, Islamic Law Diploma From The chartered Institue of management accountants . He was Head of Investment Business Development at Allied Investment Partners to manage the assets of business people and members of the Abu Dhabi Royal Family. He also played a role in starting Union National Financial Consultancy in 2004. For now, he is a Founding Partner and Chief Executive Officer for UAE at Gulf Islamic Investments LLC.



Behnam Gurbanzada
CEO

Sberbank
Sector: Financial Services
Serbia

Profile

Behnam Gurbanzada is a C-suite professional with a strong knowledge of leadership and strategy execution track record. In his 15 year management stint he has led large corporates, banking tribes, multilaterals and governmental projects in Azerbaijan, Russia and CIS countries. Islamic Economics and Financing is very significant area of his specialisation. Using innovative methods of management Behnam has implemented Islamic Financing from scratch in Russian Federation and Azerbaijan.



Abdelhakim Hadjou

General Director

**TRUST ALGERIA INSURANCE &
REINSURANCE**

Sector: Financial Services
Algeria

Profile

Hadjou Abdelhakim, is currently general manager of TRUST Insurance Algeria AND passionate about Islamic finance; his encounter with Takaful insurance has been an inspiration for him. Holder of a diploma of postgraduate IFID Third degree diploma in finance ES Insurance, he began his career in the insurance industry in 1999 within agricultural mutuality. During his career, he occupied several managerial positions mainly as GM of insurance companies and interested by reflection on insurance system implementation models Islamic Sharia compliant, in Algeria, in line with the regulatory environment. He was also lecturer of Islamic finance courses in several universities, Such as Paris Dauphine in France and has participated in several international seminars and conferences.



Mohamed Seddik Hafid
Board Member & General Manager

Al Baraka
Sector: Banking
Algeria

Profile

Mohamed Seddik Hafid is the board member and the CEO of Al Baraka Bank Algeria. Algeria for Al Baraka Bank represent a large market and did some investment to improve the services to algerian consumers. They did a growth of 10% of their revenues in 2010 and represent 43,93 millions of dollars. The investment of the bank in the market growth to 23%. They have more than 47 bank agency on the algerian market. They also always innovate in term of new services to answer to the algerian consumers demand.



H.E. Dr. Bandar Hajjar
President

Islamic Development Bank
Sector: Banking
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Bandar Al Hajjar is the president of the Islamic Development Bank. He was later appointed deputy chairman of the National Human Rights Society between 2004 and 2005, and then as president in 2005. A royal decree was issued in December 2011 to appoint him minister of Hajj. He also served a stint as minister of culture and information, the publication reported. He was undersecretary in the economics department at King Abdulaziz University between 1995 and 1998, deputy president for research in Islamic economics at the same university from 1992 to 1995, and headed the external affairs committee in the Shoura Council. Hajjar has a degree in economics and political science from King Saud University in Riyadh with first degree honors, a master's degree in economics from Indiana University in the US, and a PhD in economics from Loughborough University in England.



Dr. Ir. Lukmanul Hakim

Chairman

LPPOM MUI

Sector: Food & Beverages
Indonesia

Profile

Lukmanul Hakim was born in Tasikmalaya, West Java, July 31, 1969. Prior to becoming Director of the Research Institute for Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Indonesian Ulema Council (LPPOM MUI), Lukman has been involved in a lot of research in the field of halal. A graduate of the Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB) Department of Chemistry in 1993, and then joined LPPOM MUI as a staff auditor. Lukman then continued his and obtained a master's degree (M.Si) in the field of industrial technology in IPB in 2005. He was promoted to Deputy Director of Administration and the Secretariat of Halal Assurance System on August 6, 2006. Three years later, October 7, 2009, Lukman was mandated as director LPPOM MUI To enrich their knowledge, he took a PHD from the Islamic University of Rotterdam, in the Netherlands his research paper was entitled «An Islamic and Scientific Perspectives on Istihalah». Currently Lukmanul Hakim is also a lecturer at the University Juanda Bogor in the field of Food Technology since 1995- now. On the initiative of Lukman, Juanda Bogor University established the Faculty of Food Science Halal. Until now, he is the father of three children and stay active in the Islamic Economic Society (MES).



Masumi Hamahira
Advisor, islamic banking window

MUFG
Sector: Banking
Japan

Profile

Masumi Hamahira has more than 19 years working experience in the banking and finance industry at MUFG Bank and was appointed as Advisor for Islamic Finance Department of MUFG Bank (Malaysia) in 2011. Before coming to Malaysia, Masumi was attached to several key divisions in Tokyo Head office of MUFG Bank. He was responsible for corporate finance, derivatives marketing and structuring as well as global business planning. Leveraging Masumi's experience, MUFG Bank (Malaysia) won Islamic Finance News Awards such as The Most Innovative Deal of the Year 2016, Cross-Border Deal of the Year 2014, Wakalah Deal of the Year 2013, and Structured Finance Deal of the Year 2012. Subsequently, he took the initiative of the world's first Japanese Yen Sukuk issuance by MUFG Bank (Malaysia) in 2014. Masumi graduated from Chartered Islamic Finance Professional (CIFP) course at INCEIF. He is currently a Ph.D candidate at IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance, International Islamic University Malaysia. He aspires to contribute more significantly to the Islamic Finance industry by sharing of industry knowledge with the public. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Economics from Keio University, Japan. Masumi is a Chartered Professional in Islamic Finance (CPIF) and has been appointed as a Grand Councillor for Chartered Institute of Islamic Finance Professionals (CIIF).



Rashid Hamdaoui

Founder

Islamic Financial Times

Sector: Media, Events & IT
France

Profile

Rashid Hamdaoui has a Master in Entrepreneurship and an Executive Master in Islamic Finance. He founded in 2008 the Islamic Financial Times, the first French media dedicated to Islamic Finance. In 2010, he created the European Islamic Finance Center, the first online training center for Islamic Finance in French. Since 2012, he founded in Dubai his strategy-consulting firm to support Islamic banks in the Middle East.



Ahmed Ali Hamed
CEO

The Nasdaq Dubai
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Mr. Hamed Ahmad Ali has been the Chief Executive Officer of NASDAQ Dubai Limited (formerly Dubai International Financial Exchange Limited) since July 2013 and served as its Acting Chief Executive Officer since August 2012 until July 2013. Within the same company, he covered the roles of the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Officer of NASDAQ Dubai Limited since November 2006. Previously, he was a member of the Executive Team at Dubai International Financial Centre Authority and the Head of its Project Management Office. He served as Chief Operating Officer of Dubai International Financial Centre from 2008 to 2009. He served as the Acting Head of the DIFX Academy and Member of the Exchange's Executive Committee. He started his career at Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone Authority (TECOM). I participated in projects including Business Automation, e-Services, Youth Development, and the introduction of Special Education Programs. He obtained his degrees at Leeds University (BA in Applied Computing) and London Business School (MBA).



Mohamad Hammour
Founder and Chairman

Guidance Financial Group
Sector: Financial Services
USA

Profile

Mohamad Hammour is Chairman of Guidance Financial Group, which he founded in 2000 as a financial services company dedicated to innovation in the field of Shariah-compliant finance and investment. Businesses established by Guidance Financial Group include: Guidance Residential, the dominant Shariah-compliant housing finance provider in the United States; Dar Al Tamleek, a leading housing finance provider in Saudi Arabia; Guidance Investments, a specialty investment company that has created a series of Shariah-compliant institutional funds focused on the private equity, real estate and equipment leasing sectors across the globe; and Shaza Hotels, a hotel management company established in partnership with Kempinski Hotels. Mr. Hammour is also an accomplished academic economist, having served as: a member of the economics faculty at Columbia University and of the visiting faculty at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; a Director of Research at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in France; a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research in the United Kingdom; and a consultant to the World Bank. His research has been published in leading scholarly journals of economics. Mr. Hammour holds a B.A. in Philosophy and an M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Mohamed Rafe bin Mohamed Haneef

CEO

CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad
Sector: Banking
Malaysia

Profile

Rafe became the Chief Executive Officer of CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad on 4th January 2016 and is in charge of the CIMB Group's Islamic banking and finance franchise. CIMB Islamic operates as a parallel franchise to the Group's conventional operations and covers Islamic wholesale banking, Islamic consumer banking, Islamic commercial banking and Islamic asset management and investment. Rafe has 20 years of experience covering a range of businesses and functional roles gained from three global banks, an international asset management company and a legal firm, at various financial centers including London, Dubai and Kuala Lumpur. He read Law at the International Islamic University Malaysia and also holds an LL.M degree from the Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the Malaysian Bar in 1995 and qualified for the New York State Bar in 1997. Rafe first joined HSBC Investment Bank plc, London in 1999 and thereafter HSBC Financial Services Middle East, Dubai where he set up the global sukuk business in 2001. Subsequently, he became the Global Head of Islamic Finance business at ABN AMRO Dubai in 2004 covering both consumer and corporate businesses. In 2006, he moved back to Malaysia with Citigroup Asia as the Regional Head for Islamic banking, Asia Pacific. He later joined HSBC Amanah in 2010 as the CEO, Malaysia and Managing Director of Global Markets, ASP.



Sheikh Hamza Yusuf Hanson
Scholar and President, Co-Founder & Senior
Faculty Member

Zaituna College
Sector: Education & Advisory
USA

Profile

Hamza Yusuf is president and senior faculty member of Zaytuna College, America's first Muslim liberal arts college. He is an advisor to Stanford University's Program in Islamic Studies and the Center for Islamic Studies at Berkeley's Graduate Theological Union. In addition, he serves as vice-president for the Global Center for Guidance and Renewal, which was founded and is currently presided over by Shaykh Abdallah bin Bayyah, one of the top jurists and masters of Islamic sciences in the world. He is the author of several books and scholarly articles, and has translated major creedal Islamic texts into English. Books he has authored or translated include Purification of the Heart, The Content of Character, The Creed of Imam al-Tahawi, Caesarean Moon Births, Prayer of the Oppressed and Agenda to Change our Condition. Recently, Hamza Yusuf was ranked as "the Western world's most influential Islamic scholar" by The Muslim 500, edited by John Esposito and Ibrahim Kalin.



Fouad Harraze
CEO

Al Akhdar Bank
Sector: Banking
Morocco

Profile

Fouad Harraze is the development director of Bank Al Akhdar, he is the specialist on participative finance in the Bank. He had an experience in the same bank as Director of program and organization.



Mehdi Hasan

Presenter

Al Jazeera

Sector: Media, Events & IT
USA

Profile

Mehdi Hasan is a British political journalist, broadcaster and author. Hasan studied at Merchant Taylors' School and at Christ Church at the University of Oxford, where he read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), graduating in 2000. Hasan worked as a researcher and then producer on LWT's Jonathan Dimbleby programme. Subsequently, he became deputy executive producer on Sky's breakfast show Sunrise before moving to Channel 4 as their editor of news and current affairs. He was appointed senior editor at the New Statesman in late spring of 2009, where he stayed until May 2012, then becoming political director of The Huffington Post website. Hasan became a presenter on Al Jazeera's English News Channel in May 2012. Hasan has appeared on the BBC's Question Time programme, and the Sunday morning programmes The Big Questions and Sunday Morning Live. Recorded at the Oxford Union, Head to Head is a programme in which Hasan has interviewed major public figures, had run for three series by December 2014 on Al Jazeera English. From 2015, working FULL time for the network in Washington DC, Hasan will host a weekly interview and discussion programme. As a journalist and author, Hasan is the co-author of a biography of Ed Miliband and the political editor of the UK version of The Huffington Post. From a British Indian background, he is the presenter of Al Jazeera English shows The Café and Head to Head. In 2015, Hasan will move to Washington DC to work FULL time for Al Jazeera.



Gordon Haskins
CEO

Al Hilal Islamic Bank
Sector: Banking
Kazakhstan

Profile

Gordon Haskins joined Al Hilal Bank Kazakhstan in 2016 as a Chairman of Management Board and Chief Executive Officer. He has more than 25 years of experience in the banking and financial sector. Prior to joining Al Hilal Bank Kazakhstan, he worked in RBS Kazakhstan as Country Executive, Chairman of the Management Board and member of the Board of Directors. He also served as Chief Operating Officer for Debt Capital Markets & Risk Solutions business for the EMEA region in RBS Group having worked at RBS Group for more than 13 years, including prior positions as Managing Director in regulatory developments and Head of Transaction Execution in the Secured Corporate Debt business. Gordon Haskins started his career as a lawyer, working for more than 12 years with Clifford Chance in London and Davis & Co in Canada. Gordon Haskin holds a BA in history and politics from the University of British Columbia (1987) and a law degree from the University of Toronto (1991).



Dr Hussein Hassan
Global Head of Islamic Finance

JP MORGAN
Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

Mr. Hussein Hassan has been Global Head of Islamic Finance at JPMorgan Chase & Co. since January 22, 2013. Mr. Hassan served as Head of Structuring for MENA and Islamic Finance at Deutsche Bank AG since January 2009. Mr. Hassan served as Head of Islamic structuring at Deutsche Bank. He served as Global Head of Islamic structuring for UBS and Head of Structuring for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).



MARCELO Hidalgo

Director

Chile Halal

Sector: Food & Beverages
Chile

Profile

Mr Marcelo About Abdelnour HIDALGO is the current director of several organisations such as the HalalCertification Centre of Chile (CHILEHALAL), the 6 th Halal Expo Latino Americana (2017), the Latin AmericanCommittee for Halal Certification and Halal Food international France. Born in 1967 in Chile, he migrated toFrance in his early life. He then accepted Islam and became an active member of the School of IslamicStudies "Tawhid" in Lyon until the late 90's. In 1984, he joined the "Socio Educational Institute" to further hiscareer and worked in various sectors as a teacher, educator and head teacher at different schools until theend of 2009. He was later the co-founder of "Ujm" association, founder of the editorial "Tawhid Editions". Hereturned to Chile in 1993 where he worked on a project for 5 years and founded the Islamic Community ofthe Fifth Region with its first Islamic centre, which gave birth to the "Viña del Mar Mosque". There, he servedas a French and Arabic professor at the "Arab College of Viña del Mar". By 2000 he fulfilled his pilgrimage tothe Holy City of Mecca. Between 2006 and 2008 he took the post of Director of the Centre for IslamicStudies in France, before being a project manager for the "First and Second International Oriental Fair" and"First and Second International Halal Expo" in France. In September 2010, he created "Chile Halal" HalalCertification Centre. He then joined the group of drivers and certifiers in the institute "Formalis" InternationalTraining halal. He has also been the director of the "Halal Expo Latino Americana" for the last 6 consecutiveyears.



Dr. Sutan Emir Hidayat

Head of Business Administration and Humanities
Department

University College of Bahrain
Sector: Education & Advisory
Bahrain

Profile

Dr. Sutan Emir is currently the Head of Business Administration and Humanities Department at the University College of Bahrain (UCB). At UCB, he is also a member of several committees such as University College Council, Academic Research, Quality Assurance and Accreditation and Examination Committees. Dr. Hidayat obtained his PhD in Islamic Banking and Finance in 2013 and his MBA in Islamic Banking and Finance in 2005 both from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). In Bahrain, he is also a member of the advisory committee for Centre of Islamic Finance and External Research Associates at Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance. He is actively engaged with academic research in his field and has presented several research papers at international conferences, namely, the 11th Harvard University Forum on Islamic Finance (2014), the Gulf Research Meeting (2012 and 2016) held at University of Cambridge, International conferences and workshops held by Islamic Research and Training Institute of Islamic Development Bank, Qatar Foundation (2011). Dr. Hidayat is also an Islamic finance journalist; he regularly publishes articles in international magazines/newspapers. Recognizing his contribution to the development of Islamic finance, the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Kingdom of Bahrain, His Excellency Chilman Arisman has taken the initiative to compile Dr. Hidayat's articles into a book. He works closely with AAOIFI and International Accounting Standard Board (IASB) in many subjects and he is active in many associations in Bahrain/Indonesia.



Thomas Hirschi

Executive Director at Financial Services Regulatory
Authority

Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM)
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Thomas joined the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) of Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) in October 2015. He oversees the authorisation and supervision of a broad-range of banking and insurance firms and related services at FSRA, including related to Islamic Finance. He is also responsible for spearheading and formulating the tools and techniques for a risk-based approach in the supervision of the (traditional and Islamic firms in ADGM). Thomas is responsible for aligning FSRA's regulatory framework and standards with global best practices. This also includes Islamic Finance. Prior to ADGM, Thomas was with the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA holding several senior positions since 2004. In 2014, he was appointed as the Head of Risk Management (Department of Banks) and was responsible for the continued implementation of Basel III in Switzerland. In his career, Thomas was seconded to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for a period of 9 months in 2007/2008. Prior to joining FINMA, he was part of the Business Risk Management team at J.P Morgan Chase in Geneva. Thomas holds Masters in International Relations and European Studies from the universities of Geneva and Vienna, respectively.



Dato' Muzaffar Hisham
Group CEO, Global banking

Maybank Islamic
Sector: Banking
Malaysia

Profile

Mr. Hisham holds a Bachelors of Science in Economics and Accounting (Hons) from University of Bristol. He has been the CEO and Group Head of Islamic Banking at Maybank Islamic Berhad, an affiliate at Malayan Banking Bhd since 2011. Mr. Hisham served as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad as Deputy Head of Islamic Banking Division. He has 16 years of experience in the banking and financial services. He started his career in Corporate Banking with Asian International Merchant Bank Berhad before joining Amanah Capital Partners Berhad (now known as Malaysian Industrial Development Berhad (MIDF)) in 1996. Mr. Hisham was also involved in various debt and corporate restructuring exercises during the 1997 / 1998 financial crisis. During his tenure in CIMB Investment Bank and HSBC Amanah, he was involved in the investment banking business. In Amanah Capital, he was with Amanah Merchant Bank Berhad's Debt Capital Market Department and served as the Senior Manager at Amanah Short Deposits Berhad's Debt Capital Market since 2000. In Amanah Capital, he had an extensive experience in the origination and debt advisory work in the Malaysian Ringgit debt market in both the conventional and Islamic debt instruments. He served as the Head of Islamic Debt Capital Market, Malaysia at HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad. He served at Commerce International Merchant Bank Berhad («CIMB») since 2003, where he was an Associate Director in their Investment Banking Unit. He was previously a member of the Board of Directors of CIMB Insurance Brokers Sdn Bhd.



Tun Musa Hitam
Chairman & Board of Trustees

WIEF Foundation Malaysia
Sector: Media, Events & IT
Malaysia

Profile

Tun Musa Hitam, who is currently Chairman of the World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation was Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister until 1986. In the course of his service in the Malaysian government, he held various positions including Minister of Home Affairs, Education, Primary Industries and Trade and Industries and Chairman of the Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA). Among his major official activities were as Leader of Malaysian Investment Missions to Europe, USA and Japan and representing Malaysia at UN UNESCO and ECOSOC related negotiating and regular conferences. Since Tun Musa's retirement from politics in 1987, he held Chairmanships of 3 Public Listed Companies and various business related institutions both at domestic and international levels. He was Chairman of the Malaysia – China Business Council, Co-Chair of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) of the Asean – China, 15 year economic cooperation program and Chairman of the EPG to draft the Asean Charter. Currently, Tun Musa is Chairman of the Sime Darby Foundation, Chairman of the International Advisory Panel of CIMB Bank, Chairman of the International Selection Panel of the Royal Award on Islamic Finance and member of the Advisory Panels of the Iskandar Development Authority. Tun Musa holds a BA (University of Malaya) and MA (University of Sussex) degrees and held a resident Fellowship at Harvard University. For his services to the nation, The Yang Di Pertuan Agong (King) of Malaysia conferred him Malaysia's highest award which carries the title "Tun".



Husam Hourani

Managing Partner

Al Tamimi & Company

Sector: Law & Accounting

UAE

Profile

Husam Hourani has over 17 years of experience advising clients on banking and finance related matters in the United Arab Emirates. He also advises clients on capital market transactions in the United Arab Emirates including in particular listings and/or offerings of different financial products on the Dubai Financial Market, Dubai International Financial Exchange and the Abu Dhabi Exchange, as well as continuing/reporting obligations and other regulatory matters related thereto. His work on conventional finance, Shari'a compliant products and capital markets wins him many fans. Husam is a member of the NASDAQ Dubai Listing Committee and the DIFCA Legislative Committee. Legal 500 2011 states that Husam Hourani is "very smart, responsive, intensely knowledgeable and equally capable in relation to Islamic and conventional banking", and has been described by clients as «the most knowledgeable banking lawyer in Dubai, insofar as the local market is concerned". Chambers Global 2011 stated that "Clients and peers repeatedly praise Husam Hourani's outstanding professionalism and informed handling of a broad range of commercial matters. His expertise in equity issuances is particularly singled out". Chambers Global 2012 stated that "Husam Hourani stands head and shoulders above all other lawyers in Dubai when it comes to local law issues .He is always a pleasure to work with and makes clients feel well taken care of".



Ikbal Hussain

Founder

Islamic GPS

Sector: Trade & Tourism
UK

Profile

Ikbal Hussain, founder of Islamic GPS has been in this role since February 2013. Ikbal is a passionate innovator, launching Islamic GPS, the world first Islamic augmented reality app which allows users to locate mosque and Islamic heritage sites around the world. Ikbal is a UX/UI designer and front end developer by trade, but he is an interdisciplinary design thinker and strategist with over 5 years' experience within the 'Islamic economy', designing and consulting multinational companies and startups on the value of design led innovation. Ikbal was the former Samsung digital designer and is a postgraduate of Masters in Interactive Digital Media. Ikbal has an academic background in rich graphics and visual design which gives him a unique approach on user experience design, unearthing consumer insight and transforming it into strategic thinking. The app has featured on:

- Forbes - Five Muslim Start-Ups With A Big Future In The UK and Beyond
- Saudi Gazette - Islamic augmented reality app
- Thomson Reuters - Location-based augmented reality into the Islamic economy
- Ummah Wide – The 21 Most Innovative Global Muslim Apps of 2017
- London Muslim Lifestyle Show 2017 – Awarded best Muslim app

Quote: "Bringing ideas to life"



Dr. Mah Hussain-Gambles

Founder & CEO

Saaf International Ltd

Sector: Healthcare & Pharma
UK

Profile

Mah has a degree in Pharmacology from Sunderland University and a Masters and PhD from School of Medicine, University of Leeds. She founded and directed Saaf Pure Skincare in 2004, the world's first known Organic and Halal certified skincare range, alcohol and animal free and thus permissible and lawful under Shariah or Islamic law delivered in accordance with an eco-ethical business model. Mah Hussain-Gambles's professional background in Pharmacology combined with her commercial experience in the chemical/pharmaceutical manufacturing industry has equipped her with the key skills required to create an award winning and innovative skincare range. Her early training as a formulation and product development chemist for leading pharmaceutical companies gave her in-depth expertise in innovative product development and branding. Mah is recognised as a pioneer in applying chemistry to the Halal world, one of the fastest growing market segments in the world. She has travelled extensively, speaking at International Halal conferences and engaging with scientists around the world, culminating in her developing the first Halal standard for the Cosmetic and Pharmaceutical industry. Mah was also the founder of the European Halal Authority (later European Halal Services) which was set up in 2006 as the first independent halal accreditation specializing in non-food products. She is also a frequent speaker and writer on this subject in the international event and journals. Mah was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List – 2010 (for contribution to International Trade and the Beauty Industry).



Stuart Hutton
Chief Investment Officer

Simply Ethical
Sector: Education & Advisory
UK

Profile

Stuart originally qualified from Reading University with a degree in Quantity Surveying in 1991. Having had a life-long interest in the stock market and investing, he was offered the chance to join Edward Jones at the beginning of 2007 to train to become a Stockbroker and Financial Planner. This opportunity included building his own business from scratch, which he did over the three years with the company. Having worked across retail, construction and executive search, Stuart established his own wealth management business 10 years ago providing investment advice to high net-worth individuals, families and companies. He recently joined Simply Ethical as Chief Investment Officer, where he is driving an innovative and fresh approach to managing Sharia compliant ethical investments. He is also a keen supporter of financial technology and some of the exciting new ideas in this area. Stuart is a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investments (CISI) and is also a qualified Financial Planner with the Personal Finance Society. He holds the Islamic Finance Qualification and is an External Specialist Advisor to the CISI on Islamic Finance. Outside of financial services, he holds several Trustee and Non-Executive Director positions, including Chairman of a UK housing company.



Ong Yuh Hwang
CEO Malaysia Singapore Brunei

Procter & Gamble
Sector: Food & Beverages
Malaysia

Profile

Procter and Gamble (P&G) has appointed Ong Yuh Hwang as its new country chief executive officer for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. Ong would lead a portfolio of well-known brands such as SK-II, Olay, Pantene, Rejoice, Head & Shoulders, Gillette, Ambipur, Dynamo, Oral-B and Braun. "Ong, born and educated in Singapore, joined P&G in 1996 and was sales director prior to the new appointment. "He has 20 years of experience in sales, market strategy, marketing and commercial go-to-market execution in the consumer and oleo-chemical industries," it said. Ong said his key focus would be on delivering product innovation that created value in people's life in small but meaningful ways. He will be based at P&G's corporate headquarters in Petaling Jaya. - Bernama



Muhammed Shoaib Ibrahim

Managing Director & CEO

First Habib Modaraba

Sector: Financial Services
Pakistan

Profile

Currently working with First Habib Modaraba (FHM) and holding designation of Managing Director and CEO. At present, FHM is well positioned in Islamic financial market with highest equity base, with strong profitability within entire Modaraba Sector of Pakistan. Having work experience of more than two decades in Non-Banking Islamic Financial Institutions and Modaraba sector makes him senior most person with such long experience of Modaraba sector in Pakistan. This experience has given him insight into the financial and technical aspects of the non-banking Islamic financial activities. Mr. Shoaib has done Master of Business Administration (MBA) in banking and finance from Institute of Business Administration (IBA). He has also completed Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Islamic Banking from Centre of Islamic Economics (DarulUloom), Karachi Pakistan. Various research papers have been presented by him on Modaraba model and other Islamic financials products at different international forums in Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and South Africa. On number of occasion he remained as Executive Member of Modaraba Association of Pakistan. He also remained Chairman in said association during 2007-2009. At present he is Chairman of NBFIs and Modaraba Association of Pakistan and Executive Committee member of Memon Professional Forum.



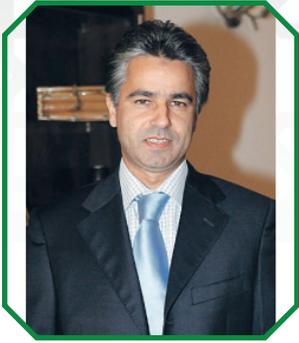
Al Haji Umaru Ibrahim Mni

CEO

Nigeria Deposit Financial Services
Corporation (NDIC)
Sector: Financial Services
Nigeria

Profile

Umaru Ibrahim, is the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation. He graduated from the famous Ahmadu Bello University and he hold a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.). In 2001, he attended the prestigious National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru where he graduated. Ibrahim joined the Kano State Public Service in 1975 after compulsory one-year National Service. From a relatively junior position of an Administrative Officer in the Cabinet Office of the Kano State Government, he rose to the post of Permanent Secretary within a period of ten years. He served in several Ministries and Departments until 1989 when he joined the NDIC. He joined the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation as a Deputy Director and a Departmental Head in charge of Financial and Technical Support, one of the key operational departments of the Corporation then. In 1991, he became a full Director in charge of the Administration Department of the Corporation. He headed several other departments. In August, 2007, Alhaji Umaru was appointed the Executive Director of the Corporation in charge of Corporate Services. His responsibilities included General Administration, Human Resource Management, Information Technology and Finance functions. In December, 2009. In 2010 he was appointed Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer. Over the years, he has attended several technical and management courses from some prestigious institutions both at the national and international levels. Umaru Ibrahim, is the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation and running the apex Banking Supervisory agency.



Dr. Ali Alami Idrissi

Owner

Optima Finance Education & Advisory

Sector: Education & Advisory

Morocco

Profile

Dr. Ali ALAMI IDRISSE holds a PhD in Econometrics of Finance (University of Paris-Dauphine, France) and a Master in Financial Markets and Intermediaries, University of Toulouse I –France. He worked for two years at the “Caisse de Dépôts et Consignations” –Paris- in financial engineering where he developed products coverage and contributed to the development of structured products. He joined the investment bank BMCE Capital (Casablanca) as «Risk Manager» and Head of the Department of «Financial Modeling and Quantitative Analysis”. After, he joined the “Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion –CDG-” at Rabat –Morocco- for the position of Chief Risk Officer CDG Group (Global Markets, Operational Risk and Asset-Liability Management). His mission was the assessment and monitoring financial and operational risks of the CDG and its subsidiaries, and the accompaniment in the establishment of methodological framework for results assessment and risks. Since 2005, he is Founding Partner of OPTIMA FINANCE Consulting. He led more than seventy missions in Islamic Finance, Risk Management and ALM for banks, credit institutions, insurance companies and public institutions. He teaches in many engineering schools and universities and is the Director of the Islamic Finance Master at the International University of Rabat. He is also an Associate Professor at the Laboratory for Studies and Research in Applied Mathematics from Ecole Mohammedia of Engineers, at the Laboratory of Applied Stochastic Methods in Finance and Actuarial at the Caddi Ayad University. He has several academic publications and has participated in numerous conferences in applied mathematics, Risk Management and Islamic finance.



Mohammed Imad Ali

Head of Islamic control - citi islamic investment
bank

Citi Bank

Sector: Banking
Bahrain

Profile

Imad works as Head of Islamic Control at Citi Islamic Investment Bank, Bahrain, and considered the primary contact point for coordination with Citi's Shariah Advisory Board and advises Citi internally on Shariah related matters. Imad has been associated with the Islamic banking and finance industry for more than 12 years. Imad have had the opportunity to work on different business areas related to Islamic Banking and Finance. He has worked on structuring and reviewing documentation related to Sukuk, Islamic funds, Islamic retail and corporate products, Islamic certificate programs and Islamic treasury products. Imad has worked and reviewed more than 50 Sukuk transaction documentation covering sovereign and corporate issuance. He considers himself fortunate to have spent quite a long time with some of the prominent Shariah scholars, understanding and learning the nuances of Shariah and its applicability in the financial products and services. He is passionate about researching, writing and developing training content on Islamic banking and finance and making it available to people at large. Imad is the founder of Marifa Academy and supports Marifa in its initiative to bring affordable, interesting and engaging education on Islamic banking and finance to the online global community using only the most innovative learning techniques in the process. He obtained his Master's degree in Comparative Laws from Islamic University Malaysia specializing in Islamic banking jurisprudence. He has read law and is admitted as a lawyer in India. Imad is currently pursuing his PhD in Islamic banking and finance from International Islamic University Malaysia.



John Iossifidis
CEO

Noor Bank
Sector: Banking
UAE

Profile

John Iossifidis, Chief Executive Officer of Noor Bank, has over 33 years of international banking and leadership experience gained in Australia, Asia and the Middle East, with three major institutions, namely ANZ, Standard Chartered and Mashreqbank. His extensive banking and leadership experience covers country and broader functional geographic roles with well-rounded knowledge and a focus on Wholesale Banking, Strategic Planning, Change Management, Mergers and Acquisitions and Integration. Prior to joining Noor Bank, Iossifidis, was Executive Vice President and Group Head of Corporate and Investment Banking, at Mashreqbank. Under his direction, the bank developed an award winning industry based approach to the market. Before running Mashreq's corporate business, he led the International Banking franchise, from 2009 to early 2015. During his tenure, the contribution of the International Banking franchise grew from single digits to more than 25% of the bank's bottom line – the most of any UAE bank. Earlier, John was with Standard Chartered Bank as a Regional Head of Origination and Client Coverage and Co-Head of the Wholesale Bank, responsible for business performance and client relationships across the Middle East and North Africa and as Head of Strategy for the bank's Global Wholesale Banking business, based in Singapore. John served in a variety of roles at ANZ for 16 years, which included corporate banking, strategy, project management and finance, and Country Manager in Sri Lanka. John holds an MBA and a BEc in Accounting, from Monash University, in Australia, and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Bankers.



Muhaimin Iqbal

Co Founder

I grow

Sector: Fintech
Indonesia

Profile

I'm agricultural engineer but had spent about twenty years in finance, so when I return to Agricultural sector at age of 45 – I can bring all of this finance background into agricultural sector. In the last ten years, I have been trying to provide solution for agricultural and food self sufficiency problem in the biggest Muslim population country Indonesia. We are solving main problems in agricultural sector like access to the market, skills, capital, usury, credit shark and middlemen. These effort is now start giving promising result. We manage to solve problem involving about 1,500 hectares land, 2,500 farmers and growing fast. Due to this achievement World Summit on Information Society – under United Nation – give as a prestigious award as the Champion on E-Agriculture, on our effort to support SDGs goals no 2, i.e : Zero Hunger 2030. Success of this effort have given us a "small win" to address other problems of society. In 2014 we develop what we call Indonesia Startup Center (ISC) and myself as the main founder, the purpose is to grow fast-track solution for various society problems. From this ISC body born numbers of startup companies with global recognition like iGrow.Asia (Champion of South East Asia region – World Cup Startup), Homade.id (Big Three of Istanbul Startup 2017) etc.,



Bernadette Ruth Irawati Setiady

CEO & President Director

Kalbe Farma

Sector: Healthcare & Pharma
Indonesia

Profile

Benadette earned a Master's of Science Degree from the Faculty of Food Science, Cornell University. Ms. Bernadette Ruth Irawati Setiady has been President Director of PT Kalbe Farma Tbk since May 26, 2008. She earned a Master of Science Degree from the Faculty of Food Science, Cornell University. In 1987, she began her career as Product Manager at PT Bukit Manikam Sakti, the Infant Food Division of PT Kalbe Farma, and then in 1989 moved to PT Sanghiang Perkasa, a Health Food Subsidiary of PT Kalbe Farma, as marketing Manager. In February 1992 she returned to nurture & build PT Bukit Manikam Sakti, as President Director and later on became Vice President for Manufacturing and HRD at Helios Foods, a consolidation unit of the Whole Foods Division of PT Kalbe Farma Tbk. From 1994 until the present, following the spin-off of PT Bukit Manikam Sakti, she has held the position of President Director of PT Sanghiang Perkasa, which became the Nutritionals Division of Kalbe. At PT Kalbe Farma Tbk., she started her career in 1997 as marketing Director of Ethical and OTC Businesses, where she served until 2005, and in 2006 after the merger, she was appointed as Director for Corporate Strategy and Business Development. In 2008, she was appointed as President Director of PT Kalbe Farma Tbk. Currently she also serves as President Director of PT Sanghiang Perkasa, Director of Asiawide Kalbe Philippines Inc., President Commissioner of PT Kalbe Morinaga Indonesia, and Commissioner of PT Enseval Putera Megatrading Tbk.



Harris Irfan
Managing Director

Cordoba Capital
Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

Harris Irfan is the managing director of Cordoba Capital. Cordoba Capital was originally set up in the UAE in 2011 as a boutique Islamic finance consulting firm. It was subsequently acquired by the Rasmala group, a London-headquartered financial services firm that operates across the Middle East, to provide both in-house and external Islamic finance advice and audit services. In 2017, Cordoba Capital relocated to the UK as an independent corporate finance, Islamic finance and ethical finance advisory boutique. An investment banker with over two decades experience in London and the Middle East, Harris Irfan was a co-founder of Deutsche Bank's world leading Islamic finance team where he led some of the most ground-breaking deals in the industry, and became CEO of its Islamic finance subsidiary. He was subsequently appointed global head of Islamic finance at Barclays and then head of investment banking at Rasmala group. Harris is widely recognized as one of the world's leading authorities on Islamic finance and is the author of the critically acclaimed best-seller, *Heaven's Bankers: Inside the Hidden World of Islamic Finance*. He appears frequently in the media, including with the BBC, CNN, Sky News, CNBC, Bloomberg, Reuters and the Financial Times.



Dr. Mohamed Issa
President & CEO

Noor Pharmaceuticals
Sector: Healthcare & Pharma
USA

Profile

Dr. Mohamed Issa started his career in pharmaceuticals at Genentech as a manager working on commercializing drugs for infectious diseases after receiving his doctorate in pharmacology from St. John's University. In 2007 he joined Pfizer to lead their neuroscience team responsible for annual revenues in excess of \$800 million dollars working in disease states such as bipolar, depression and schizophrenia. While at Pfizer Dr. Issa assumed roles of increasing responsibilities including leading US and global marketing teams as well as mergers and acquisitions for Pfizer's specialty care portfolio. In 2012, Dr. Issa was recruited by Johnson and Johnson to lead the launch of a cure for Hepatitis C. During his tenure at Pfizer and J&J, Dr. Issa started and completed his MBA at NYU stern school of business with a focus on economics and finance and while at Stern he reunited with Muslim doctors to start Noor Pharmaceuticals, the first and only US based halal pharmaceutical company and makers of NoorVitamins™. As CEO, Dr. Issa led Noor to become the premier halal vitamin company in the world by leading the organization through seed and investor financing, launching NoorVitamins™ both in the US and select global markets and contract negotiations with major retailers. Today, NoorVitamins™ are found in several hundred pharmacies across the US including select Walgreen's, Whole Foods, Duane Reade Stores. Finally, Noor recently partnered with Vitamin Angels, the leading nonprofit vitamin distribution agency in the world to develop and distribute Halal prenatal vitamins to countries in need.



Abdessamad Issami
CEO

Umnia bank
Sector: Banking
Morocco

Profile

Mr. Abdessamad Issami is since 2016, the Chief Executive Officer of Umnia Bank. He holds a certificate in finance from HEC Paris, a Master in Business Administration from Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées and a Master in Industrial Engineering from the Mohammedia School of Engineers. Indeed, he has managed several companies and bank during the last two decades. Mr. Abdessamad Issami was Investment Banking Director at Banque Centrale Populaire, and between 2008 and 2016, He served as Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer at CDG Capital (Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion).



K M M Jabir
CEO

Richard Pieris Finance LTD
Sector: Financial Services
Sri Lanka

Profile

Mr. Jabir was the former Deputy General Manager-Operations of Peoples Leasing and Finance PLC. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce, and is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Bankers, Member of Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM) and a finalist of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK. He is also a panel lecturer of the Institute of Bankers, Sri Lanka. He counts over 29 years experience in the finance sector, including commercial banking, merchant banking and leasing. He was the pioneer in setting up the Islamic Finance Unit 'Al Safa' of People's Finance PLC. He was holding very senior positions in various financial institutes in his career. He possesses a wide array of experiences in financial services.



Sohail Jaffer
Group Partner & Head of IBD

FWU Group
Sector: Financial Services
Luxembourg

Profile

Sohail Jaffer is a Partner and Head of International Business Development for “white label” Bancassurance and investment services within the FWU Group, an international financial services group focusing on innovative and customised product design in the field of unit-linked investments and family takaful investment-linked plans for international markets. Mr. Jaffer has successfully originated, negotiated and won several major bancassurance deals in the GCC region, Pakistan and Malaysia. He has written extensively on alternative investments and has edited several Euromoney publications on hedge funds, multi-manager strategies, Investing in the MENA region as well as six books in the Euromoney Islamic finance series including Retail banking, Asset management, Takaful, Wealth management, Investment banking, Sukuk, and a CPI publication on investing in the GCC markets. Mr. Jaffer is a member of the Asset Management Advisory Committee, the Middle East Working Group and the Hedge Fund Committee of ALFI. He is also a member of LFF Islamic Finance Working Group



Siddika Jaffer

Founder & CEO

Halal Dining Club

Sector: Halal Industry
UK

Profile

Siddika is a strategy, innovation and marketing consultant by background having worked for and advised some of the largest multi-nationals from Procter & Gamble to Unilever, Nestle, Coca Cola, Cadbury's and more. Her speciality is identifying emerging consumer trends and developing new products and services to capture the resulting growth opportunities. She is currently Founder and CEO of The Halal Dining Club - a one stop digital solution for halal diners looking to discover, book, review and get loyalty rewards from restaurants. Recently featured in Forbes as one of the Top 5 Apps for Muslims, their app also went to the top of the Playstore and was a trending app. She is passionate about business and philanthropy and believes wholeheartedly in for profit businesses playing a pivotal role in social good and this principle is applied to the Halal Dining Club where users are awarded charity points for making a booking or leaving a review and these can then be donated to a food or water related cause. She holds a First Class degree from Kings College London in Business Management and a Masters in Innovation from Singapore Management University where she made Dean's List and also hold certificates from Stanford in Entrepreneurship. She also qualified as a Mediator sitting at the Supreme Court of Singapore. Siddika acts as a mentor to a number of start-ups and is a public speaker on the topics of entrepreneurship, the halal economy and consumer trends.



Waleed Jahangir
CEO

Algebra consulting
Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

With over 20 years experience in developing and engaging communities via a range of projects and multi platforms, Waleed has become a specialist in connecting brands and organisations with emerging consumer markets internationally. The past five years has seen Waleed playing a particular focus on the Halal Economy, where he has created some of the projects aimed at the Muslim consumer market; London Muslim Lifestyle Show and London Halal Food Festival. Both of these events have become a landmark event within the UK halal market, and are continuing to grow each year. Waleed's company, Algebra Consulting, aims to provide a bridge between the mainstream and Muslim markets, and his sheer passion, drive and determination to grow the worldwide halal economy is pioneering this connection in the UK and around the world. He has now become the number one go to for any brand or organisation looking to work in the UK Halal market. Waleed's ethos can be summarised by Albert Einstein's famous quote, "try not to become a man of success, rather become a man of value". This is something he has clearly taken to heart, letting his actions within the industry speak louder than his words. Already Waleed has seen many big names seeking his advice and consultation, including DIEDC, American Embassy, London Mayor's Office and the BBC. With many more exciting ventures in the pipeline over the next few years, it's clear his gift for making things happen is speaking volumes. As Waleed says, the Halal Economy can simply not be ignored anymore.



Y. Bhg. Dato' Seri Jamil Bidin
CEO

Halal Industry Development Corporation Sdn
Bhd (HDC)

Sector: Government & Associations
Malaysia

Profile

Dato' Seri Jamil Bidin, aged 57, is the CEO of Halal Industry Development Corporation Sdn Bhd (HDC). He is a graduate in Accountancy and also holds a Master Degree in Business Administration (Finance) from the United Kingdom. He started his career as an Accountant with Rothmans of Pall Mall (M) Berhad in 1984 and has over the years, acquired extensive experience in auditing, corporate finance and financial management in various positions in public listed companies such as C.I. Holding Berhad, Arab Malaysian Group and Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad. In year 2002, he was made the CEO of Putera Capital Berhad, a main board public listed company with activities in manufacturing, construction, property development and engineering. Prior to his appointment as the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of HDC, he was the Corporate Advisor of KUB Malaysia Berhad; a main board conglomerate with business in information and communication technology, education and training, food beverage and events, energy, property development and construction. With more than 30 years involvement in the corporate sector, he has been appointed on the Board of several companies in various industries such as financial services, government link companies, aviation and aerospace, investment holding company etc. With his vast experience and expertise, he was appointed by the Prime Minister of Malaysia on 16 August 2006 to lead HDC; a wholly owned company of Ministry of Finance which was established on 18th September 2006; to develop the halal industry with a mission of making Malaysia as the Global Halal Hub.



Marcos S. Jank
CEO

Asia-Brazil Agro Alliance (ABAA)
Sector: Food & Beverages
Singapore

Profile

Marcos S. Jank is the CEO of Asia-Brazil Agro Alliance a newly formed organization that unites three Brazilian agribusiness associations. He is also a member of the board of Trustees of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Marcos Sawaya Jank, an executive with 25 years of professional and academic experience in the agribusiness area, he was Global Executive Director for Corporate Affairs at BRF, reporting directly to the company's CEO. A graduate in agronomy engineering from ESALQ-USP, Jank has a Master's degree in agricultural economics completed in Montpellier-France, a doctorate from FEA-USP and an habilitation 'Livre Docência' from ESALQ. For nearly 20 years, he was associate professor at the Universidade de São Paulo (ESALQ and FEA), also working for the International Development Bank (IDB) and in European and American universities. During his career, Jank was president of the Sugar Cane Industry Association (UNICA) from 2007 to 2012, founder of the Institute for International Trade Negotiations (ICONE) and an executive partners at Plataforma Agro. He sits on various boards in Brazil and overseas and has spearheaded projects for the World Bank, FAO, OECD and other international organizations. Among the various awards made during his career are: Dinheiro Rural magazine's 100 most influential personalities in Brazilian agribusiness of 2012; ABERJE Award for the best corporate communication campaign in Brazil in 2011 for the Agora Project for the sugar-energy agribusiness chain; 100 most influential personalities in Brazil awarded by Época magazine and "Agronomist Engineer of the Year" in 2007.



Shelina Janmohamed

Vice President

Ogilvy

Sector: Media, Events & IT
United Kingdom

Profile

Shelina Janmohamed is vice president of Ogilvy Noor, the world's first bespoke communications consultancy for building brands with Muslim audiences, part of the global Ogilvy & Mather network. She was named one of the UK's 100 most powerful Muslim women. The Institute of Practitioners in Advertising named her as one of the 'Future Female Leaders of British Advertising'. Ogilvy Noor has worked on advising brands from large global businesses like Unilever all the way to smaller startups, across all communications disciplines and categories. Her term "Generation M" has given name and voice to the key consumer audience for the Islamic economy. It is also the title for her recent book, *Generation M: Young Muslims Changing the World?*, which is an acclaimed exploration of a rising group of global Muslims who believe that faith and modernity go hand in hand, and that they are going to have a disproportionate influence on our future world. She is also the bestselling author of *Love in a Headscarf*, a memoir about growing up as a British Muslim woman. Shelina is an established commentator on Muslim social and religious trends, particularly around young Muslims and Muslim women, and writes for *Daily Telegraph*, the *Guardian*, the *National* and the *BBC*. She lives in London. "We are at an incredibly exciting moment in the development of the Islamic economy. The key is to recognise that the Muslim consumer is as sophisticated and nuanced as any other, and that we must apply the same marketing discipline towards understanding and serving them. In our excitement at the growth of this economy we must be mindful to ensure that Muslim consumers' voices are heard, responded to and championed. That's the aim of the work we do, and ultimately how we will grow a creative, insightful and successful industry."



Hassan Amin Jarrar
CEO

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB)
Sector: Banking
Bahrain

Profile

Mr. Hassan Amin Jarrar has been the Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Islamic Bank B.S.C. since July 1, 2015. Mr. Jarrar served as the Chief Executive Officer for Bahrain at Standard Chartered PLC from December 1, 2011 to July 1, 2015. He joined Standard Chartered Bank in 2007. He served as the Chief Executive of Standard Chartered Bank Of Bahrain from December 2011 to July 1, 2015. Prior to this, he served as the Head of Origination and Client Coverage, wholesale banking at Standard Chartered Bank's UAE office. His experience in the Middle East coupled with his solid track record as a Wholesale banker further reinforces Standard Chartered PLC 's aim to build Bahrain as one of the gateways to the region while positioning Bahrain's unique proposition to the wider markets. He is an experienced Banker with over 27 years in the financial industry. Mr. Jarrar has served a number of senior positions in the USA and the UAE including roles at Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Mashreq Bank, Bank of America and Security Pacific Bank. Mr. Jarrar has been a Director of Bahrain Association of Banks since March 25, 2013.



Ihsan Jawad
Managing Partner Dubai

Middle East Venture Partners
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Mr. Ihsan Jawad is a Managing Partner of Middle East Venture Partners. Mr. Jawad is a Partner at HBT Ventures. Prior to HBT Ventures, Mr. Jawad founded Zawya Limited in 2000 and served as its Chief Executive Officer until 2010. He also served as a Vice Chairman of Zawya Limited since 2010 and serves as its Director. At Zawya, he oversaw the Zawya Limited's tremendous growth from start-up phase to becoming the leading business information services company in the MENA region. He left Zawya in 2010. He worked at Thomson Reuters, exiting in 2012 to co-found HoneyBee Tech Ventures. Prior to Zawya, he served as an Investment Banker at Merrill Lynch and previously, at Citigroup (formerly Schroeders). He is a Founding Board Member of the Gulf Venture Capital Association. He has a keen interest in regional entrepreneurship. Mr. Jawad received a B.Sc. and Masters in Physics from Imperial College, London.



Mohamed Jinna
Chairman

United World Halal Development
Sector: Education & Advisory
Singapore

Profile

Founding Chairman of United World Halal Development, Singapore, holding his Bachelor Degree in Computer Science and a Master in Telecommunication & Networking from Baharathidasan University, India. He has also pursued his Advanced Diploma in E-commerce from Singapore and Diploma in Islamic banking, Finance from UK and a Certified in Halal Auditing and Shari'ah Compliance from Malaysia. He is a dynamic personality who is pioneering the new evolution of alternate business strategies globally and more of in connection with "Halal – A Global Perspective of Health & Hygiene". Being an Out-of-Box thinker he has setup a consortium of business across various nations and holding various honorable positions in global Halal Industry. More than 35 Nation's Government invited him to give speeches, attended global conferences, presented research papers and taken part in various discussions with various global leaders, government officials and eminent personalities. Numerous awards and honors throughout his career are a testament to his leadership skills and impact. He is constantly thriving towards the development of the concept "Halal" globally in business perspective and a way of peaceful living for fellow human being as well. Mohamed has initiated & worked for "World Halal Day" concept with 4 noble principles – Food for All, United Against Hunger, One Human Community, Preserve the Nature, identified and the opportunities around the World and implemented it in Halal way of life – Banking , F&B Processes, generated viable ideas for Global Halal Friendly Tourism & Halal Medical Tourism, and introduced a Halal Certificate Tracking System.



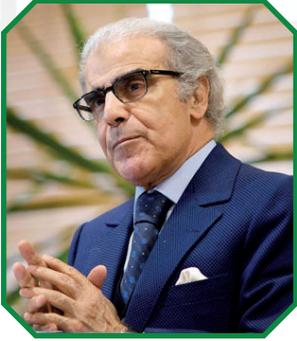
Kim Muhammad Ibrahim Jinwoo

President

Korea Halal Association
Sector: Food & Beverages
Korea

Profile

Mr. Kim Jin Woo is the President of Korea Halal Association. 'Korea Halal Association' has been provided halal information in Korea, based on strong Muslim network including Halal Hub Malaysia and many other countries. They raise awareness and disabuse misunderstanding of Halal in Korea. They provide customers not only halal certification and consulting service but also exhibition marketing and seminar for occupying 1600 million Muslim market.



Abdellatif Jouhri
CEO

Bank al maghrib
Sector: Banking
Morocco

Profile

Mr. Abdellatif Jouhri serves as the Chairman and Governor of Bank Al Maghrib. At the same time, he holds the positions of Chancellor at Université Al-Akawayn (Morocco), Chairman of the Board of Directors at Ubac Curaçao N.V., Vice Chairman of the Board and Director at Maroc Lear, Director of Union de Banques Arabes et Françaises S.A.-U.B.A.F, Director at Fonds Hassan II, U.B.A.F. (France). He served as a Director of British Arab Commercial Bank Public Limited Company (alternate name, British Arab Commercial Bank Ltd.) from April 23, 2003 to April 30, 2010.



Vilma Jurkute

Director

Alserkal Avenue

Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics
UAE

Profile

Vilma holds a degree in International Business from Grenoble Graduate School of Business in France, and over the past 10 years, she has lived and worked in New York, Chicago, London and Dubai garnering extensive experience in the field of business with a particular focus on the development of creative industries. As Director of Alserkal Avenue, Vilma has been instrumental in its evolution to becoming a curated community, which includes leading creative talent in the region since 2011. Situated within the industrial quarter of Al Quoz in Dubai, Alserkal Avenue is a home to twenty creative and arts spaces. Since 2007 the Avenue has grown organically in tandem with the Middle East's burgeoning arts scene to become the foremost arts and cultural hub of Dubai and the UAE. Tucked away in a warehouse complex amongst mechanical and industrial servicing workshops one uncovers ten Contemporary art galleries in Alserkal Avenue, each representing an individual artist programme and identity.



Prof. Dr. Gani Jusuf
CEO

Noorcoin
Sector: Fintech
Singapore

Profile

Dr. Jusuf is currently Chief Executive Officer at NoorCoin, a company that has launched the world's first Sharia compliant utility token. Mr. Jusuf served as independent board of director at PowerByProxi and was the CEO and co-founder of Axonne Inc. In addition, he served as Marvell Technology Group Vice President of Product Development for Communications and Consumer Business Group from 2000 to 2014. In fact, he joined Marvell when he was founded in 1995 as an initial member of the founding team, where he was director of engineering and responsible for the development of storage products. Previously, Mr. Jusuf held senior technical and management positions at Agilent Technologies and Hewlett-Packard. He is a veteran and inventor of Silicon Valley and has many patents under his name. His research has been inspired and mentioned by other scientists. Finally, he has BS, MS and PhD degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, USA.



Kamel Kabtane

Président de la mosquée de Lyon

Argml (Association Rituelle de la Grande
Mosquée de Lyon)

Sector: Government & Associations
France

Profile

Kamel Kabtane was born in Khenchela, Algeria. Son of a business who founded the first taxi company in Algeria. In 1968 he decided to go with his mother in France, Lyon. Kamel started working in Lyon as a water meter reader. Very soon he became a natural interlocutor to the North Africans. In 1980, Rabah Khelif, Kamel Kabtane et Mohamed Tahar have created the « association culturelle lyonnaise islamo-française » (ACLIF) whose mission is to raise funds for the construction of the mosque. On September 30th 1994 the mosque was inaugurated by Charles Pasqua, Minister for Religious Affairs, Michael Black, Mayor of Lyon, the ambassador of Saudi Arabia and the civil and religious authorities. Since March 1998 he is the Rector of the Mosque of Lyon and President of ARGML (Association Rituelle de la Grande Mosquée de Lyon). Kamel Kabtane has decided to devote his life to Islam.



Dr. Monzer Kahf

Contemporary Islamic Economist/academic

Islamic Research & Training Institute (IRTI)

Sector: Education & Advisory
USA

Profile

Monzer Kahf has a strong training and knowledge of Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh) and Islamic Studies. He started at the University of Damascus, Syria where he got his Bachelor in Business. He got his High Diploma in Social and Economic Planning at the UN Institute of Planning in Damascus and he got his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Utah in USA. He has started his career as instructor at the School of Business, University of Damascus. He has been Auditor at the Government State Audit Office in Damascus (1963 – 1971), Teaching Assistant at the Department of Economics, University of Utah, Salt Lake City (1971 – 1975), Director of Finance at the Islamic Society of North America in Plainfield, Indiana (1975 – 1981) and then he opened his Private Business in New York (1981 – 1985) working as financial and investment consultant. He then has been appointed Senior Research Economist at Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI). He was professor at School of Shari'ah, Yarmouk University, Jordan. He wrote 35 books and booklets on different fields. He wrote more than 100 articles on Islamic finance and economics... Monzer is very active in associations, like International Association of Islamic Economics, founding member of Association of Muslim Social Scientists of Canada, and he was part of the American Economic Association. He worked as an independent Consultant and Trainer on Islamic Economy. He won from the President of Syria Award for the best University Graduating Student in 1962 and IDB Prize for Islamic Economics.



Dr. Mohammed Kaiseruddin

Chairman

Iman Fund

Sector: Financial Services
USA

Profile

Dr. Mohammed Kaiseruddin is the Chairman of the Council. He is one of the founders of CIOGC and was elected its first Chairman in 1992. Currently, he is also the Vice Chairman of Downtown Islamic Center and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Iman Fund. He has been the President of Muslim Community (MCC) and served the Chicago Muslim community in various capacities for the past 40 years. He is called upon regularly to give Friday khutbahs and speak on Islamic topics. His interests include Islamic education, intrafaith and interfaith and civic engagement. Professionally, he has a Ph.D in Nuclear Engineering and is a manager at a consulting engineering company.



H.E. Sheikh Saleh Kamel

Chairman and Founder

Dallah albaraka Holding Co.

Sector: Financial Services

UAE

Profile

Sheikh Saleh Abdilllah Kamel is a highly respected businessman with a lifetime of experience spanning more than 50 years. Sheikh Kamel completed his education at Riyadh University, graduated from the Faculty of Commerce. He joined the Saudi Ministry of Finance. He is the founder of Dallah Al Baraka Group, a conglomerate with interests in Islamic banking, real estate development and food production. Sheikh Saleh is also the founder of al Baraka Group: which operates Islamic banks throughout the Middle East, as well as in Pakistan and Indonesia. Saleh Kamel is recognized as one of the pioneers in Islamic Finance. He has written many articles, and continues to lecture widely on the topic. Currently he is the Chairman of the following organizations: General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions, Jeddah Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Dallah Al Baraka Holding Company. Sheikh Saleh Kamel has been awarded the highest of certificates, trophies and accolades by many countries and organizations over his lifetime. Just to mention a few of them: Government of Dubai, Islamic Banker Award in 1995, Islamic Development Bank, King Abdul Aziz First Order Decoration in 2001, for Distinguished Saudi Businessman and Honorary Doctorate, Lake Hurst University, USA in 2003. He is estimated to be worth about \$5.3 billion, ranking number 12 on Arabian Business list of richest Arabs 2008 and Kamel is known as «the Father of Contemporary Islamic Finance», receiving Malaysia's Royal Award for Islamic Finance in November 2010.



Ramlie Kamsari
CEO

Nomura Islamic Asset management
Sector: Financial Services
Malaysia

Profile

Ramlie is the CEO of Nomura Islamic Asset Management, the global hub for Islamic asset management businesses for Nomura Asset Management Group internationally. Ramlie has extensive experience in the global capital markets and financial services industry, spanning over 20 years in Singapore and Malaysia. He served CIMB group for more than 10 years in several senior positions; including CEO & ED of CIMB-Principal Islamic Asset Management, CEO & ED of CIMB-Howden Insurance Brokers, CEO & ED of CIMB Futures and Director & Head, Islamic Equity Markets & Derivatives. During that period, he was involved in several landmark deals and transactions such as: Islamic IPOs for Zhulian Corporation, Sarawak Plantations, Hap Seng Plantations and Sime Darby (the largest IPO globally at the time of listing), the award-winning Khazanah USD850m Exchangeable Sukuk, the 1st Shariah-compliant ETF (FBM Dow Jones Islamic ETF), the 1st Shariah-compliant commodity trading platform for Islamic liquidity management (Bursa Suq As-Sila'), the establishment of the world's first Islamic UCITS platform (domiciled in Dublin), and the launch of 3 pioneering Islamic UCITS Equity Funds. He is also a regular speaker on Islamic Asset Management; Shariah and Socially Responsible Investing at international conferences. Most recently, he was a Mentor & Speaker for the Cambridge Islamic Finance Leadership Programme at Clare College. Ramlie holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Western Sydney and a Graduate Diploma in Financial Management from Singapore Institute of Management. He has also attended the Wharton Leadership Development Program at The Wharton School, and INSEAD Leadership Program.



Datuk Noripah Kamso
Co Chairman Islamic Finance Industry Council

Malaysia US Chamber Of Commerce
Sector: Financial Services
Malaysia

Profile

Datuk Noripah Kamso is currently the Co Chairman Islamic Finance Industry Council at Malaysia US Chamber Of Commerce. She was the former Advisor of CIMB Islamic and the founding Chief Executive of CIMB-Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd. In support of Malaysia's aspiration to be a global Islamic financial hub, she has successfully since 2008 lead CIMB-Principal Islamic's further footprints into UK, Europe, GCC, Asia, USA and Australia. Since 2004, she also transformed CIMB-Principal Asset Management to become a regional asset management house. She pioneered the listing of the world's first Regional ASEAN Exchange traded Fund, "CIMB ASEAN 40 ETF" listed in Singapore in 2007. She was listed in the Top 10 Women in Islamic finance by the Dubai-based publication Islamic Business & Finance. She was deemed winner of the "marketing Personality of the Year" award by Asia Asset Management for the Asia Pacific region, CEO of The Year for Malaysia in 2007 and Personal Achievement award for contribution to Islamic asset management by International Takaful Summit. She is a member of the Honor Society for International Scholars. In 2014, University Utara Malaysia honors her as an Adjunct Professor under the School of Economic, Finance & Banking. Acknowledging that Islamic asset management is an infant industry, she published numerous articles internationally. Her second book "Investing in Islamic Funds. A Practitioner's Perspective" published by Wiley & Sons in 2013. She was conferred The State Award, which carries the title "Datuk" for her contribution to society and her accomplishment in Islamic asset management.



Mishal Hamed Kanoo

Chairman

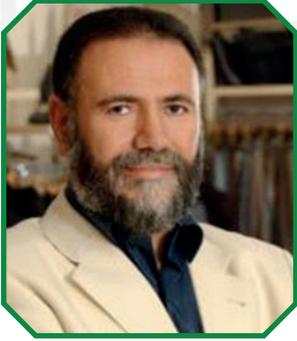
Kanoo Group

Sector:

UAE

Profile

Mishal Kanoo serves as the Chairman of The Kanoo Group, one of the largest, independent and longest running family owned groups of companies in the Gulf region. He is also one of the most iconic business figures in the Middle East, featured on various magazines and listed in 'Top 100 Powerful Arabs 2013', 'The 15 Wealthiest Arab Businessmen in the World 2012', among others. Mishal Kanoo is a frequent speaker at conferences and has a reputation of a futurist and strategist with a strong track record in forecasting economic developments in the Middle East. Some of his speaking engagements include Forbes's Middle East Forum in Qatar, World Summit of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Dubai, The International Herald Tribune's CEO Round-table in Malaysia, and other related business and social affairs in Europe, US, and so on. Mishal Kanoo adheres to family values and ideals in pursuit for quality and excellence which therefore greatly influenced his corporate policies and goals for The Kanoo Group as a reputable company. It is a generation of success, growth and stability. Over the years, Kanoo family has always been associated with the progress and development of the entire region combined with a sense of philanthropy.



Mustafa Karaduman

CEO

Tekbir

Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics
Turkey

Profile

Mustafa Karaduman, 51, owner of Tekbir, a Turkish fashion brand that manufactures clothing for devout Muslim women, Istanbul. He is the founder of this alternative female Islamic clothing line and has 22 stores around Turkey. Mustafa Karaduman, the CEO of Turkey's largest Islamic-style clothing chain, TekbirGiyim, takes his faith one step further, eschewing revealing fashions that conflict with a strict Muslim lifestyle. He would like his multimillion-dollar clothing empire to dress more women in Islamic style, but his hopes are wasted on Turkey's top model, Tugba Ozay, who dons the headscarf for the annual Tekbir fashion show, but quickly changes into her own miniskirt afterward.



Yusuf Karsi
CEO

Kazakhstan Ijara Company (KIC Leasing)
Sector: Financial Services
Kazakhstan

Profile

Yusuf Karsi was graduated in economics from Istanbul University in 1987, he is a banking professional with 27 years of extensive experience accumulated through working in a variety of positions from Specialist to Assistant General Manager in highly reputable organizations. Deeply knowledge on Corporate and SME Banking, Trade Finance, M&A and Project Finance, with enriched perspective on Investment Banking are a brief scope of the experience in the career. After having experiences in conventional banking, his journey continues with Islamic banking as being CEO of KIC Leasing, first sharia compliant leasing company in Kazakhstan, since 2013.



Mohammed Kateeb

Group Chairman & CEO

Path Solutions

Sector: Financial Technology

Kuwait

Profile

Mohammed Kateeb is an established leader, known for being results-driven, dynamic and highly entrepreneurial. He has a diverse experience in building businesses, teams and identifying and capitalizing on market opportunities for over 30 years in the USA, UK and the Middle East. Before joining Path Solutions, Kateeb has spent 11 years as an executive with Microsoft. He is also known as a key contributor to the region Telecommunication, Media and Information Technology industry. Currently, Kateeb serves as member of the Board of Trustees of IRTI, an affiliate of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB) that focuses on developing a technology-enabled Islamic financial services sector leveraging state-of-the-art technology to mainstream Islamic economics and finance knowledge. Winner of the 'GIFA Advocacy Award 2018 (Islamic Financial Technology)', Kateeb was selected in 2018 among the 'Leaders of Islamic Economy in East Africa', and in 2017 he was granted the prestigious 'Leadership Award in Information Technologies & Media' by ISFIN, named three times among the 'Top 50 Most Influential Leaders Who Make the Islamic Economy' in ISLAMICA 500. Kateeb is the winner of 'Finance Monthly - CEO Award 2018', and recognized 'Gamechanger of the Year (Islamic Financial Technology)' in ACQ Global Awards 2018, honored by IFFSA with the '2016 Honorary Leadership Award', named among the 'Top 10 CEOs in Enterprise Software' in the 2016/17 CEO Insight Global Awards, in addition to being selected twice in 2018 & 2017 'Best Islamic Finance Technology CEO of the Year EMEA' by Global Banking & Finance Review, as well as 'Islamic Finance Technology CEO of the Year 2015' by Business Worldwide magazine. Kateeb is a regular speaker and has keynoted at many international summits on the subject of IT trends in the global financial services industry, and is an active member of the Islamic finance community.



Dr. Khaled Kawan

Group Head of Islamic Banking & Managing
Director

ABC Islamic Bank

Sector: Banking
Bahrain

Profile

Dr. Khaled Said Kawan holds Ph.D. (Doctorat D'Etat) in Banking Laws from University of Paris (Sorbonne), France. He has more than 25 years of banking experience, Dr. Kawan served at a Prime French Law firm in Paris. Dr. Kawan joined ABC in June 1991, and served as its Secretary. Dr. Kawan served as Group Legal Counsel of Bank ABC until December 2009. He has been the Group Chief Executive Officer of Bank ABC since October 2013. Dr. Kawan served as President of Bank ABC and also served as its Acting President and Chief Executive Officer from April 2013 to October 2013.



Rizvan Khalid

Senior Director

Euro Quality Lambs

Sector: Food & Beverages

UK

Profile

Rizvan is senior director of Euro Quality Lambs, the largest Muslim-owned lamb abattoir in Europe. The company supplies Halal lamb & mutton products to wholesalers and retailers in the UK and Europe with a particular focus on France. The business won the Al Rayan Bank sponsored British Muslim Business of the Year award 2015. Rizvan is a CPA by profession having qualified with PWC in 2004. He rejoined the family business in 2005 focusing on key strategic outcomes such as Quality Assurance, Halal production, animal welfare and sustainability. In 2011 he achieved an MSc Distinction in Meat Science & Technology. He has been appointed to several high-profile positions in the UK meat industry due to his expertise in Halal, exports and meat science. He is a strong supporter and advocate of Halal R&D and best-practice and regularly appears in the media dispelling the myths. In 2014 he provided expert insight to two separate UK Parliamentary groups about Halal from an industry, religious and scientific perspective. Rizvan is a strong believer in CSR and managing the business in an ethical Islamic manner. He created Euro Quality Charitable Trust, as a mechanism to purify earnings through Business Zakah and to cleanse Riba from the business. To date over £2m has been distributed to charity. The business is a strong supporter of Islamic banking and finance. It has built its own Masjid onsite with a full-time Alim leading the daily congregational prayers and offering evening Maktab classes for local children. An Alimah provides classes for ladies.



Mujtaba Khalid
Head of Islamic Finance

Bahrain Institute of Banking and finance (BIBF)
Sector: Education & Advisory
Bahrain

Profile

Mujtaba Khalid joined BIBF in 2015 and brings a diversified range of experience spanning government and private sector advisory, establishing effective governance frameworks, Islamic capital market products as well as conducting Islamic finance training and capacity building programmes. Mr. Khalid's experience includes working for the UK-based Islamic Finance Council where he was involved in developing the Islamic finance governance frameworks for central bank bodies, providing capacity building and training, structuring Islamic finance products for one of the UK's largest credit unions, providing investment strategy for Islamic Relief International's Waqf (trust) fund, research for the Scottish government on the viability of Sukuks to fund alternate energy projects among other work. He has also helped to establish the Centre of Islamic Finance at COMSATS Pakistan – one of Pakistan's largest public sector universities. At COMSATS he was part of the team that organised Pakistan's largest international Islamic finance conference. Mujtaba has a BSc (hons) from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and an MSc in Investment Analysis from The University of Stirling. He also has three professional Islamic finance qualifications which include the CIMA Islamic Finance Diploma, Islamic Banking and Finance qualification from the State Bank of Pakistan and the CIFP from INCEIF based in Malaysia.



Ahmed Irfan Khan

Founder & CEO

Barkaat Food

Sector: Food & Beverages
USA

Profile

Ahmed Irfan Khan is a highly motivated, success-driven business executive and energetic entrepreneur with a solid track record of driving growth, productivity, profits and customer satisfaction. Ahmed has over 20 years of experience in leadership roles and is the founder and CEO of Barkaat Foods – a Zabiha Halal meat packing plant and Taaza2u.com – a last mile supply chain service. Barkaat Foods, LLC is a zabiha halal slaughterhouse specializing in goat, lamb and veal. It is a B2B company that owns and operates a USDA facility in Chicago. TaazaDirect, LLC is a zabiha halal meat processor of raw and ready-to-cook food products that operates under the brand name “Taaza2u”. It plans to leverage its position and intellectual property and logistics experience to expand nationwide and open 20 more distribution centers in major metropolitan cities around the U.S. that have a high population density of Muslims. He is also the founder and CEO of UIS Consulting. Ahmed was an IT executive at Bank of America. Ahmed provided dedicated leadership for the LaSalle Bank, Countrywide Financial and Merrill Lynch acquisitions. He is a recognized expert in Off-Shoring and BPO initiatives; having delivered over \$500M in annual savings. Ahmed earned his MBA from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management in Evanston, IL, and his BS in Computing and Information Science from Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL, where he also earned the Roosevelt University Scholar award.



Alia Khan
Founder & Chairwoman

Islamic Fashion and Design Council
Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics
UAE

Profile

Based in Dubai, UAE, Alia Khan is the Founder and Chairwoman of Islamic Fashion and Design Council (IFDC), an organization established for the development of the Islamic fashion and design industry worldwide. With offices in 5 countries and growing rapidly to other countries, IFDC is the world's leading fashion and design (art, architecture, interiors, etc.) council representing the Islamic economy and its stakeholders. Raised in Canada and the USA, Alia worked on her own fashion creations with a fusion twist. Soon, she was producing her own independent media and marketing company in Los Angeles. Winning high profile clients like Procter and Gamble was what lead her to significant exposure. In 2005 Alia relocated from California to Dubai to complete several projects in the GCC and MENA region before moving to Jordan to further her Islamic studies at Qasid Institute. Today Alia's charity provides solutions through the aid of top educators and experts from around the world who've joined in her commitment to upgrade education systems and eradicate malnutrition. Along the way, Alia discovered great artistic and design talent, whom she has become a promotional voice for through IFDC. She has taught this course in several places. Alia has had the privilege of working with experts from around the world and is a recognized industry expert and speaker at top business forums, conferences, and events. She has been nominated business woman of the year by CEO Magazine and Entrepreneur of the Year by Gulf Business News.



Atif R. Khan
Managing Director

Ethica Institute of Islamic Finance
Sector: Education & Advisory
UAE

Profile

Atif R. Khan is Managing Director at Ethica. Previously he was Director of Islamic Finance at BankT&D. In addition to working closely with Islamic financial institutions on product development, Atif launched Ethica in 2002 while studying the Shariah sciences for five years in Pakistan, the last years of which were spent one-on-one with some of the world's leading Islamic finance bankers and scholars while developing Ethica's content. Prior to learning about the harms of conventional banking, his earlier finance experience included investment banking at Morgan Stanley in New York and London, executing over \$3 billion in transactions in several departments, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, equity capital markets, and debt capital markets. He went on to become Chief Financial Officer of Iprox Limited in London before pursuing his studies in Islamic finance. Atif earned a Bachelor's summa cum laude from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a Master's from Harvard University.



Sheikh Bilal Khan

Co-Chairman

Dome Advisory

Sector: Education & Advisory
UK

Profile

Sheikh Bilal Khan is Co-Chairman and Partner at Dome Advisor. He is the recipient of multiple industry awards and recognitions including being a Freeman of the City of London. Sheikh Bilal holds an MBA with various executive board positions and is known for his strategic leadership and executive management skills. Sheikh Bilal has recently been shortlisted as one of eight Positive Role Models for Race, Religion and Faith at the National Diversity Awards 2016. In his government business ambassadorial role as UK Government Department of Trade & Investment (DTI) Catalyst, Sheikh Bilal is promoting UK excellence internationally and the City of London in particular as a leading Islamic Finance hub. He serves as Senior Adviser to the Co-Chairman of both the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Islamic Finance and the APPG for Kazakhstan and is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Middle East Association as Special Adviser to the Chairman and CEO. Sheikh Bilal is also Vice Chairman of the International Panel of Mosaic (The Prince's Charities) which conducts the International Leadership Program for young leaders from 80 countries in addition to acting as Judge for both the DTI Sirius Programme for graduate entrepreneurs around the world and for the UK Asian Apprenticeship Awards. He is uniquely positioned as both a 'Magic Circle' English qualified lawyer and an award-winning Shari'ah Scholar. Sheikh Bilal also serves on the Shari'ah Standards Review Committee of the Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI).



Iqbal Khan
CEO

Fajr Capital
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Iqbal Khan is the Chief Executive Officer of Fajr Capital, a leading Islamic investment firm focused on high-growth OIC markets. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam, Jadwa Investment, MENA Infrastructure and National Petroleum Services. Previously, Mr Khan was the founding CEO of HSBC Amanah, the global Islamic financial services division of the HSBC Group. He is a long-time advocate of the Islamic financial services industry, serving as an advisor to government initiatives in Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science and International Relations and a B.Sc. (Hons) in Physics and Chemistry, both from Aligarh Muslim University. Mr Khan is the 2012 recipient of The Royal Award of Islamic Finance by HM the King of Malaysia, and was recognised for his "Outstanding Contribution to Islamic Finance" by Euromoney in 2006.



Dr. Tabassum Khan

Chairman

Aj vaccines

Sector: Healthcare & Pharma
Denemark

Profile

Dr. Tabassum Khan has had an eclectic career spanning healthcare and pharmaceutical industries. He is a Medical Doctor with an MBA in Finance and PhD in Healthcare Management. He is the founder and President of Stratgurur Consulting, headquartered at Dubai with offices in Malaysia and Europe, which conceives and manages projects in different sectors with special emphasis on halal industry. With more than 20 years of top management experience, he sits on the boards of large corporates including AJ Pharma Holding, Malaysia, where he officiates as the Managing Director for healthcare investments including vaccines, halal pharmaceuticals and nutraceuticals. He authors two books, 'Global Market Potential for Halal Vaccines' and 'Halal Bioeconomy: Developing a Bioeconomy in the Islamic World'. He were recognized to be first ever that laid emphasis on developing halal economy outside the ambit of Islamic finance. He is the Chairman of Faspiration, a flagship project for modest fashion and develops wardrobes for Muslim women travelling on vacation to Europe and North America, which also helps in integration of the sub groups into local populations during their stay. Dr. Khan is an ardent contributor to social initiatives, which includes poverty alleviation through application of Islamic social justice system, and his recent article in the official G7 journal titled 'The real world has real problems' attracted a lot of appreciation. He narrated and composed a music video titled, 'Don't throw your food away' as part of food wastage campaign, which was launched during the WIEF and aired on CNN in August 2016.



Dr. Tariqullah Khan
Professor of Financial Services

Hamad bin Khalifa University, Qatar
Foundation
Sector: Education & Advisory
Qatar

Profile

Dr. Khan has BA and MA Economics degrees from the University of Karachi and a PhD from Loughborough University UK. He also attended a number of Executive Programs such as London Business School: Strategic Management and the Leadership Challenge / Bank for International Settlements. Dr. Khan is currently a Professor in the Islamic Finance Program of HBKU-QFIS. He worked as the Division Chief of Islamic Banking and Finance at the Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI), Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Jeddah. At IRTI, he also officiated as Division Chief for Islamic Economics and Development Cooperation, and worked as Editor of the Islamic Economic Studies Journal. He was the Technical Anchor of the Ten-Year Framework and Strategies for the Development of Islamic Financial Services Industry - a joint IDB and Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) initiative - and Co-Leader of the IDB Islamic Financial Services Industry Development program of IDB and a member of the IFSB Working Group on Risk Management. He worked as a member of the Visiting Certification Commission, Ministry of Higher Education, UAE and as a member of the Judges Panel of the Islamic Economy Award UAE. He has contributed several research papers, conferences, presented papers and lectures, and edited conference proceedings. As President of the International Association for Islamic Economics he chaired the Academic Committees considered to be the world's most prestigious mega research forum on the subject. Dr. Khan also served as a Visiting Fellow at Harvard Law School in the summer of 2011.



Zulfiqar Ali Khan
Executive Vice President, Chief Risk Officer (CRO)

Afghanistan International Bank
Sector: Banking
Afghanistan

Profile

Zulfiqar Ali Khan is a pioneer Islamic banker, Economist and finance specialist, has worked hard for the development of Islamic banking and finance system. He started his carrier from the central bank of Afghanistan as Founding Head of Islamic banking in the country. He served as Working group member on (Guidelines and Standard for Islamic financial Institutions), Sukuk capital adequacy standard, Islamic Financial Service Board (IFSB) Malaysia, and remained Founding board member at Afghanistan Insurance association (AIA), Mr. Khan has remained Team manager Islamic banking product development, USAID, FAIDA. He was Focal point to International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Ministry of Finance and other Stakeholder on Issuance of SUKUK (bonds) Islamic capital market in Afghanistan. He was also Advisor to 17 commercial banks on establishment of Islamic banking windows including Micro Islamic financial institutions. Mr. Khan has established first Shariah Advisory Board at Da Afghanistan Bank (central bank). He drafted Islamic banking law of Da Afghanistan Bank, jointly with International Monetary Fund (IMF). He is holding Executive Head of Islamic banking Department at the Afghanistan International Bank (AIB). He studied at the International Islamic University Islamabad, hold Bachelor in Islamic Economics and a Master leading to M.Phil.(Islamic Banking & Finance), he also studied at KESDEE is based in San Diego in California, USA. He had made a Professional Certification, Professional Risk Management. Mr. Khan is PhD Islamic Finance candidate at The Global University of Islamic Finance (INCEIF).



Said Rahmani Khezri

Chairman

Digikala

Sector: Media, Events & IT
Iran

Profile

Said Rahmani is a global serial entrepreneur. He started his entrepreneurship journey when he left the big blue (IBM) in mid 90s to start his first startup, Pathlight Technology in NY, and extended his entrepreneurship experience into United Kingdom, mainland Europe, China, Canada and the Middle East. More recently, Said cofounded Sarava, the first technology investment company and fund in Iran, focused on investment in Internet and Ecommerce and incubation of technology startups since early 2012. Prior to this he was regional general manager, responsible for business strategy, strategic partnerships, investments, mergers and acquisitions and country operations.



Mohammed Khnifer
Product Structurer & Debt Capital Markets

Islamic Development Bank
Sector: Banking
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Hailed by the "Islamic Globe" as "Industry Stalwart" & Islamic Business & Finance magazine as "ever the honest voice in the industry", Mohammed Khnifer is regarded as part of a new generation of young Islamic banking practitioners, who comes with solid academic and professional background in Islamic finance and Debt Capital Market (DCM). He is also a Thought-Leader in the area of Islamic finance and Fixed-Income securities. Due to his credibility, he became, in 2017, the DCM Commentator for CNBC Arabiya, SkyNews Arabia, Al Arabiya & CNN Arabic. He is recognized by many as the Established Authority for DCM in GCC region. With highly rare combination of banking and Debt Capital Market-related Shariah knowledge and product structuring, Mr. Khnifer was interviewed by The ECONOMIST, CNN & the Financial Times. He was featured by Bloomberg/BusinessWeek as «Sukuk Structurer», FT as "Shariah Adviser" and Thomson Reuters as «Islamic DCM Banker». He brings a well-diversified international Islamic Debt Capital Market experience from his career at ICD. He was fortunate enough to be part of the pioneering team who delivered Africa's first sovereign sukuk to the international capital market (Senegal Sukuk) as well as the sovereign Sukuk issuance by Ivory Coast and Jordan. Mr. Khnifer is mostly remembered in the Islamic finance industry as the person who sparked the "Great Debate" over Goldman Sachs' Tawarruq Sukuk, resulting in postponing the issuance for 3 years. His experience with Goldman Sukuk was depicted in Harris Irfan's book: "Heaven's Bankers: Inside the Hidden World Of Islamic Finance". He joined the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group/ICD in early 2012.



Dr. Ezzedine Khoja
Chairman

Bank Zitouna
Sector: Banking
Tunisia

Profile

Dr. Ezzedine Khoja, Chief Executive Officer of Zitouna Bank is a recognized leader in Islamic Finance. He has a long regional and European experience and a rich Arabic and European education. Dr. Khoja officially joined Zitouna Bank in June 2012 after working as Secretary at the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI) where he left his finger prints in its foundation, performance and achievements. As a pioneering leader at prominent institution, Dr. Khoja helped to assess the proper foundations for research on Islamic Finance and training. He has over thirty years' experience of leading local and international research teams for the progress of local and global Islamic Finance. During this time, he has pioneered large-scale research on Islamic Banking that has provided the foundation for a new generation of thinking. His roles have included managing and publishing regulations and guidelines for Islamic Banks which changed the outlook of Islamic Finance. He published his famous first encyclopedia in the Islamic Finance. Dr. Ezzedine Khoja's ambition is to see Zitouna Bank available world wide through branches and offices in the near future. Banque Zitouna is the first Islamic bank in Tunisia and the Maghreb region (North Africa) with the capital of \$30 million, aiming at developing Islamic loan and saving products for businesses and individuals. Banque Zitouna was established in 2009 by the Tunisian businessman, Mohamed Sakher El Materi, Chairman of Princesse El Materi Holdings.



Mounir Khouzami

Co-founder & president

Swiss Arab Network

Sector: Government & Associations
Switzerland

Profile

Mr. Mounir Khouzami is co-founder and President of the Swiss Arab Network (SAN), a Swiss non-profit association that works to bridge gaps, promote sustainable exchange and increase mutual understanding among the Swiss and Arab people. He has worked for 10 years in the field of international wealth management and is currently a director at UBS as an internal strategy consultant. Mr. Khouzami began his career at Merrill Lynch in New York before becoming a consultant at Kurt Salmon, a global management consulting firm. He has a postgraduate degree in strategy and innovation from the Saïd Business School of Oxford University, a postgraduate degree in banking from the University of Bern and a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Zurich University of Applied Sciences.



Fateh Kimouche

Founder

Al-Kanz

Sector: Media, Events & IT
France

Profile

Fateh has created the Al Kanz website in 2006, he has been graduated in social sciences he is specialized in the halal questions and the French Muslim consumption. Al Kanz is a French media who speak about Muslim consumers and advise on good halal product in the French market. Many time, Al Kanz report about some scandal on the Halal industry in France. He is lecturer on the thematic of the Muslim consumer and the halal market and also consultant for the company who want to be near by the Muslim consumer. Fateh is also radio commentator at Pastel FM.



Yoshitaka Kitao
President & CEO

SBI holdings
Sector: Banking
Japan

Profile

Mr. Kitao graduated from Keio University with Degree in Economics in 1974 and received Economics Degree from Cambridge University (England) in 1978. Mr. Yoshitaka Kitao serves as the President of Premium Financial Services Co., Ltd. Mr. Kitao serves as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Akazukin Holdings Inc. He serves as Chief Executive Officer of SBI Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. He has been the Chief Executive Officer of SBI Mortgage Co., Ltd. since March 2014. He serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Soft Trend Capital Corporation. He has been the Chief Executive Officer at SBI Holdings, Inc. since June 2003 and has been its President since July 1999. He serves as Executive Chairman of SBI Holdings, Inc. Mr. Kitao has been the Chief Executive Officer of VeriTrans Inc. (alternate name, SBI VeriTrans Co. Ltd.).



Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay

Founder

Star Cruises

Sector: Trade & Tourism
Hong Kong

Profile

Tan Sri Lim holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from University of London. He attended the advanced management program of Harvard Business School. He was bestowed the highly prestigious national award, the Panglima Setia Mahkota, which carries the title ship of «Tan Sri» by the Yang Di Pertuan Agong of Malaysia on 1 June 2002. He joined the Genting Group in 1976 and is the Chairman and CEO of Genting Berhad and Genting Malaysia Berhad, as well as the CEO and Director of Genting Plantations Berhad, all listed on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. He is also the Chairman and CEO of Genting Hong Kong Limited, listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange as well as Chairman of Genting UK Plc. In addition, he sits on the boards of trustees of several charitable organizations in Malaysia. For his significant contributions to the leisure and travel industry, he has been named the «Travel Entrepreneur of the Year 2009» by Travel trade Gazette (TTG) Asia and «The Most Influential Person in Asian Gaming 2009» by Inside Asian Gaming. Tan Sri Lim was also appointed the Honorary Professor of Xiamen University in China in December 2007. He was appointed as a Visiting Professor of the UK-based Institute of Biomedical Engineering of Imperial College in London in October 2009. Tan Sri Lim is the co-founder of Genting Hong Kong Limited, formerly known as Star Cruises Limited. Star Cruises, and the Norwegian Cruise Line is the third largest cruise operator in the world.



Mohieddine Kronfol
CIO Global Sukuk & MENA fixed Income

Franklin Templeton Investments
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Mohieddine (Dino) Kronfol is a chief investment officer of Global Sukuk and MENA fixed income at Franklin Templeton Investments. Mr. Kronfol is responsible for the investment process, research and performance of the Global Sukuk and MENA Fixed Income teams. He is one of the founding partners and board member of Franklin Templeton Investments (ME), formerly Algebra Capital, and has been with the firm since its inception in 2006. He is the lead portfolio manager of the FTSE Global Sukuk Fund and FTIF GCC Bond Fund and a member of the Franklin Local Asset Management Team. He was previously the head of SHUAA Capital's Debt Asset Management where he launched and managed the first fund to focus exclusively on MENA debt. Mr. Kronfol holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and an M.B.A. from the American University of Beirut.



Nurlan Kussainov
CEO

Astana International Financial Center Authority
Sector: Government & Associations
Kazakhstan

Profile

Mr. Kussainov is a graduate of Stanford Graduate School of Business, Sloan Master Program, MS in Management (2009). He also holds a graduate degree in Economics from the Kazakh state Academy of Management (1997). Nurlan Kussainov was appointed as the CEO of AIFC Authority where he oversees Islamic finance strategic pillar among other pillars. Before that, he served as the Deputy Governor of Kazakhstan's National (Central) Bank where his role in developing Islamic finance industry. He was behind the creation of the laws on ijara, takaful, sovereign Sukuk, commodity murabaha, conventional to Islamic banks conversion, Constitutional law on AIFC establishment were adopted. National Bank of Kazakhstan became a full member of IFSB, AAOIFI and IIFM. In the years prior, he was the CEO of the Development Bank of Kazakhstan when in 2012 the first in CIS region quasi-sovereign Sukuk was successfully issued (240 million Malaysian Ringgits ~ USD 76 mln). He also was the chairperson of the Center for Marketing and Analytical Research, a government think tank as well as the managing partner at Al Falah Capital Partners. Mr. Kussainov served in several government positions as a researcher and adviser at the Agency of Strategic Planning of Kazakhstan, as seconded specialist at the Energy Charter Secretariat working with the IEA in Brussels, as an advisor at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Budget Planning of Kazakhstan and eventually as the Head of the WTO Accession Team at the office of Kazakhstan's Ministry of Industry and Trade in Geneva.



Dr. Abderrahmane Lahlou
CEO

ABWAB Consultants
Sector: Financial Services
Morocco

Profile

Abderrahmane LAHLOU is one of the key leaders in the field of Islamic Finance in Morocco and the region. He got his Ph.D in Management from Grenoble University, France, 1986, and a Certificate in Strategic Management from HEC Paris in 2011, then the Sharia Auditor and advisor accreditation from AAOFI in 2016. Dr.LAHLOU is the Founder of International Islamic Business & Finance Company in 1993. He also co-founded in 1991 Al Falah knitting Company, which initial financing was through the first Murabaha contract in Morocco with IDB. He was team leader of implementing the first Islamic Window in Morocco, through Wafabank. In 1996, He set up a Sharia Board Committee of Islamic Mutual Fund at WafaGestion and was member of it. He also founded Mundiapolis University, the first private University in the Kingdom of Morocco in 2008, and Al Madina International Schools in Casablanca in 1994. The financing of all these companies was experimentally Sharia compliant. Dr. LAHLOU has founded a consulting firm in 2011, operating in the fields of Islamic finance, organization and management, ABWAB Consultants. Academically, he is the author of four books on Islamic Economics & Banking and one book, being printed, on Management in Islam. He was co-editor of Iqtissaduna, a specialized Moroccan Magazine in Islamic Economics & Finance and presented papers and addresses in several international scientific and academic conferences all over the world. He was also General Delegate of the International Fair and Forum of Ethical and Participative (Islamic) Finance in Morocco, January 2017.



Prof. Dr. Mohamad Akram Laldin

Executive director

ISRA (The International Shari'ah Research
Academy for Islamic Finance)

Sector: Education & Advisory
Malaysia

Profile

Prof. Dr. Mohamad Akram Laldin is currently the Executive Director of ISRA. Prior to joining ISRA he was an Assistant Professor at the International Islamic University, Malaysia (IIUM). He was a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Sharjah, in UAE. At present, he is the Member of Bank Negara Malaysia Shari'ah Advisory Council (SAC), Member of Shariah Advisory Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Member of HSBC Amanah Global Shari'ah Advisory Board, Member of Yassar Limited (Dubai) Shari'ah Advisory Board, Member of EAB (London) Shari'ah Advisory Board, Chairman of Islamic Advisory Board of HSBC Insurance Singapore, Shari'ah Advisor to ZI Syariah Advisory Malaysia, Member of Shari'ah Advisory Council International Islamic Financial Market (IIFM), Bahrain, Committee member of AAOIFI Shari'ah Standards, Bahrain and other Boards locally and internationally. Dr. Akram holds a B.A. Honours degree in Islamic Jurisprudence and Legislation from the University of Jordan and a Ph.D. in Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence from the University of Edinburgh. He has presented many papers related to Islamic Banking and Finance and other Fiqh topics at national and International level and has conducted many training sessions particularly on Islamic Banking and Finance for different sectors since 1999. He is a registered Shariah Advisor for the Securities Commission of Malaysia and has acted as Shariah advisor in the issuance of several sukuks. In addition he is also prolific author of academic works specifically in the areas of Islamic Banking and Finance. He has participated and presented papers in numerous local and international conferences.



Dr. Muniruddeen Lallmahamood
CEO

Century banking corporation
Sector: Banking
Mauritius

Profile

Dr. Lallmahomood has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of CBC since August 2015 (previously Acting CEO as at June 2014). Prior to his appointment, he was Consultant in Islamic Finance at the Central Bank of Mauritius and previously held the position of Regional Representative of Bait Al-Mashura Finance Consultations (Qatar), in that capacity, he has worked on several major assignments in Islamic investment banking in London and Doha. Dr. Lallmahomood, trained by former Mckinsey & Company's Director as management consultant, has a strong entrepreneurial and business background in the international business arena where he has had the opportunity to engage and work in various sectors and at different levels of management. He holds a Doctorate in Business Administration from the University of South Australia and a Master's Degree from the Central Queensland University and holds the Professional Certificate of Certified Sharia Advisor and Auditor from the Accounting & Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institution (AAOIFI). Dr. Lallmahomood is a guest lecturer in Islamic finance at Paris-Dauphine University, University of Strasbourg and Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and has published a number of peer review articles & participated in a number of international conferences.



Alexi Lane
CEO

Everex
Sector: Fintech
Singapore

Profile

Alexi Lane is the CEO of Everex a Mobile and web based app that sends digitized national currencies using Ethereum blockchain. The target is to give financial access to the world's bottom of the pyramid population. o To be Shariah compliant: Everex uses micro-loans with competitively low rates and assisted by artificial intelligence. For transparency i.e. avoid usury – Everex spells out the terms of micro-loans and remittance fees in every contract. He has 15 years experience in capital markets, financial services, and payments – including high risk load online billing systems. He spend 2 years in blockchain development. Alexi is graduate from University of Tennessee and got an MBA in Finance, International Business at University of Memphis and a Master's degree in Banking and Finance at Kyiv State University of Trade and Economics. He Worked at Morgan Stanley, Wealth Strategies Group



Dr. Bello Lawal Danbatta

Secretary General

Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB)

Sector: Financial Services

Malaysia

Profile

Dr. Bello Lawal Danbatta is Secretary-General at Islamic Financial Services Board since January 29, 2018. Dr. Danbatta was Director of the Centre of Consultancy and Executive Programmes at INCEIF, would bring with him over 25 years combined experience in the private, academia, as well as the regulation and supervision sectors across Africa, Europe, Asia and West Asia. He is a member of the Accounting and Auditing Board of the Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions and has chaired various working groups for the issuance of financial accounting standards for Islamic financial institutions.



Gerald Lawless
President and Group Chief Executive Officer

Jumeirah Group
Sector: Trade & Tourism
UAE

Profile

President and Group CEO of Jumeirah Group, Gerald Lawless has helped establish Jumeirah as one of the premier luxury hotel brands in the world. He joined the company after a 23-year career with Forte Hotels, which culminated in him setting up and growing Forte's operations in the Middle East. Taking on the challenge of launching Burj Al Arab, the world's most luxurious hotel, after the successful introduction of Jumeirah Beach Hotel to an eager travelling public, Mr. Lawless went on to become President and Group CEO of Jumeirah Group. He graduated from Shannon College of Hotel Management, Ireland and holds an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration in Hospitality Management by the Johnson & Wales University, U.S.A., and an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws by the National University of Ireland, Galway. He is a member of the Executive Committee and Vice Chairman – Corporate Governance of the World Travel and Tourism Council; member of the Global Agenda Council for Aviation, Travel and Tourism of the World Economic Forum; fellow member of the Institute of Hospitality; member of the Advisory Group of the Global Irish Forum; member of the International Advisory Board of the Ecole Hôtelière Lausanne; member of the Dubai Holding Executive Committee and member of the Board of Trustees of the Emirates National Development Programme. He serves as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management and as former Non-Executive Director and member of the Board of NASDAQ Dubai and Travelodge.



Eric Le Baron
General Director

Swiss Life assurance & patrimoine
Sector: Financial Services
France

Profile

Eric Le Baron is the General director of Swiss Life Insurance and assets since 13 years. He developed the first sharia compliant life insurance « Salam-Epargne & placement ». This service was the first in France and intended for french citizens. He was active on alternative and ethics investments since long time and created specific product to answer to private clients.



Robin Lee
CEO

HelloGold
Sector: Fintech
Singapore

Profile

Robin Lee is the Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of the HelloGold Company. In 2015, he decided to launch HelloGold, a Sharia-compliant gold digital with an aspiration to lead in the democratisation of financial products to the underserved and the unbanked in the emerging markets. Robin Lee served as the Chief Financial Officer at World Gold Council and Chief Operating Officer at Alatou Hospitality, a private equity start-up. In 1990, Robin graduated from Oxford University



Mohamed Mahmoud Lehbib
CEO

Banque Islamique de Mauritanie
Sector: Banking
Mauritania

Profile

Mohamed Mahmoud Lehbib is the new CEO of « La banque islamique de Mauritanie ». This bank was created by the holding « Tamweel Africa », a joint venture between ICD and Bank of Asya the biggest Islamic bank in Turkey. This bank is fully Sharia compliant and works with the Global Banking solution certified by the AAOIFI. They offer services for companies and individuals.



Datuk Chung Chee Leong
CEO

Cagamas
Sector: Financial Services
Malaysia

Profile

Mr. Chee Leong Chung was appointed to the Board of Directors on 27 March 2013 as an Executive Director of Cagamas Berhad. He joined Cagamas Berhad as the Chief Executive Officer on 1 April 2012 and as President since 2018. He is the Chairman of Cagamas Global P.L.C., Cagamas Global Sukuk Berhad and also sits on the Board of Directors of Cagamas MBS Berhad, Cagamas SRP Berhad and BNM Sukuk Berhad. Prior to his appointment at Cagamas, he served as Director of Bank Negara Malaysia's ("BNM") Banking Supervision Department as well as Risk Management Department. He has 29 years' experience in central banking, focusing mainly on the financial system stability and the financial sector. He served as the first Chairman of the Asian Secondary Mortgage Market Association in 2015. He holds a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree majoring in Business Administration from the University of Malaya.



Diajeng Lestari
CEO

[HijUp.com](https://www.hijup.com)

Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics
Indonesia

Profile

Diajeng Lestari graduated in 2008 with a bachelor of Social and Political Science from the University of Indonesia. She started her career as a Consultant at GTF SfGG where she worked for 9 months, she then joined MARS Indonesia as a Research Executive from January 2010 to June 2011. In August 2011, Diajeng Lestari started HijUp.com, she is currently the CEO responsible for strategic planning, culture creation and financing road shows.



Dave Lewis
Group Chief Executive officer

Tesco
Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

Dave Lewis became Group Chief Executive of Tesco on Monday 1 September 2014. He joined Unilever in 1987 after completing a BA (Hons) in Business Studies at Trent Business School, Nottingham. Over nearly 28 years Dave worked in a variety of roles with Unilever, which took him across greater Europe, Asia and the Americas. His last three roles were Chairman for Unilever in the UK and Ireland, President for the Americas and Global President, Personal Care. During his career, Dave has been responsible for a number of business turnarounds, such as Home and Personal Care Central and Eastern Europe, and Unilever UK/Ireland.



Kurt Lieberman
CEO

Magni Global Asset Management
Sector: Financial Services
USA

Profile

Mr. Lieberman has led Magni since 2012. Magni is the leader in corporate governance research on countries and companies (the “G” in ESG), focusing on the behavior of the entity. Magni established the Sustainable Value Creation principles to evaluate public companies based on best practices in corporate governance. These principles enable Magni to analyze 316 qualitative behavioral factors on each company. In 2015 Magni added the Islamic Stewardship portfolio through the integration of the Maqasid and Magni’s principles. Application of the Maqasid in investment portfolios is an innovation that goes beyond traditional Shariah compliance screening to incorporate a behavioral assessment of consistency with Islamic guidance. The Islamic Stewardship portfolio has allocations based on the scores resulting from the assessment. This portfolio builds on the strengths of Magni’s core offerings. In addition to researching each company’s relationship with its shareholders and employees, the assessment also includes relationships with customers, suppliers, competitors, and the communities in which a company operates. Magni developed the Sustainable Wealth Creation principles to evaluate country-level governance based on actual behavior. Magni’s extensive database contains research on countries across 280 qualitative factors over 17 years. Previously, Mr. Lieberman held senior positions at public companies, including Thomson Reuters, Ecolab, Reynolds & Reynolds, and IBM. Mr. Lieberman also helped start and build a business that was sold to McKinsey & Company. Mr. Lieberman has an engineering degree from Harvey Mudd College and an MBA from the University of Chicago.



Mr. Ren Jan Liow

Founder & CEO

Ays

Sector: Education & Advisory
Malaysia

Profile

Founder and CEO of AYS, an investment arm of the AYS Group constantly seeking for equity investment in the fast moving consumer goods and educational industries. AYS provides specialist advisory, handholding and training services to organizations in the areas of International Market Entry and Development, setting up of Halal Ecosystem, provide Halal Entrepreneurship Learning Programs, as well as MICE. AYS is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards such as "Industry Excellence Award" and "Product Innovation Gold Award". Liow himself was awarded "Outstanding Leadership Award in World HRD Congress 2013", and "Asia's Thought Leader Award 2012". R.J. Liow, CEO of AYS received the "Best Halal Product" award from Former Prime Minister of Malaysia. R.J. Liow co-founded Halal4Wellness.com- The Essence of Halal Beauty that aspires to be world's No. 1 e-platform for Halal cosmetics and personal care products. He was the Winner of Halal Tech Challenge 2014 initiated by Ministry of Finance, Malaysia. Rj has more than 20 years of top management hands on experience in creating successes, applying learning and overcoming challenges. He has a proven track record in initiating & executing MBO & M&As to fast track return on investment. He is a one-stop expert advice on international market entry & development, supply chain, sales & marketing and general management. R.J. Liow got his Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Otago, New Zealand. He hold a Master of Science in International Marketing from the University of Strathclyde, UK.



Saleh Lootah
CEO/Board Member

Al Islami foods
Sector: Food & Beverages
UAE

Profile

With comprehensive experience across the board in various capacities within diverse companies ranging from start-ups to leading companies, Saleh Lootah, is an innovative and result driven leader is a UAE national. Holding a Master's degree in Business Administration from USA and having attended the General Management Program & Agribusiness from Harvard Business School, Mr. Saleh Lootah has been a part of the Leadership program from IMD University. His passion and drive for excellence has led him to receive various international and regional awards. His major contribution in applying the EFQM Model of Excellence at Al Islami Foods, led the company to receive the Dubai Quality Award in 2003, the first ever food company then to win such an award. As an avid contributor to the Food & Beverage industry, Mr. Saleh Lootah attended the Agribusiness Seminar at Harvard Business School - USA and India in 2004 and 2009 respectively, sharing ideas and experiences with various international business leaders. The stories on the F&B industry in particular, by far, always have Mr. Lootah's experienced comments as he has a holistic perspective to offer to the reader. He believes & promotes the right model of halal through all walks of business life, like doing business with values and doing it with pride thereby contributing well to society globally. He endeavors to change the perception of Islam by doing the right thing in business thus bringing a change in our society.



Ali Rashid Ahmed Lootah

Chairman

Nakheel Properties

Sector: Logistics & Construction

UAE

Profile

Ali Rashid Lootah is the chairman of Nakheel, a leading development company in Dubai. He revamped Nakheel, restarting some of its development projects which were stalled prior to him taking charge. He was specifically brought in by the UAE Government to put things in order. Ali Lootah was born in Dubai and pursued his university education in the USA in civil engineering. When he came back to Dubai, he had aspirations to revolutionise the engineering discipline in the United Arab Emirates. He wanted to form an engineering society in the UAE that would act as a licensing and regulatory body for engineering practice. He was successful in establishing, with help from a group of other Emirati engineers, the UAE Society of Engineers. He started his career working in the UAE's ministry of public works, where he was later appointed as assistant under-secretary of the ministry. While working for the ministry, he oversaw some landmark development projects in the UAE, changing its desert landscape into a modern skyscraper. Over the years, he has gained a deep insight into the construction business in UAE. He is also the vice-chairperson of Mashreq Bank. Ali Rashid Ahmed Lootah currently holds various senior positions. He has 27 years of experience in the Federal Government of UAE, with his last post being assistant deputy minister of public works. He is a member of the board of Osool, a member of the UAE Civil Engineers Society and an ex-Member of the board of the Emirates Banks Association.



David Loundy
CEO

Devon Bank
Sector: Financial Services
USA

Profile

David Loundy is Chairman and CEO of Devon Bank in Chicago, where he oversees the religion-based financing program. He is also the founder and Managing Member of Abraham's River, an off-balance sheet investment company providing liquidity for non interest-based finance. Before joining Devon Bank, David worked as a law professor and worked as a lawyer practicing. David is a frequent writer and speaker, and has more than 100 publications in his name. He has written several articles and two relevant book chapters on Islamic finance. He has created and implemented more retail and small business Islamic finance products in the U.S. than any other banker. David structured the financing transactions that were awarded «Deal of the Year» for the United States by Islamic Finance News in the years 2007 and 2008, and created the products and ran Devon Bank's Islamic finance program which resulted in awards for «Best Islamic Bank» in the U.S. from Islamic Finance News in 2009 and from Global Finance magazine; and the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Makhtoum award in Islamic Finance in the category «Vision: North America» in 2006. David Loundy has a Bachelor of Arts in telecommunications from Purdue University, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law, has completed the post-graduate diploma program from the Institute of Islamic Banking and Insurance, is a Certified Islamic Finance Executive (Ethica Institute), and has finished the Loyola University Family Business Center's Next Generation Leadership Institute.



Dien Lukita
Founder

PT Digi Laras Prosperindo
Sector: Fintech
Indonesia

Profile

Dien Lukita founded CROOWD – first Shariah compliant Crowdfunding platform. She holds a bachelor degree in Computer Science and Informatics from Gunadarma University in Indonesia and has obtained a Masters in Economics from the Islamic Economic and Finance (IEF), University of Trisakti (Indonesia). She has extensive network experience in the banking sector of more than 14 years with a specific expertise on micro and small banking, program/linkage financing and Information Technology. Dien has built extensive network with cooperatives, rural banks as well as with other linkage institutions and associated government ministry. Moreover, she has experience in collaborating with related international NGOs and financial institutions such as SNV, KfW and ADB, in the development of small and micro financing program for the alternative energy sector in Indonesia. Due to her internationally renowned expertise, she is often invited as a speaker or trainer to assist cooperatives and micro-finance institutions to enhance their building capacity.



Dr. Imran Lum
Associate Director, Islamic Capital Markets

National Australia Bank
Sector: Banking
Australia

Profile

Imran is currently an Associate Director at the National Australia Bank (NAB) and his primary responsibility is building the Islamic finance capability for bank's Corporate and Institutional Banking division. Prior to this, he was the national Product Manager for NAB's multi-award winning Microenterprise Loans. Imran was appointed by the Foreign Minister to the Board of the Australia-ASEAN Council, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and he is an Advisory Board Member of the Islamic Museum of Australia. Imran is also an Honorary Research Fellow at the Institute for Religion, Politics and Society at the Australian Catholic University and the Founder of an online Arabic learning platform called arabicmadeinchina.com. Imran has an undergraduate degree from the University of Adelaide, a Masters in Islamic Studies from the University of New England and a PhD in Islamic finance from the Melbourne Law School and the Asia Institute at the University of Melbourne.



Ahmad M. Al-Ghannam

Director General

Saudi Fund for Development

Sector: Financial Services

Saudi Arabia

Profile

Mr Al Ghannam is the director General of Saudi Export Program and Assistant to the Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, Saudi Fund for Development. He obtained a Bachelor and Master degree in Economics from respectively King Saud University and Central Michigan University. He was alternate governor for the Saudi Arabia iAfrican Development Bank as well as OPEC Fund for International Development. He was economic specialist and advisor for the SFD and gained experience in World Bank in Washington before joined the SFD different positions.



Mohamed Maarouf
General Manager

BTI bank
Sector: Banking
Morocco

Profile

Mohamed MAAROUF is among the professionals who participated actively in establishing Islamic banking in Morocco by being the key manager of the partnership between Al Baraka Banking Group (Bahrein) and BMCE Bank Of Africa (Morocco), the founders of BTI Bank where Mohamed MAAROUF holds today the position of General Manager. He worked 5 years before the Moroccan regulators gave the agreement for Participation Banks in the country as the Director of Alternative Finance in BMCE Bank Of Africa to lead the project of establishing the new Participation bank, BTI Bank. Through these years Mohamed MAAROUF participated in Morocco's main national projects held by the official institutions and partners to launch these new financial sector in the country and is now recognized as one of the Islamic finance experts. Mohamed MAAROUF started his career in microfinance in 2005 to develop the most fragile social block through financial solutions. He holds a degree in Marketing and others in Islamic Banking. Mohamed MAAROUF says : "After so many years of hard work, I think that we have succeeded together in creating solid foundations for the Islamic finance experience in Morocco to be exceptional."



Nicolas Mackel
CEO

Luxembourg For Finance
Sector: Financial Services
Luxembourg

Profile

Nicolas Mackel is the CEO of Luxembourg for Finance. Luxembourg for Finance is the agency for the development of the financial sector. Its objective is to contribute to the sustainable development of Luxembourg as an international financial centre by means of a structured international communications policy and by nurturing new business sectors. The principal mission of the agency is to create a strong brand image for the financial centre, communicating the advantages of its products and services to a wide public and highlighting the numerous opportunities available to investors and clients, whether institutional or private, from around the world. From 2011 until 2013 he served as consul general for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in Shanghai and also as a Executive Director for Luxembourg Trade and Investment Office in Shanghai. Before that, in 2007, he was Deputy Chief of Mission at the Luxembourg Embassy in Washington, Usa. Mr. Nicolas holds a Masters in European and Community Law from the Sorbonne University, Paris as well as a Master of Laws from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.



Yvonne Maffei

Founder & Publisher

My Halal Kitchen

Sector: Media, Events & IT
USA

Profile

MyHalalKitchen.com, Founded and Published by Yvonne Maffei, is a Chicago, USA-based premier halal food and cooking website showcasing culinary tips and recipes on how to make any cuisine halal. Yvonne has also written the cookbook Summer Ramadan Cooking (2011) to showcase the food rituals of Ramadan and the variety of global cuisine that can be made halal. Incorporating wholesome substitutions into any dish is the main highlight of MyHalalKitchen.com because of Yvonne's own quest to seek out halal alternatives for the traditional recipes and other classic favorites she grew up eating throughout her global travels and Sicilian and Puerto Rican family dinners. Visitors of all backgrounds enjoy the recipes and the conversation brought to the table through the website, cooking demos and presentations on clean and wholesome eating presented by the My Halal Kitchen brand.



Md. Mahbub-ul-Alam

Managing Director & CEO

Islami Bank Bangladesh

Sector: Media, Events & IT
Bangladesh

Profile

Mr. Mabbub joined in Islami Bank in 1984. During his long 33 years career, he served the bank in different capacities as Head of different Branches including as Branch Manager of Local Office, the largest operational unit of the bank, and Head of Different Division at Head Office. An FIT Graduate of Parish based ICC, Mr. Alam is a member of ICC Standing Committee for Banking Technique & Practice, and a regular resource person in various academic and training institutes including BIBM, BBTB, and BAB. He obtained Masters Degree with Honours in Marketing from University of Dhaka in 1982.



Nyra Mahmood

Director

Simply Sharia Human Capital

Sector: Education & Advisory

UK

Profile

Nyra imparts a proven commercial awareness across industries including new business development within the financial, consumer, media and professional services sectors. The co-founder of a boutique PR, Marketing and Business Development Consultancy, Eudaimonia Communications, and as the Director of a financial services firm - Simply Sharia Human Capital (SSHC) - she provides business development and marketing solutions for companies; delivering a unique perspective and instinctive multi-faceted approach. Possessing a deep appreciation of business development and collaborative partnerships, Nyra is adept at gathering intelligence to bring the right people together, forming cohesive and effective alliances. With the power of persuasion, through trust, influence and an aptitude for communications, she has worked with companies in executing strategies, modifying communications, developing enterprise investment and advising executives on how to best advance diverse business mediums and specific frontiers. Inherently media savvy, with over ten years journalistic experience, she was the first female investigation's editor of a UK national newspaper. She is professional, efficient and highly focused on the vision of an organisation.



Tariq Mahmood
Founder & Director

Andalucian Routes
Sector: Trade & Tourism
Spain

Profile

Tariq Mahmood, Founder and Director of Andalucian Routes an inbound tour operator and destination management company in Spain, which has been delivering ground tours in Spain for nearly 15 years and is one of the few Halal friendly tour operators in the region. The company receives Muslim tourists from around the world including Malaysia, Dubai, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UK, Germany, South Africa, Australia and Singapore. Before starting Andalucian Routes, Tariq Mahmood, 48, previously worked in the world of telecommunications and construction. But after a voyage of Andalusia, it concluded that Spain could be an alternative destination for a growing demand formed by young European Muslim families. His company, based in Granada, recently opened an office in Saudi Arabia to promote Spanish destinations to the Middle East Market. His company specializes in meeting the needs of Muslim travellers and frequently offers advice and consultancy on becoming more halal friendly to Tour Companies, Hotels, Restaurants and the likes of tourism boards and Halal monitoring committees, in what is now seen to be a booming sector within the travel industry. Tariq spear-headed the first ever Halal tourism conference in September 2014 which was a massive success and re-affirmed him as one of the leading advisors and specialists in Halal tourism. His company Andalucian routes is now established as one of the leading Halal friendly tour operators in Spain and is known for their unique style of tours which is evident through their portfolio of positive feedback.



YM Raja Teh Maimunah binti Raja
Abdul Aziz
CEO

AmInvestment Bank Berhad
Sector: Banking
Malaysia

Profile

Raja Teh Maimunah has over 20 years experience in banking and finance focusing on areas of Islamic and investment banking. She is the CEO of AmInvestment Bank Berhad, and also held the positions of CEO and COO for Digital Innovation & Transactional Banking of Hong Leong Bank Berhad where she spearheads digital initiatives for the banking group. Prior to her current appointment, she was the Global Head of Islamic Markets at Bursa Malaysia and the Chief Corporate Officer and Head of International Business at Kuwait Finance House Malaysia, CEO of Bank AlKhair Malaysia (previously Unicorn Investment Bank) and Head of Investment Banking at RHB Sakura Merchant Bank (now RHB Investment Bank). She had also served in Pengurusan Danaharta Nasional Berhad (Malaysia's national asset management and debt recovery agency) during the Asian financial crisis in 1998 and was with CIMB Investment Bank over a period of almost 10 years covering debt and equity origination and equity sales. She spent her early days at KPMG Peat Marwick Consultants. Raja Teh is the Adviser on Islamic Banking and Finance to the World Islamic Economic Forum Foundation, a Board Member of IBFIM (Islamic Banking and Finance Institute Malaysia), and a member of the Islamic Finance Committee for the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. She also sits on the Board of Hong Leong MSIG Takaful. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of East London, United Kingdom and also holds an LLB (Hons) from the same university.



Ziad Makkawi
Founder

Equiam LLC
Sector: Banking
USA

Profile

Makkawi is a serial entrepreneur and a pioneer in the Middle East and North Africa investment banking, asset management and private equity markets. He served as Chief Investment Officer; Chief Executive Officer; Board Member and Chairman in numerous organizations on a global basis. He currently holds the position of Chief Executive Officer since June 2015 at Qatar First Bank («QFB») a Shari'a compliant bank headquartered in Doha. Makkawi began his career with JP Morgan on Wall Street in 1986 and later joined Elf Aquitaine, Geneva before moving to the Middle East to co-found Lebanon Invest later sold to Bank Audi, and then Middle East Capital Group as Managing Director responsible for Capital Markets. In 2000, he ran Shuaa Capital's financial Services business including asset management, proprietary trading, capital markets, research and brokerage activities. In 2004 he became CEO of Dubai Bank and in 2006 founded and ran as Chairman and CEO Algebra Capital a MENA focused Asset Management firm. In 2013 he was appointed CEO of Istithmar World the PE investment arm of Dubai World, a multi-billion global portfolio across multiple sectors including hospitality, financial services, retail, logistics, wellness, and real estate. He served as director on numerous boards including MCEG (Beirut); National Bonds (UAE); Amwal (Qatar); Franklin Templeton International ME (UAE); Jadara Capital (UAE); International Hotel Resorts (Malta); Gulf Africa Bank (Kenya); Blue Gate Capital Partners (BVI); Pension Insurance Corporation (UK); Istithmar P&O Estates (UK); Art Sawa (UAE); Algebra Capital (UAE).



Raghu Malhotra

Division President

International Markets Mastercard Middle East
and North Africa

Sector: Media, Events & IT
UAE

Profile

Raghu Malhotra is President, Middle East & North Africa for MasterCard. In this capacity, he oversees all aspects of MasterCard's business and is responsible for driving increased shareholder value across the electronic payment value chain for all stakeholders in the geography. He is part of MasterCard's global Operating committee. Mr. Malhotra joined MasterCard in 2000 and has held a variety of leadership roles, spanning General Management, Marketing, Business and Product development across multiple geographies in Asia, Middle East and Africa. He was most recently the General Manager for the Middle East. Prior to joining MasterCard, Mr. Malhotra worked for Citicorp Credit, American Express and ANZ Grindlays Bank in a variety of leadership roles across the Consumer Franchise and Financial Services businesses. Mr. Malhotra was ranked as one of the top Indian CEOs in the region by Forbes in 2014. He holds a variety of board and advisory positions across International markets including one that established the first initiative that led to the formation of a credit bureau in India. Mr. Malhotra graduated with an honors degree in Commerce from the University of Delhi and has an MBA from the Melbourne Business School, University of Melbourne. He also has management training from IMD, Lausanne.



Moinuddin Malim

Founder and Managing Partner

AIMS - Alternative International Management
Services

Sector: Education & Advisory
UAE

Profile

Former CEO at Mashreq, Mr Malim is now Founder and Managing Partner at Alternative Islamic Management Services (AIMS). He is an experienced Islamic Banker with over 25 years of experience in covering core Islamic markets with expertise in Investment Banking including Structured Finance, Sukuks, Islamic Funds and setting up Islamic Windows. Mr Moinuddin has been a member of the Board of Director for National Bonds for last 4 years. His achievements include awards such as "Best Islamic Window"; "Best Sukuk House"; "Best Islamic Fund" as well as being named by MEED as "One of the 6 influential Islamic leader in region". He has taken part in Islamic Think Tanks and as well as leadership role in Islamic Banking Committees set-up by the regulators. His research work has been published in Euromoney, Islamic Finance News and other publications.



Yves Manghardt

Chairman & CEO

Nestlé Middle East

Sector: Food & Beverages
UAE

Profile

Yves Manghardt is Chairman and CEO of Nestlé Middle East which employs more than 7,000 people and operates 18 factories across 13 countries in the region. Yves joined Nestlé in 1984 and has held various leading positions in markets such as Japan, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong and Vietnam. In 1991, he was appointed Country Manager of Nestlé Singapore, and became Commercial Director of Nestlé Philippines in 2001. He was Vice President of Nestlé S.A. between 2003 and 2004 and Market Head for Nestlé Southern African Region between 2004 and 2009. In October 2009, Yves relocated to the Middle East, becoming the Chairman and CEO of Nestlé Middle East FZE. In 2010, Yves oversaw Nestlé Middle East's opening of a \$136m manufacturing facility in Dubai, which specialises in the manufacturing, canning and packaging of several Nestlé brands including Nestlé NIDO powdered milk, KIT KAT chocolate and Nestlé PURE LIFE bottled water. Yves is a graduate of the HEC Business School in Lausanne, Switzerland. He is married with three children.



Abd Elmohaimen Mansi Mansi

Founder & CEO

Elmangos

Sector: Media, Events & IT
UAE and Turkey

Profile

Abd Elmohaimen is the founder of Elmangos.com. He is an events, hospitality, & tourism expert, sales and business development consultant. With over 10 years of experience, he generated over \$9 million worth of revenue for the companies he worked for. In just 3 short years, from 2013 to 2016, he achieved over \$4.6 million before deciding to quit and start his own business. Elmangos is a venture studio and a leading provider of training, consultancy and event management and organizing services in the halal industry. He has contributed significantly to the success of global events organized by governments and corporate entities such as: Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Creative Sports Awards, Global Transformation Forum(featuring Jack Ma, Usain Bolt, Sir Richard Branson, Glory World Series Kickboxing Dubai ,Mohamed Bin Rashid Smart Government initiative ,Dubai Cycling Tour, Emirati Media Forum, Global Fighting Championship, Hamdan Bin Mohamed Bin Rashid initiative for National Knowledge. Early 2016, Mansi co-founded his first global event, Global Islamic Economy Entrepreneurship Convention (formerly M Powered Summit) in Dubai and Kuala Lumpur. It has empowered over 1000 young entrepreneurs in the global Islamic Economy. The event has been featured in many publications such as Thomson Reuters, Arabian Business, Wamda, Womana, Ilmfeed, Islam Channel, Malaysia SME, Islamic Finance News, Al Bayan TV and more. He is the co-founder of Multaqa Alhikma, the world's first Islamic Economy accelerator, incubator and innovation hub and the 1st Global Islamic Fintech Summit launching 2018. "Bring Good Ideas to Life"



Matthew Joseph Martin

Founder

Blossom Finance

Sector: Fintech
Indonesia

Profile

Matthew Joseph Martin is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Blossom Finance. Previously he was Director of Engineering in Taro California and Sr.Front-End Engineer at FINKit.He also worked for almost 3 years at BOKU, Inc. as Product Manager and Software Development Manager.Matthew Joseph Martin has a degree in Software Applications Programming from IIT Technical Institute and a Certificate of Completion, Essentials of Economics from George Mason University.He is an entrepreneur at heart with a strong fondness for early-stage startups.



Angela Martins
Chief representative

NBAD - Brazil Representative Office
Sector: Banking
Brazil

Profile

Involved in Islamic Banking since 1997, Angela is very close to many Islamic banks as Al Rajhi in Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Development Bank that she once had the pleasure to bring to Brazil for a presentation, Al Baraka Group also. Angela was invited by NBAD to start up its presence in Latam as of February 2013, considering her expertise in MENA and Latam relationships. Previously, she joined Banco PINE in 2011 to expand its international activities and worked for ABC Brazil, a subsidiary of Arab Banking Corporation, where she was Director of the International Department. Joining ABCB in charge of the Trade Financing she succeeded in implementing Projects as Structured Commodity Finance. Ms Martins has been speaker in several international conferences, seminars, and workshops in Europe, USA and Brazil. Before joining ABC Brazil she worked for 10 years for Bank of The State of São Paulo, BANESPA, within Credit, loans and Foreign Exchange Departments. In 1993 she joined Banco Dibens to start up its international Department staying there until 1996 when was invited to join ABC Brazil. She was member of the Foreign Affairs Committee at the Federation of Brazilian Banks, FEBRABAN, of which she was coordinator for three years as well as is member of the Brazilian Institute of Corporate Governance, and the Women Corporate Directors, and now she coordinates the Committee of Representative Offices at ABBI, the International Banks Association and sits at he Editorial Board for Latin America of the GTR Magazine.



Dr. Shehab Marzban
Co-Founder & Managing Partner

Shekra
Sector: Financial Services
Egypt

Profile

He is an expert in computer-based financial services with consulting, research and teaching experience in Islamic Finance and Decision Support Systems. With more than 10+ years experience in the global industry and as the domain expert for social responsible funds and indexes services, he is consulting various Islamic funds globally. Prior to that he worked as Product Development Director and Head of Research for IdealRatings Inc., a San Francisco-based startup and as Product Manager for CIWI, a software provider for grant and fund management in Germany. He received his PhD specializing in Portfolio Management from the University of Cologne, Germany and his work has been published and presented in numerous international journals and events. In parallel, he has been a Visiting Fellow at the University of Durham, UK. Dr. Marzban holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Operations Research and Decision support both from Cairo University.



Faisal Masood
Founder

American Muslim Consumer Consortium
Sector: Food & Beverages
USA

Profile

Faisal Masood is the Founder and President of the American Muslim Consumer Consortium Inc, a non-profit organization dedicated to develop the American Muslim Consumer market. Its key objective is to address the needs of American Muslim Consumers and empower companies that are developing products for this market. Faisal was one of the founders of pcWonders.com, then sold to Buyitnow.com in 2000. PcWonders.com was primarily engaged in the sales of technology and electronic products to small businesses and consumers and had an annual sale of approximately \$80 Million. Faisal spoke at many international conferences and is an expert on the Muslim Consumer market. He has spoken at the World Halal Forum, Kuala Lumpur; Global Islamic Economy Summit, Dubai; Saudi Food Forum, Jeddah; Natural Food Expo, Los Angeles and the American Muslim Consumer Conference; New Jersey. He has also been an active member of the community and organized fundraising events, raising more than a million dollars in support for non-profit organizations, including educational, relief and humanitarian activities. Regarding his interests in The Islamic Economy, he has brought visibility to the Halal food sector in America and the \$100 billion buying power of American Muslims. Since 2009, AMCC has organized 5 conferences and has brought practitioners and experts from academia, food, finance, retail, education, entertainment and social sector to have active conversations and dialogues around the needs of American Muslim consumers and what is required for the growth and development of this market.



Eric Mayer
CEO

Shariah Capital inc
Sector: Fintech
USA/UAE

Profile

Forbes magazine identified Eric Meyer as “an emerging force” in hedge fund investing. Banker Middle East magazine detailed Mr. Meyer as “a pioneer in Islamic finance.” MENA Fund Manager identified Mr. Meyer as “a most trusted UAE advisor”. Today, as President, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Chairman of Shariah Capital, Inc., Mr. Meyer is widely recognized for his skill and creativity within the worlds of Western finance, cross border investments, and Islamic banking. He is also the Executive Chairman of the Dubai Shariah Asset Management; a position he has held since its formation in 2008. Mr. Meyer is also the Executive Director of the Dubai Kauthar Funds, a position he has held since their formation in 2008. He also is also the Executive Director to the Al-Safi Trust and its Sub-Funds, a position he has held since their formation in 2008. Mr. Meyer is the former Executive Chairman of Compass Point Analytics. He previously found and managed Meyer Fund Management. A technology centric hedge fund. Mr. Meyer previously co-found and co-managed Meyer Duffy Ventures & MD Strategic. Technology centric venture funds & hedge fund. He has invested in multiple start-ups and stewarded several through initial public offerings on NASDAQ & LSE. Mr. Meyer’s Investment Companies and Funds have co-invested alongside the Dubai Multi Commodity Centre, Cisco, Dell, BellSouth, MSD Capital, General Atlantic, Morgan Stanley Venture Partners, BlackRock & Barclays to name a few. He is a graduate of Middlebury College.



Sam Mclvor
CEO

Beef + lamb new zealand
Sector: Food & Beverages
New zealand

Profile

Sam Mclvor has been Chief Executive Officer of Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ltd. since April 1, 2016. Previously, he was Chief Executive Officer at Preston Corp LTD until 2014, Chief Executive Officer of New Zealand Pork Industry Board until April 2012, His primary industry career has spanned on-farm activity through to processing and retail. This included Beef + Lamb New Zealand's predecessor organisation Meat & Wool New Zealand as the Research and Development Manager and Product and Information Transfer Manager. He obtained his degrees at the University of Massey.



David McLean
Co-Founder & President

Ethico Live
Sector: Media, Events & IT
UK

Profile

David McLean, Founder & President of UK-based Ethico Live!, has more than 25 years of experience in the global financial services conference industry having worked in senior management roles in Dubai, Singapore, Boston, Johannesburg and the UK for companies such as The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), EY, Informa plc (IIR), MEGA, and World Congress. Spanning more than two decades in the global Islamic banking industry, David is a first-mover who has created and led some of the most recognized large-scale international conferences in key markets including Bahrain, The UAE, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, and Malaysia, as well as in new high-potential growth markets across Africa. David, with his seasoned team at Ethico Live!, is focused on enabling and supporting the international development of the industry, with the core purpose of convening the conversation, navigating opportunities and connecting markets. Working closely with Central Banks across Asia, the Middle East and Africa, together with many of the world's leading financial institutions and industry advisors, David continues to create innovative platforms that bring together the key stakeholders in the Islamic finance eco-system to shape the future of the global Islamic banking and finance industry, covering both established and dynamic new jurisdictions – with a special emphasis on the high-potential growth markets of East Africa.



Riad Meliti
CEO

Arqaam Capital
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Mr Meliti is an investment banker with over 19 years of experience. He began his career at Credit Suisse First Boston and then moved to UBS Warburg, before finally joining Barclays Capital. He was a Director and Head of the Middle East desk at Barclays Capital, with added responsibility for Central Bank relationships. Under his management, the Middle East business at Barclays Capital grew eight-fold in terms of revenue base; with the Central Bank business showing an increase in revenue of 80% over the 18 months for which he was responsible. In 2004, Mr. Meliti left Barclays Capital to found the CiC Group, which subsequently re-branded to Arqaam Capital.



Dr. Hamed Hassan Merah

CEO

Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration

Sector: Law & Accounting

Saudi Arabia

Profile

Dr. Hamed Merah is one of the Saudi young talents who has attained many achievements locally and internationally during his career. His professional experience includes working in Islamic banks, investment banks and insurance companies (Takaful). He also lead one of the most important international organizations specialized in the Islamic financial industry whose activity extends to more than 45 countries around the world. Dr. Hamed was also a member in some advisory councils, scientific committees and societies and research centers, including:

- Member in the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Interdepartmental Working Group on Islamic Finance
- Member in the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)'s Islamic Finance Consultative Group
- Member in the Advisory Council on Islamic Finance of the Astana International Financial Centre ("AIFC"), Republic of Kazakhstan.
- Former Secretary General and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI).

Dr. Merah holds a MSc and a PHD degree from the Higher Judicial Institute of Imam Muhammad bin Saud University in Riyadh. Besides, he also obtained some professional certificates in compliance, governance, capital markets and insurance. As part of his duties as CEO of SCCA, Dr. Merah works with the Board of Directors and its staff to achieve the strategic objectives of the SCCA to develop the Institutional ADR industry in the Kingdom in line with its Vision 2030.



Kader Merbouh

Director of the Executive Master of the Financial
Services

University Paris Dauphine
Sector: Education & Advisory
France

Profile

Kader Merbouh is a young actor of the Islamic Finance framework. He graduated from University of Toulouse in 2005 with a Master Degree in Market Finance and from the University Paris 12 in Bank and Finance with distinction. He is often invited as advisor, and as speaker on ethical finance in Universities, Business Schools, Training Centers and Authorities (IFN Roadshow, Islamic Risk Management congress with Dauphine University, Real Estate and Islamic Finance with Baker Mc Kenzie, Retail banking Conference with Chaabi Bank, etc...). He has published several papers and articles on equitable finances in general and Islamic finance in particular. He also published several papers and articles on ethical finance in general and Islamic Finance and Education in particular and he is the co-founder of the first training course in Islamic finance in France and co-organized the 1st bar camp seminar dedicated to ethical finance in France. He organized several education and business trip in Malaysia and the Middle East. Kader started his career as Project Manager with several banks in Paris for 4 Years. From April 2011 to June 2013, he established the first Chair dedicated to Islamic finance for King Abdul Aziz University Jeddah (KSA), he was in charge of the development of all the activities of the Chair, Congress, international monthly research seminars, conferences, and for the setup of the First international think tank with I&E Business School " Social Impact Finance ". In September 2013, he was appointed by Paris-Euro place as Special Advisor in Islamic Finance.



Dr. Amir Mirchi
Managing Director

Auryce Advisory House
Sector: Media, Events & IT
UAE

Profile

A Canadian citizen, Dr Mirchi holds a Bachelor's degree in engineering and earned a Master and a PhD with honours from UCL-Belgium with several business and management trainings. Dr Mirchi is the Regional Vice President of Rio Tinto for the Middle East and North Africa. As the company regional head, he is in charge of Rio Tinto's regional business supporting the company's strategic initiatives, operations, investor relations and stakeholder engagements. Furthermore, his current activities include developing and executing strategic plans and funding initiatives, company JV and alliance overall management, mitigating risks as well as representing Rio Tinto on the board of joint venture and alliances. In recent years Dr Mirchi spearheaded the development of several business initiatives across the Islamic World, China, and built bridges with other communities of investors. Throughout his 24 years of work and international assignments, he gained extensive background in doing business in frontier and emerging countries as well as in North America and Europe. Prior to being the MENA regional head at Rio Tinto, Dr Mirchi had several leading positions in various aspects of businesses such as joint venture development and management, major project implementation, corporate strategy development, business acquisitions, business realignment and divestitures. He also held several positions in R&D and technology management.



Rajesh Mirjankar
CEO

InfracsoftTech
Sector: Fintech
UK

Profile

Rajesh Mirjankar is managing Idrecot at InfracsoftTech since 2015. InfracsoftTech built a portfolio of 25 financial institutions in the world market that are in the process of finalising or implementing Shari'ah Compliant Islamic Finance technology solution. He served as the President of Enterprise Solutions and Services at InfracsoftTech and served as its Director, Europe Operations. Rajesh has a unique blend of business & technology competence in equal measure. He has worked in various critical roles in his 15 year long career devoted to banking technology. In the last 5 years he has been heading the Business Development initiatives for InfracsoftTech in Europe. He is a graduate Engineer in Electronics & Communications.



Shahbaz Mirza
FinTechologist & Social Entrepreneur

Finocracy
Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

Shahbaz is a recognised Strategy Consultant for high growth innovative startups, government initiatives and multinational corporations. He specializes in building disruptive business models and unique marketing strategies for brands looking to penetrate and scale to target Islamic economy consumers. He was recently named as the 'Next Generation Entrepreneur' by Management Today. As a FinTechologist at Finocracy, Shahbaz leads on connecting burgeoning opportunities with innovative thought leadership to develop holistic solutions; blending ethics and finance with technology to enable start-ups and world leading organizations solve global pressing issues. Shahbaz is a Chartered Accountant who began his career with PwC, he has worked extensively across multi-industry corporate UK and US companies in the fields of financial operations, governance, business modelling and strategy. His clients being some of the top companies listed on the FTSE 100. In addition to his career, Shahbaz also founded Ramadan Legacy, the World's No. 1 App for Ramadan with close to 250,000 users and has been featured on Forbes Middle East, Tech In Asia and The Guardian. Shahbaz is also a fellow at the Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship being globally recognised for his contribution to social entrepreneurship and cross cultural leadership initiatives. He graduated with a 1st class Honors in Accountancy & Finance from the University of Glasgow, is a fully qualified CA with the Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland and is studying towards his Islamic Studies Diploma at Cambridge Islamic College.



Mohd Muazzam Mohamed

Acting CEO

Bank Islam
Sector: Banking
Malaysia

Profile

Mohd Muazzam Mohamed was a partner of KPMG and executive director of KPMG's Management Consulting practice from 1997 to 2015. Mohd Muazzam bin Mohamed has been Acting Chief Executive Officer of Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd since July 20, 2018 and as its Chief Financial Officer since May 11, 2015. He joined Bank Islam Malaysia on 11 May 2015, with over 22 years of experience in the field of audit, finance and consulting. He has played a key role in the bank's strategic direction, capital and balance sheet management, corporate finance, credit, market positioning, financial planning & control and general administration. Mohd Muazzam is a member of various executive committees in Bank Islam and chairs several project steering committees. He is also a director of several companies within BIMB Holdings group and Bank Islam group.



BENARBIA MOHAMED

General Manager

SALAMA insurance Algeria

Sector: Takaful
Algeria

Profile

Mr. Benarbia is since 2015, the general manager of SALAMA Assurances Algeria. He has held several positions at SALAMA Assurances Algeria since 2011. In 2011, as Director of Subscriptions at SALAMA Assurances Algeria, he took part in the Expert meeting held in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa. Mr. Benarbia is an expert in Agricultural Insurance. He supervised and directed the insurance activities of the CNMA when he was Technical Director at the Caisse Nationale de la Mutualité Agricole. In addition, he worked at UNECA as an expert between 2011 and 2013 and Head of division of Risk & Prevention studies at the National Insurance Council between 2008 and 2011. In 1997, he obtained his certificate in Insurance Management from the National Institute of Finance of Koléa.



Waleed Mohamed Al-Sayed

Deputy CEO

Ooredoo Qatar

Sector: Media, Events & IT
Qatar

Profile

Waleed Al Sayed was appointed as Deputy CEO - Ooredoo Group and CEO - Ooredoo Qatar in November 2015. Waleed joined Ooredoo Group in 1987 and has held managerial positions in Sales, Marketing, Business Development, Strategy, Project Management, Communications and Customer Service. He was appointed as Executive Director of Group Communications in 2003. In this strategic role, Waleed was instrumental in putting a company-wide business plan in place with a clear strategy to significantly improve the organization's corporate image as well strengthening the company's international and community relations standing. Waleed was appointed Executive Director - Customer Services in 2006 to establish a greatly enhanced and improved customer experience. During an important time following the liberalization of Qatar's telecoms market and the introduction of competition, he led the transformation of the company's Customer Service Centers to become more retail sales and customer-oriented, with the aim of engaging with and getting closer to its customers. The new retail shop designs went on to win a worldwide award for the "Best Retail Shop Design" in 2009. His early achievements in this position were followed in 2010 by additional accolades and success, as Ooredoo won the highest number of honors at the "Contact Centre World Awards" held in the United Kingdom, where Waleed's presentation won the Gold Award for Best Customer Service in the MENA (Middle East & North Africa) region.



Saqib Mohammed
CEO

Halal Food Authority
Sector: Food & Beverages
UK

Profile

Saqib holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Economics from Karachi University in Pakistan and a Master of Business Administration in Finance from the University of North West (London Campus). He also completed a training on Animal Welfare at the University of Bristol and a Leadership and Management course from City University London. Saqib worked at Danmirr Consultants in the UK from 2004 to 2006 as a Senior Accountant. After that he joined Halal Food Authority, which is a Halal Certification body as an Operations Manager, and in 2013, he got promoted to be the Acting Chief Executive. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Halal Food in London.



Noor Mohammed
Founder & Managing Director

Zunairah Group
Sector: Food & Beverages
UAE

Profile

After graduating in International Business in 2009, Noor Mohammed founded HalalTradeZone.com to connect genuine and verified Halal buyers and sellers globally and to build bridges between Muslim and Non-Muslim world through Halal and ethical trade. In 2013, he was featured as one of the young achievers in the Muslim community by Muallim Magazine in Mumbai, India. HalalTradeZone.com was the first of its kind and most comprehensive B2B and B2C portal developed in the Halal industry and has been actively participating in trade expos since 2013. 2014, HalalTradeZone.com became an exclusive international B2B trade network for genuine and verified buyers and sellers to protect the integrity of Halal Industry requirements. In 2013, Noor Mohammed released the first edition of Ethical Commerce Booklet in an attempt to educate the business community on ethical trade standards taught in Islam and to enlighten the business community on ways and requirements of earning Halal money. In 2015 Halal Trade Zone, Halal Shopping Center and two other initiatives Halal Startup Support and Halal Business Awards were brought under Halal Initiatives Worldwide Limited to actively work towards the development of ethical and Halal B2B and B2C trade, funding and guidance for Halal startups, recognition and promotion of the best Halal businesses so to play an important role in the overall development of the Islamic economy in an effective manner. Noor Mohamed is passionate and determined to make a positive difference in the world by playing an important role in the development of ethical Halal economy.



Ibrahim Mohammed

Founder

Onegram

Sector: Fintech
Dubai

Profile

Mr. Ibrahim Mohammed is the founder of OneGram, a shari'ah compliant digital solutions company. He is also CEO of GoldGuard, CEO of Huulk and CEO of 01 Fintech House. He is experienced in management consulting and business development and has expertise in trusts, debt settlement, joint ventures, corporate law and corporate governance. Mr. Mohammed is still Managing Director at PBS and Gerson Lehrman Group (GLG) Council Member. With a Bachelor of Law degree from University of Hertfordshire and a background in finance, Ibrahim believes that the decentralized bank and cryptocurrencies are the future.



Ebrahim Moolla
Islamic Banking Specialist

Rand Merchant Bank
Sector: Financial Services
South Africa

Profile

Ebrahim currently leads the Islamic Banking corporate business initiative for Rand Merchant Bank (RMB) in Johannesburg, South Africa. He has over 11 years' experience in the financial services industry. After obtaining his CA (SA) qualification, he started his career at the auditing division of Deloitte where he was responsible for the audit of several major South African and international banks and Financial Institutions. He joined the FirstRand Group in 2011 where he assumed various roles within Group Treasury. It was during this time that he was instrumental in helping to establish and implement the Group treasury functions for Islamic Banking. He was also part of the team that structured and arranged the first US\$ Sukuk transaction by an African supranational and the highest rated US\$ Sukuk issuance by an African entity. Ebrahim also has a CIMA qualification in Islamic Finance. As a follower of the Islamic faith, he respects the human spirit and is passionate about making the world a better place. He is passionate about solving problems for clients by asking the hard questions. He is innovative in his thinking and turns challenges into opportunities through Solutionist Thinking. He is highly driven, entrepreneurial and ambitious and subscribes to the fact that: "Without commitment, you'll never start, but more importantly, without consistency, you'll never finish."



Ahmed Moor
CEO

Liwwa
Sector: Fintech
Jordan/USA

Profile

Ahmed Moor is the founder of Liwwa an innovative P2P lending system. Liwwa connects SMEs who need capital with fixed-income investors. Investors will earn a return while beneficiaries will be able to fund the things they need for their businesses quickly and cheaply. He is trying to develop a murabaha product based on Islamic financing principles. They working towards obtaining an official sharia certification.Regarding his background Ahmad had an experience in journalism and fixed-income finance. He served as freelance journalist from July 2009 to May 2013. He served as Research Associate at Standard & Poor's and was an Associate at Swiss Re. He Received his BA from University of Pennsylvania and a MPP from Harvard University in 2013.



Andrew Morgan
Managing Director & Publisher

RedMoney Group
Sector: Media, Events & IT
Malaysia

Profile

Andrew co-founded REDmoney in March 2004. After studying in Oxford, Andrew moved to London spending time at Reed Elsevier and the British Safety Council before joining Euromoney in July 1994. In 1996 he joined the firms' Hong Kong based Asia Law & Practice division before moving to New York in 1998 and then back to Hong Kong in 2000 with Asiamoney. It was during this time that Andrew discovered the opportunities the developing Islamic finance industry could offer. With his business partner, Andrew Tebbutt, and their respective families they relocated to Kuala Lumpur in March 2004, launching REDmoney, a publishing, training and events Company focusing on the global Islamic finance market. Since 2004 REDmoney has been widely recognized as the world's leading specialized Islamic finance publishing, information and event Company. Andrew lives in Kuala Lumpur with his wife Christina, daughter Alyssa and son Maxim.



Muhammad Zubair Mughal
CEO

Halal Research Council
Sector: Banking
Pakistan

Profile

Muhammad Zubair Mughal is the Chief Executive Officer of ALHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economic (CIBE), CEIMF, Halal Research Council & founding director of Islamic Microfinance network. His overall academic career is outstanding with M.S in Islamic Banking and Finance, M.sc (Mass Communication), B.sc (Math, Stat and Economics) and with diversified knowledge of Islamic Banking and Finance. He has been serving the Islamic Banking and Finance industry for last 10 years with versatility in Islamic Banking & Financial Engineering, Modeling, Product Development, Shariah Advisory, Market Research and Gap Analysis. He is dedicatedly and tirelessly working for the promotion of Islamic Finance through Education, Research, Trainings and Conferences on global canvas. He is also a Chief Editor of a magazine on Islamic Banking and Finance "True Banking" which depicts his strategic vision in Islamic Finance. Muhammad Zubair Mughal has got ideal global recognition with multiple assignments of world reputed organizations on Islamic Banking and Finance for "Research", "Training", "Advisory", "Consultancy" and "Product development".



Baba Yunus Muhammad

President

Africa Islamic Economic Foundation

Sector: Financial Services

Ghana

Profile

A seasoned professional and intellectual with about 30 years' experience of senior management experience, Baba Yunus Muhammad brings a wealth of experience and achievement in Journalism, Teaching and Strategic Intelligence Management with proven effectiveness in creative solutions for the delivery of services to clients. He began his career as an Arabic Instructor. He later practiced Journalism in various capacities in the mid-80s in the United Kingdom, including regular contributions to the Arabia Magazine, Slough and the BBC African Service. He worked as Senior Research Fellow at the Muslim Institute for Research and Planning, London, and later as a consultant in his private service firm in Zaria, Kaduna State, Green Oasis Associates Limited. Currently, he heads the Africa Islamic Economic Foundation (AFRIEF), an independent Non-Governmental Organization in Tamale, in the Republic of Ghana that networks with, and provide strategic advisory services to Governments, business and social sector organizations to deliver both much-needed infrastructure and vital economic stimulus in AU and OIC member countries. A leading member and proponent of the Global Islamic economics movement, Baba Yunus has presented scholarly papers at local and international meetings of scholars and professionals in the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, South Africa, Canada, Qatar, Nigeria, Turkey, Ghana, Senegal, Egypt, U.A.E., Libya, and Malaysia etc. He has advised a number of African leaders and international organizations. "Throughout my life I have always taken first steps, down new roads, armed with nothing but my own vision to make the world a better place for every human being".



Amman Muhammad

CEO

FNB

Sector: Banking
South Africa

Profile

Amman was appointed Chief Executive Officer of FNB's Islamic Banking division during July 2012. FNB, part of the FirstRand Financial Services Group, was the first of the large banks in SA to offer Islamic banking. His task is to grow the Islamic banking footprint into the vast international geography that the FirstRand banking group operates within. Prior to joining FNB, he was Managing Director of Absa/Barclays Africa Islamic Banking division. He launched Islamic Banking in Tanzania through the National Bank of Commerce, a subsidiary of Absa. Amman was also responsible for Barclays Islamic banking operations across Africa. Prior to his role at Absa he headed up and founded the Deloitte SA Islamic Financial Services Advisory offering. He is a member of the South African Banking Association: Islamic Banking Committee and a founding member of the South African National Treasury Working Group that levelled the playing field for Islamic banks within South Africa, covering all financial legislation. Amman is also the Chairman of the senior 'Muslim Professionals of South Africa' group. Amman Muhammad earned a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Business Economics at the University of South Africa.



Nazri Muhd
Founder & CEO

MyFinB
Sector: Fintech
Singapore

Profile

Nazri's career began in the investment management field from the likes of Citigroup and Prudential Asset Management, may 2002 to december 2003. Before becoming a ratings specialist in Fitch Ratings. He then started an analytics group (VSC) in 2005, that was partly equity-funded by the Singapore government in 2006 and formed various AI-based analytics start-ups in other verticals. he is part of the Board of Governors for Republic Polytechnic and sits on the advisory committee for the School for Infocomm. Previously, Nazri served on the board of the Malay Heritage Foundation and served as the Sub-Committee Chairman of its Investments Committee. He was also a member of the Malay Program Advisory Committee (MPAC) under the auspices of the Media Development Authority. Nazri has an MBA from the University of Western Australia (2004) and a Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy & Economics) from the University of Queensland (1999).



Dr. Aishath Muneeza
Head of Financial Services & Chairperson

Capital Market Development Authority
Sector: Financial Services
Maldives

Profile

Dr Muneeza is among the key founders of Islamic finance in Maldives. She holds a doctorate degree in law from International Islamic University of Malaysia and has experience in multiple aspects of Islamic finance industry. She is a shariah Advisor, an Islamic Finance Consultant, a researcher, a presenter, a regulator, a speaker, a trainer, an Associate Professor and an attorney actively involved in promoting Islamic finance. She is the first female Deputy Minister of Ministry of Islamic Affairs and is the driving force behind the establishment of Maldives Hajj Corporation. She has facilitated the establishment of more than ten financial institutions offering Islamic finance services and is the only registered Shariah Adviser in Maldives. She structured the first corporate sukuk offered in Maldives and also structured the Islamic Treasury Instruments for the government of Maldives. She has published numerous books on Islamic finance and is the first to publish comprehensive books in Dhivehi language. Her contribution to Islamic finance industry has been recognised internationally and has been conferred several awards of recognition. She has received the prestigious "Rehendhi Award" highest award for women, conferred by the government of Maldives. Currently she is an Associate Professor at INCEIF, Malaysia & the chairwomen of Maldives Centre for Islamic Finance that was set up by the government of Maldives. "I tried to mentor women to make them realize they can play a part in the Islamic finance industry. If you look at Shariah advisory committees in the country, women are always present"



Umar Munshi
CEO & Founder

Ethis Ventures Islamic Crowdfunding
Sector: Financial Services
Singapore

Profile

Umar Munshi is the founder of Ethis Ventures Islamic Crowdfunding Ventures. He is a Social Entrepreneur who started his first online business at 18. Munshi's journey includes a stint in Saudi Arabia, 5 years in Indonesia, and then a return to Singapore and recently Malaysia. Munshi believes that the Muslim World and lifestyles will be dramatically impacted by the digital and sharing economy, where communities come together online to engage in trade and investment as well as knowledge and resource-sharing. He champions Islamic Crowdfunding as an emerging marketplace, with the slogan Circulate wealth. Build a better World, together. Islamic Crowdfunding started to grow only recently, and is fast gaining momentum. Munshi also recently initiated the formation of the Islamic Fintech Alliance, with 8 founding platforms from around the world. Munshi is the Managing Partner of EthisCrowd.com, the 1st Islamic Real Estate Crowdfunding platform. EthisCrowd is a fast-growing community of 15,000 Ethical & Islamic Investors and Donors. Our community has crowd-invested in projects to build more than 5,000 houses for the needy in Indonesia since early 2015. He recently founded EthisVentures.com, which partners with Islamic Crowdfunding platforms including award-winning SME P2P platform KapitalBoost.com, and SkolaFund.com, a donation platform founded by students to crowdfund tuition fees for deserving students. Ethis Ventures also operates WaqfWorld.org (beta), the 1st global Waqf Platform supported by Founding Patron Tun Abdullah Badawi, Malaysia's 5th Prime Minister. Munshi is also a partner in Ihram.asia, the leading Umrah-travel marketplace in Indonesia.



Adel Mustafawi
Group Chief Executive Officer

Masraf Al Rayan
Sector: Banking
Qatar

Profile

Mr. Adel Mohammed Tayyeb Mustafawi serves as a Group Chief Executive Officer of Masraf Al Rayan. Mr. Mustafawi has twenty years of experience in Treasury capital markets and Banking. Prior to MAR, he spent ten years at Qatar National Bank where the last position held was Treasurer and five years at the Government of Qatar Investment Office. He served as the Chairman of Al Rayan Bank plc (Islamic Bank of Britain plc.) since January 23, 2014 and has been its Director since April 2011. He serves as Board Member & Executive Director of Al Rayan Investment and Board Member of Kirnaf Investment & Installment in Saudi Arabia. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona, USA, majoring in Finance.



Paul Muthaura
CEO

Capital Markets Authority
Sector: Government & Associations
Kenya

Profile

Mr Paul Murithi Muthaura has led the Capital Markets Authority, Kenya since July 2012. Mr. Muthaura is a member of the Board of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and the Vice Chairman of the Africa and Middle East Regional Committee (AMERC) of IOSCO. He is also a member of the Financial Stability Board (FSB) Regional Consultative Group for Sub-Saharan Africa and the Consultative Committee of the East African Securities Regulatory Authorities (EASRA). At the national level he sits on the boards of the Insurance and Pensions regulator as well as the Vision 2030 Delivery Board. Paul has previously worked as an Emerging Markets Advisor with the General Secretariat of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and as a senior commercial associate with the law firm of Daly and Figgis Advocates. In his time with the CMA he has held the positions of Head of Legal Framework, Head of Enforcement and Director, Regulatory Policy and Strategy. Mr. Muthaura is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and is the holder of an LLB from the University of Warwick, LLM in Banking and Finance Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science, MPhil from the Maastricht School of Management and is undertaking a DBA at the Maastricht School of Management.



Chris Nader
Vice President - Development

Shaza Hotels
Sector: Trade & Tourism
UAE

Profile

As Vice President - Development, Chris Nader, has seen the birth of the company and was involved in setting up the brand's identity and positioning, establishing its values and philosophy, as well as creating signature products ranging from dining concepts to Spas and Kids' Clubs. With such in depth understanding of the brand, he naturally developed into a key player of the company's growth strategy, boosting its development activities across the globe. Prior to joining Shaza, Chris held several positions in food and beverage where he assisted in the creation of some of the trendiest resorts and restaurant concepts in Lebanon. He holds a Master in Hotel Administration from the Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne in Switzerland, and a Bachelor in Business Administration from the American University of Beirut.



Srinivas Nandiraju
Co-Founder & Director

Finalytix
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Srinivas leads the Sales & Advisory function at Finalytix, and has more than 13 years experience in Private Banking & Wealth Management advising High Net-worth and Ultra High Net-worth Individuals and Family Offices. Srinivas has also been a global speaker on FinTech, Wealth Management & Private Banking and has been invited to speak at various conferences. Srinivas has spent a number of years at financial institutions like Citibank and ICICI Bank and was responsible for managing and advising on assets over USD 200 Million. Srinivas has experience in advising clients on both discretionary and execution only mandates. Srinivas also has in-depth experience in working with clients in defining Asset Allocation strategies based on their risk profiles for medium to long term investments and trading strategies for high frequency trading clients looking to take advantage of market volatility. Srinivas has a thorough understanding of the regulatory regime governing financial institutions in GCC having worked with Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Authority in Banks & Capital Markets division where he was responsible for attracting financial institutions from Asia to set up their operations and presence in DIFC. Srinivas is working towards bringing world class Islamic Investment products to Affluent clients with very efficient and transparent pricing. He is also working with Islamic Financial product manufacturers and universities to come up with Innovative Financial Islamic Investment products. "Our Aim is to change the Islamic Finance Investment Landscape by offering world class investment products with efficient and transparent pricing and make these products available to Mass Affluent clients".



Iqbal Nasim
CEO

National Zakat Foundation
Sector: Government & Associations
UK

Profile

Iqbal has led the National Zakat Foundation since November 2011. He has spoken about Zakat and NZF extensively across the UK and also at an international level. Most recently, he was a speaker on the topic of Zakat at the Global Donors Forum, convened by the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists in Washington D.C., and conducted the Zakat Masterclass at the 10th World Islamic Economic Forum in Dubai. Prior to joining NZF, Iqbal worked for over five years in the investment banking industry as an equity research analyst in London. Iqbal is currently studying for an MSc in Voluntary Sector Management at Cass Business School and holds an MA in Economics and Management from Cambridge University, where he served as President of the Islamic Society. In 2005 he won the national Muslim Student of the Year award and was one of the founding members of Oxbridge Muslim Alumni.



Pervez Nasim
Chairman

Ansar & Islamic co-operative Housing
Corporation LTD.

Sector: Financial Services
Canada

Profile

Br. Pervez Nasim holds a Bachelor of Commerce and is a Certified Management Accountant. He is a founding member and Chair of the Board of the Islamic Co-operative Housing Corporation Ltd., first Interest-Free Home Ownership and Investment projects in North America. Br. Pervez Nasim is also Chairman & CEO of Ansar Co-operative Housing Corporation and a number of Ansar Financial Group of Companies that organized the 3rd International Islamic Banking, Finance & Insurance (Takaful) Conference held in Ottawa, Canada in May 2007. Ansar Financial Group Companies are managing investments of \$85 Million on Interest-free basis in various Projects and Joint Ventures in Canada. Br. Pervez Nasim is also Chairman & CEO of first Interest-free Public Company in North America known as Ansar Financial and Development Corporation Ltd. This company is expected to be listed in a Stock Exchange in Canada early next year. Br. Pervez Nasim was employed by the Ministry of Finance in Canada, from where he took early retirement in 2004 after twenty-seven years of service, so that he can devote more time to the various Islamic Financing & Investment Projects. During the past twenty-seven years he has made a number of presentations on ISLAMIC FINANCE AND INSURANCE (TAKAFUL) in various INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC BANKING AND FINANCE conferences held in Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Toronto, Khartoum, Kuala Lumpur, Trinidad, Chittagong, Jakarta, Riyadh, Monterrey Mexico, Brunei Darussalam, Malta and at Harvard University, London School of Economics in England and at Crans Montana Forum in Geneva, Switzerland.



Rafik Nayed
CEO

As Salam Bank
Sector: Banking
Bahrain

Profile

Rafik Nayed is a seasoned banker with over 25 years' experience. He joins Al Salam Bank on April 2018, from Deutsche Bank where he was most recently the Vice Chairman of the MENA region(from 2013), Chief Country Officer for the UAE and Senior Executive Officer of Deutsche Bank AG Dubai (DIFC). Before joining Deutsche Bank, Rafik was the Chief Executive Officer of the Libyan Investment Authority and prior to that worked for many years in the oil and gas and financial services industries in a variety of international senior positions. he holds an MBA from the prestigious London Business School.



Ashar M. Nazim

Executive board member

Finocracy

Sector: Law & Accounting

Bahrain

Profile

Ashar Nazim is the executive board member of Finocracy and the CEO of Waqfe. Ashar was the head of Ernst & Young's Global Islamic Banking Center of Excellence. He has more than 20 years of experience in the Islamic finance industry; in the profession, the industry and in regulatory capacity with the Central Bank of Bahrain. He brings a unique track record of corporate finance, strategy consulting, regulatory and industry roles that gives him a holistic understanding of influences driving change for his clients. Ashar has advised a number of central banks on regulatory reforms, worked with multilateral institutions on industry infrastructure initiatives, led setting up of several Greenfield Islamic windows and banks, advised on transformation of conventional banks to Islamic, and assisted financial institutions on transforming operational performance. He specializes in Performance Improvement with emphasis on strategy, digital transformation and customer experience. Ashar has been involved in a number of strategic initiatives across Europe, Middle East, Asia Pacific and Africa, advising board and senior management of clients on Islamic financial services matters. He is a regular speaker at influential industry forums, facilitates client strategy session, and has directed several thought leadership research on Islamic banking, takaful and wealth management business.



Shayne Nelson

Director

Emirates NBD

Sector: Banking

UAE

Profile

Shayne Nelson has an extensive banking career with experience in various roles. Prior to joining Emirates NBD, he served in Singapore as the Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Private Bank and was also the Chairman of Standard Chartered Saadiq Islamic Advisory Board and a Board member of Standard Chartered Bank (China) Ltd. Shayne is a member of the Board of Directors for Emirates NBD Capital, Emirates Financial Services and a Founding Member of the Higher Colleges of Technology Industry Advisory Council. A Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Shayne is also an Associate Fellow of the Australian Institute of Managers



Maryam Nemazee
Journalist and Broadcaster

AL Jazeera English
Sector: Media, Events & IT
UK

Profile

Maryam Nemazee is an experienced television news anchor and journalist. In the 10 years she has worked as a presenter and reporter in Europe, the Middle East, the US and Asia. Maryam's unique global news experience combines an in-depth knowledge of business news with international politics. Throughout her career, she has interviewed some of the world's top political and business leaders, including former Chairman of the Federal Reserve Paul Volcker, OPEC Secretary General Abdalla Salem El-Badri, and IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde. Most recently Maryam has been anchoring for Aljazeera English in London. She was on air during some of the biggest stories of the past year, including the Charlie Hebdo attack in Paris, the landmark Iran nuclear agreement, and the migrant crisis in the Mediterranean. Prior to this, Maryam was a London-based anchor with Bloomberg Television, presenting on all the main programmes, conducting exclusive interviews and real-time analysis of breaking news affecting global markets. Maryam covered major events and stories from the field, including the World Economic Forum in Davos and the European debt crisis. Maryam was in New York reporting on the US election, and reported and fronted a programme from the Middle East on Islamic Finance. Previously, she spent four and a half years based in the Middle East for Aljazeera English. During her time at AJE, Maryam covered stories such as the Israel-Palestinian conflict and the 2008 US election.



Prof. Cedimir Nestorovic
Professor - Management Department

ESSEC Business School Asia Pacific
Sector: Education & Advisory
Singapore

Profile

Professor Nestorovic holds a Ph.D from the Institute of Political Sciences in Paris. He teaches geopolitics and international marketing at the ESSEC Business school for more than 15 years, with a specific focus on Islamic Business and Management. Professor Nestorovic authored a book called “Marketing in an Islamic Environment” in 2007. A pioneer book at that time, it is translated so far in English, French and Italian. Based at the ESSEC Asia-Pacific campus in Singapore, he travels a lot in the region and in the Gulf because he is the academic co-director of the MBA at the Arabian Gulf University in Manama, Bahrain. He participates regularly to meetings dealing with Islamic Business such as the World Halal Forum in Kuala Lumpur, or the Kuala Lumpur Islamic Finance Forum. Prof Nestorovic is also one of the initiators and keynote speakers of the academic conferences devoted to Islamic Marketing and Branding such as the International Conference on Islamic Marketing and Branding in Kuala Lumpur and London or the Global Islamic Marketing Conference in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Appearing frequently in print and electronic media, Prof Nestorovic works closely with companies on issues pending with Islamic markets. He has been awarded the title of “Professor of the Week” by The Financial Times in 2012 for his contribution to Lexicon on Islamic Finance. In 2013, Prof Nestorovic has been appointed Director of the ESSEC Executive MBA, Asia Pacific.



Elena Nikolova

Founder

MuslimTravelGirl.Com

Sector: Trade & Tourism
UK

Profile

Elena is an international speaker, author and the brains behind MuslimTravelGirl.com the leading western travel blog for Muslim Millennials. She loves helping Muslim travelers explore the world in style without breaking the bank. She thrives on finding the best deals possible to the most desirable and Muslim friendly destinations. She is the first woman to become a Chartered Islamic Marketer (CIMA) in the UK, and over the last decade has built up a wealth of marketing and branding experience in the corporate world. Elena is part of the largest travel blogging community in the world known as Boarding Area, she inspires thousands of Muslims to travel and experience the world as confident Muslim Travelers. She is a monthly travel writer for several Muslim lifestyle magazines, she speaks at several international conferences and contributes to charity projects worldwide. She has thousands of followers on various social media platforms and her articles have been shared thousands of times and republished by various online media outlets. She has been interviewed and worked with international brands and publications. Coming from a diverse cultural background and travelling across the world Elena realized that there are not many companies that view Muslim travelers for who they are. Recognizing their needs and providing services that complement their religion. Her passion is to connect brands with Muslim travelers and provide insights into their needs and concerns.



Mohammad Reza Noory
Chairman

MAPNA Group
Sector: Logistics & Construction
Iran

Profile

Mr. Mohammad Reza Noory has an excellent track record, he holds a PhD in Financial Economics, a Master of Business Administration and a degree in Civil Engineering. He is currently the Chairman of MAPNA Group, a group of Iranian companies involved in the development and execution of thermal and renewable power, oil & gas, railway transportation and other industrial projects. Mr. Mohammad Reza Noory is also the Chairman of SABA – Power & Water Industries Investment Corp.



Lubna Olyan
CEO & Deputy Chairperson

Olayan Financing
Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Ms. Olyan holds a BSc. from Cornell University and an MBA from Indiana University, and she has received numerous recognitions and awards over the years for her achievements. Recent awards include an honorary degree - Doctor in Laws (LL.D) - from Trinity College, Dublin in June of 2011. And in May of 2012 she was awarded the Insignia of Member First Class of the Royal Order of the Polar Star by His Majesty the King of Sweden, Carl Gustav XVI. She is also a Trustee of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Cornell University, and the Asia Business Council. She also supports several charities, and serves on the boards of the Down Syndrome Charitable Association (KSA), Al Fanar (UK), and St. Jude's (Children Cancer Society of Lebanon). Following her completion of JP Morgan's training program, and having worked at JPM as a financial analyst, she joined Olayan Financing Company (OFC) in 1983 as a financial analyst and assistant to the Chairman. She became CEO and Deputy Chairman of OFC in 1986, and then continued serving in those same roles following the reorganization in early 2000 that consolidated The Olayan Group's trading, real estate and consumer related operations in the region with those of OFC. In addition to serving on the Board of Olayan Investment Company Establishment (OICE), the parent company of The Olayan Group, Lubna serves on a number of other boards and councils, including the Board of Directors of the Economic Cities Authority (KSA), Schlumberger, and the Saudi Hollandi Bank.



Prof Datuk Dr. Mohammed Azmi

Omar

President and CEO

INCEIF

Sector: Education & Advisory
Malaysia

Profile

Prof Datuk Dr Azmi is the President and CEO of INCEIF (International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance). Azmi's previous post was as the director-general for Islamic Research and Training Institute, Islamic Development Bank (IDB) in Saudi Arabia, said the press statement. Prior to IDB, Azmi was the dean of the IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance as well as a professor at the department of finance, faculty of economics and management sciences in the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). Professor Azmi holds a Doctorate in Finance from Bangor University, Wales, United Kingdom, a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science (Finance) degree from the Northern Illinois University, United States of America. Professor Azmi was the Shari'ah adviser to Bank Kerjasama Rakyat Malaysia Berhad and Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia; he also was the Deputy Rector in charge of academic and research at the International Islamic University Malaysia. During his tenure, a number of milestones were achieved, among these the establishment of the Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance as a center of excellence at the university. He is an active researcher and speaker on Islamic Economics and Finance and co-authored a textbook Introduction to Islamic Capital Market



Stephen Openshaw
CEO and managing partner

Eiger services
Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

Stephen Michael Openshaw started his banking career in the city of London in the Treasury of UBAF Bank Ltd in 1977. This was the commencement of a longstanding relationship with the Arab Financial world including living 16 years in the Middle-East in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. His most recent position was Head of Islamic Products at MF Global, with prior management responsibilities as FVP assistant Treasury Manager, Interest Rate and Islamic Products at Arab Banking Corporation and Associate Director, Fixed Income and derivatives at Daiwa Europe Bank London.



Dr. Athar Osama
Founder and Managing Editor

Muslim-Science.Com
Sector: Media, Events & IT
UK

Profile

Dr. Athar Osama is a science and innovation policy researcher, consultant, advisor, and practitioner. He is the Founder and CEO of Pakistan Innovation Foundation dedicated to the creation of an innovation eco-system in Pakistan. Dr. Osama is an Honorary Senior Associate at the Institute of Education at University College. He is also the co-Founder of Islamic World Innovation Network (iWIN). Dr. Osama is also the Fellow of the New York-based World Technology Network (WTN) and a Young Global Leader (2013-18) of the WEF. Dr. Osama is also the Founder of Muslim-Science.Com – a portal and a platform dedicated to the revival of science, innovation, and entrepreneurship. In his capacity as Founder and Managing Editor, Dr. Osama also heads the Muslim-Science.Com’s Task Forces Initiative which seeks to create a dialogue within the Muslim World on issues at the intersection of Science and Religion. Two Task Forces have been launched – one on ‘Science at Universities in the Islamic World’ is chaired by Tan Sri Zakri Abdul Hamid, Science Advisor to the Prime Minister Najib, and one on ‘Science and Islam: The Big Questions’ is being chaired by Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, former Secretary General of the OIC. Prior to this, Dr. Osama was the Director of Middle East and Asia for Angle Plc. For 4 years, before launching Muslim-Science.Com, he wrote a regular column on the science policy and politics of the Islamic World for London-based Science and Development Network (SciDev.Net) which analyzed and questioned, leaders of the Islamic World on their apathy towards science and innovation.



Armin Osmancevic
CEO

MyBazar Global
Sector: Media, Events & IT
Malaysia

Profile

Armin is an entrepreneur and a co-founder of MyBazar, the world's first social marketplace that truly transfers physical shopping experience into e-commerce. MyBazar made its inaugural launch in Malaysia as the first country on its roadmap in 2017 with the aim to empower SMEs, especially in the non-urban areas to embrace the huge opportunities in digital economy and manage their businesses more efficiently. More importantly, MyBazar will also actively support and promote small businesses to cross over and export to emerging markets. Armin's passion is the digital economy that serves the purpose and makes a difference in everyday life. Professionally he held positions as creative and design director for some of the globally leading marketing and branding firms. He designed and delivered global product launch campaigns for brands such as Adidas, Mercedes, H&M, Pepsi and others. Recently, Armin was recognized among 500 most influential figures in the global Islamic Economy. Armin has a Master's degree from the Konstfack University of Arts, Crafts and Design in Stockholm, Sweden. Quote: To accomplish yourself, focus on helping others.



Dr. Yousef A. Othaimeen
Secretary General

Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
Sector: Government & Associations
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Al-Othaimeen is the The Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) since november 2016, prior to that he was the Minister of Social Affairs for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 2007 to 2015. Dr. Al othaimeen hold a bachelor's degree in social studies from King Saud University in Riyadh (1977), a master's in political sociology from Ohio University (1982), and a PhD in political sociology from the American University in Washington DC (1986)



Bahri Ouzariah
CEO

Oriental Viandes Group
Sector: Food & Beverages
France

Profile

Bahri Ouzariah is the Vice Chief Executive Officer of Oriental Viandes Group, France - a company specialized in the manufacturing and sale of processed food (such as halal ready-to-cook meals, ready-to-eat dishes, and halal delicatessen). Bahri has successfully developed and implemented the company's commercial and marketing strategy in France and other markets. He also serves as Board Member of Oriental Viandes Group. Prior to his contribution to Oriental Viandes, Bahri was an International Sales Director and a Board Member of Idena Firm-Services, a French feed technical services and premixes company. His work with them include engineering in animal nutrition, research and development, know-how transfer, feed formulation norms and optimization, manufacturing and selling of premixes and innovative additives to feed manufacturers, poultry integrations, cooperatives, home-mixers and distributors based in and outside France to over 30 countries, with three subsidiaries in Canada, Ukraine and Algeria.



Emin Ozcan
General Manager

Vakif Bank
Sector: Banking
Turkey

Profile

Mehmet Emin Ozcan is a businessperson who has been at the head of 9 different companies and is Chairman at Ziraat Bank and Chief Executive Officer & Director at Türkiye Vakıflar Bankası TAO. He is also on the board of Türkiye Sinai Kalkınma Bankası AS and Governor-Central Bank at Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. In his past career Mr. Ozcan occupied the position of Chairman at Vakıf Yatırım Menkul Değerler AS, Chairman-Supervisory Board for VakıfBank International AG, Chairman at UTBANK CJSC, Chairman at Turk Turkish Bank, Assistant Auditor at Türkiye İis Bankası AS, Chairman of Azer-Türk Bank OJSC, Chairman of Ziraat Bank International AG and Chairman at Kazakhstan-Ziraat International Bank. He received an undergraduate degree from Ankara University.



Hakan Ozyon
CEO

Hejaz Financial Services
Sector: Financial Services
Australia

Profile

Mr. Hakan is the Chief Executive Officer of Hejaz Financial Services. prior to that, he provided private Islamic investment services to high net worth clients. After 8 years of success he decided to establish a financial services firm in 2014 to cater for needs of the greater Islamic community. Since its establishment, Hejaz Financial Services caters for over 2000 customers across Australia with 6 offices nationwide. To further support the growing financial needs of the Muslim community, Hakan pioneered the establishment of an Ethical, Diversified, Islamic Managed Fund, the Global Ethical Fund, where he is the Senior Portfolio Manager and Fund Manager. He holds an Executive Master of Business Administration (eMBA) (RMIT), a Master of Professional Accounting (MPA) (RMIT), and a Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) (RMIT).



Nicos G. Papaefstathiou
Managing Partner

Tassos Papadopoulos & associates LLC
Sector: Law & Accounting
Cyprus

Profile

Nicos graduated in Law from the Law School of Salonica University in Greece in 1979. In 1980 he was admitted to the Cyprus Bar. In 1989, he went on to acquire an LL.M. in Corporate and Commercial Law from Queen Mary University (University of London). After working in a private practice he joined Tassos Papadopoulos & Co as an associate. He became a partner at the firm and later a senior partner until July 2007, when he became managing partner at the firm, now Tassos Papadopoulos & Associates L.L.C. Nicos served two terms as elected president of the Cyprus Bar Association (2000 to 2006). In 2012, he was appointed by the Council of Ministers as a non-executive member to the Board of the Cyprus Hydrocarbons State Company which oversees the import, liquefaction, transport and export of hydrocarbons. Nicos was appointed president of the Committee established for the Accountability of State Officers. He also served as a member of the Legal Council (1994-2006), the Lawyer's Disciplinary Board (2000-2006), the National Organisation for the Protection of Human Rights (2000-2006), the National Organisation for the Protection of Human Rights (2000-2006), the Co-ordinating Body against Corruption, as head of the Cypriot Delegation to the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (2000-2006) and as president of the Union of Balkan Bar Associations (2004-2006). Nicos has contributed articles for Greek and English language media and legal periodicals and has drafted a number of important pieces of legislation.

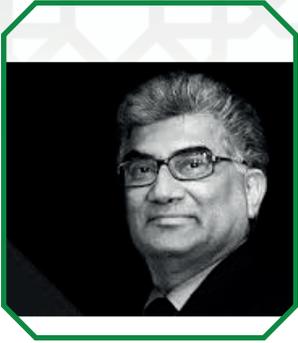


Marcel Omar Papp
Head Retakaful southeast asia

Swiss Re
Sector: Financial Services
Switzerland

Profile

Mr. Marcel Omar Papp is managing the retakaful branch of Swiss Re in Kuala Lumpur that writes General and Family Retakaful business on a worldwide basis. He has worked in the reinsurance industry for the past 22 years both in Europe (London; Zurich) and Asia (Singapore, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur). Amongst others I was responsible in overseeing the casualty treaty book of Swiss Re in entire Asia managing a team of up to 12 people. In his latest position as head of retakaful of Swiss Re Retakaful in Kuala Lumpur, he set up the retakaful branch in 2009 and have been managing it since then. The branch writes General (P&C) and Family (L&H) Retakaful business on a worldwide. In addition, he is a member of the management committee of the Malaysian Takaful Association with the aim to bring the (Re) Takaful industry to the next level. He is also active in initiatives such as the creation of a market pool and a standard retakaful wording for the industry.



Mushtak Parker
Editor

Islamic Banker Magazine
Sector: Media, Events & IT
UK

Profile

Mushtak Parker is a financial writer, analyst and research consultant with over 30 years of experience. He is Editor of *Islamic Banker Magazine*, the market reference for the global Islamic finance sector. He has covered the Islamic finance sector and the Middle East and South East Asia for more than three decades and has written extensively on these areas. He was a correspondent for the FT Group of Publications for more than 14 years, and has contributed on business, finance, governance, sports and the arts to major publications worldwide. He has published two books - one on Human Rights and the other a Directory on Islamic Banking & Finance, and has written several bespoke confidential consultancy reports on Islamic finance and various economic topics for major institutions including finance and economy ministries in a number of countries, central banks, investment banks, commercial banks, insurance firms, accountancy firms and professional bodies. He graduated from the London School of Economics (LSE) with an MSc (Econ) with a Distinction.



Shujath Pasha
CEO

IPrimitus Consultancy Services
Sector: Fintech
India

Profile

Shujath Pasha is the CEO of «iPrimitus is a focused global Business and Technology consulting firm with the vision to be a business enabler of our Clients.» He has over 20 years experience in the industry. Shujath is an expert in Islamic finance designing and delivering solutions for Islamic conventional and financial organizations across the Middle East. Previously, he had a core banking expertise and successfully managed many projects and effectively managed various teams comprising of development and support in Dubai Bank etc.. Shujath Played key role in the development of a sartup bank and contributed in converting conventional banking into Islamic banking He holds a masters degree in Software Engineering and he is an ITIL certified professional.



Anass Patel
CEO & Founder

570 Easi
Sector: Financial Services
France

Profile

Anass Patel is the founding manager of 570 Asset Management, a company specialized in the structuring of financial solutions sharia compliant. He was previously the Director of Investment & Strategy of DTZ Asset Management, in charge of business development through innovative vehicles and strategic relationships with top-tier fund managers. He has built key management accounts with GE Asset Management (on behalf of GE Pension Trust at the European level), Dubai Islamic Bank for the Al Islamic Pan-European property fund compliant with the sharia rules, AMP Capital with the Global Direct Property Fund, or the Hexagone fund, a co-developed French property fund with Aviva Investors. With around 14 years of experience in Finance and Real Estate, he previously worked at GE Capital, as an investment and then risk specialist in Europe and the US (Private Equity, Insurance, and Consumer Finance). He also worked for the international property developer, HRO as head of the research department. He holds a post-graduate degree from Ecole Centrale Paris and is graduated from ESC Lille business school. He is a CCIM member from the US (Certified Commercial Investment Manager), a 6 sigma black belt by training and PMP certified (from the Project Management Institute). Anass is also the founder-president of AIDIMM, a not-for-profit organization that promotes Islamic Finance towards the general public from France and French speaking countries. This initiative has also lead to the setup of the first French sharia committee regrouping French scholars under the ACERFI umbrella.



Dian Pelangi

Fashion designer & Entrepreneur

Dian Pelangi

Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics
Indonesia

Profile

Having graduated successfully from Ecole Superieur des Arts et Techniques de la Mode (ESMOD) in 2008, Dian Peangi had gained invaluable experience and a broader perspective on how to introduce and unify Muslim style into the vast spectrum of fashion. Dian Pelangi draws inspiration from the colors of the rainbow which is reflected in her multitasking skill set and fine eye for detail, color and artistic flair. By 2010, Dian Pelangi has showcased her collection at Jakarta Fashion week sparking interest across the country resulting in interviews with CNN and others. Her designs have been featured in international publications such as Islamic fashion by Pepin Press in the Netherlands. Dian Pelangi's expanding clientele include singers Dewi Sandra and Siti Nurhaliza as well as royals Princess Basma Bint Talal of Jordan and Princess Nadja of Hanover Germany.



Majid Pireh
Senior Expert

Securities & Exchange Organization (SEO)
Sector: Financial Services
Iran

Profile

Majid Pireh holds an M.A. in Islamic Studies and Finance from Imam Sadiq University in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. He joined Securities and Exchange Organization (SEO) of Iran in 2007 as Islamic Finance Expert soon after establishment of SEO Shariah board. Before 2007, he was an advisor to Sharif University of Technology in Islamic finance issues and coordinated Islamic Finance professors who came to the country. In 2010, he was invited by Central bank of Iran (CBI) as a professor in Islamic banking and then started teaching in some Iranian commercial banks in the field of Islamic banking and finance. After 6 years of activities in the field of Islamic finance, he became a senior expert in SEO and then joined SEO Shariah board as a senior Islamic finance expert. In 2010, he became planning and strategic manager of International Courses on Islamic Capital Markets organized annually by SEO and Islamic development bank (IDB) for 4 terms and is still directing them. He typically presents Iran Islamic capital market model in the course. In 2011, Majid Pireh became Islamic Finance News (IFN) Correspondent in Iran and provides some updates about Islamic capital market in Iran in that newsletter. In 2014, he directed a 2 day course about Islamic capital markets in Islamabad stock Exchange in Pakistan. Moreover, he is a simultaneous interpreter for some Shariah scholars and lecturers in some local and international conferences.



Thomas Polson
CEO and Co-Founder

Falah Capital
Sector: Financial Services
USA

Profile

Thomas Polson is the co-founder of Falah Capital, a US-based Islamic asset management company focusing on index products, such as exchange traded funds (ETF) and managed accounts. Falah Capital is a strategic partner of Russell Indexes, IdealRatings, and Exchange Traded Concepts. Their funds are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Prior to Falah Capital's incorporation, Polson worked at The Investor for Securities Company – a multi-billion dollar, Shariah compliant investment bank headquarter in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. At the Investor, Polson dealt specifically with liquid, multi-asset class portfolios intended for high net-worth individuals and institutional investors. The programme was based upon securities research to qualify and quantify the Islamic mutual funds industry in order to produce efficient allocations. He has been responsible for Shariah compliant security selection, developing investment strategies, portfolio management, and performance analysis. Polson has a Postgraduate Diploma and Master's Degree in Islamic Banking & Finance from leading institutions in the United Kingdom. Since the start of his graduate studies to the present, he has primarily focused his efforts and understanding on the Islamic mutual funds industry.



Khalique Qadri
CEO

Pibas
Sector: Fintech
Pakistan/UAE

Profile

Khalique Qadri is the founder and CEO of PIBAS a banking solution for both conventional & Islamic banking sector. He has a large client base in different country: Pakistan, UAE, Oman, Qatar, Tanzania, South Africa and Bahamas. His company is supplier of reputable Islamic Bank like Al Baraka Bank. Khalique previously worked as CEO at Pioneers Computers Company in Sharjah, UAE. He holds a Masters degree in Organic Chemistry from Karachi University.

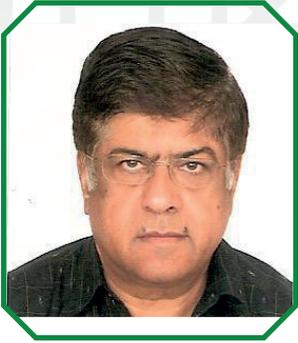


Sam Quawasmi
co CEO and co Founder

Eureeca
Sector: Fintech
UAE/UK/Malaysia

Profile

Sam Quawasmi is the co founder and co ceo of Eureeca. Eureeca is the first global equity crowdfunding platform. It enables members of its investor network, who range from casual and angel investors to institutional firms, to buy shares in growth-oriented businesses, while providing operational businesses with crucial access to capital. In term of background, he has 14 years experience working for international investment banks in London and MENA region investment banks in Dubai. Sam served as Director for MENA Equities at Arqaam Capital, and Vice President of Equity Capital Markets at SHUAA Capital. He also served as Associate and Senior Associate for HSBC Investment Bank and Tokyo Mitsubishi Graduated from Nottingham Trent University in the UK in Business Administration. He also holds a Master of Science in International Capital Markets from the University of Brighton in the UK.



Fauz Qureishi
Chief Executive Officer

Kenya Bureau of Halal Certification
Sector: Government & Associations
Kenya

Profile

Fauz Qureishi is the CEO of the Kenya Halal Certification bureau. Kenya Bureau of Halal Certification (KBHC) is a Not-for Profit making entity whose aim is to ensure that all products comply with maximum hygienic and humanitarian standards required by Islamic dietary laws. KBHC monitors these products at every point, from the source to the consumer. This is done by means of thorough inspection and continuous checks by KBHC trained inspectors , thereby eliminating doubts and granting the general public full confidence and assurance when choosing to buy 'Halal' products.He is a certifier recognized by the High malaysian authority Jakim.



Dr. Yahia Abdul Rahman

Founder & Resident Shari'aa

Lariba Finance

Sector: Financial Services
USA

Profile

Dr. Yahia was born in Cairo, Egypt and immigrated to the US in 1968. He studied Chemical Engineering and International Finance. He authored two books, numerous papers and many patents. He was a member of the team that started the Industrial Bank of Kuwait. In 1984-1986 he returned to help restructure it. His group started banks in Houston, Texas (1982) and LARIBA Bank of Kazakhstan (1998.)Dr. Abdul-Rahman invested 18 years in the Investment Banking industry with CitiGroup / Smith Barney where he started and co-managed the first ever Shari'aa compliant stock portfolio that achieved superior performance and was a prelude to the Dow Jones Islamic Index.Dr. Yahia is known as the Father of Islamic banking in North America. He started "American Finance House – LARIBA" in 1987. In addition, the shareholders also own the first full service RF (Riba-Free) National Bank in America: LARIBA Bank of Whittier. Please visit: www.LARIBA.com and www.WhittierBank.com. LARIBA, under Dr. Yahia's leadership, was the first company ever in the US to operate RF (Riba Free) a Riba Free Bank and to issue RF (Islamic finance) asset-based mortgage bonds (Sukuk) in the US with Fannie Mae and in Singapore with MUIS.Dr. Yahia is a distinguished Imam and Community leader in North America since 1968. He participated in the start-up and operation of many Islamic Centers and Schools in the US and Canada. Dr. Yahia spent 15 years in the Oil Industry in Production, Engineering, Corporate Strategic Planning and Finance in a major American Oil Company and refineries.



Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo

Director

Kuala Lumpur regional Centre for Arbitration

Sector: Law & Accounting

Malaysia

Profile

Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo is the current Director of the KLRCA. Datuk Professor Sundra is a Past Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Malaysia Branch (2000-2002), Founding President of the Society of Construction Law, Malaysia, and past Deputy-President of the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators. He was a Council Member of the Malaysian Institute of Architects for the years 1990-1992 and 1993-2001. Datuk Professor Sundra is a Chartered Arbitrator and an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya (non-practicing). He is an approved Tutor and Examiner for Entry Course for Associate and Assessor and Examiner for Accelerated Member and Fellow grade programmes with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators United Kingdom and has taught in the Institute's Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration course and International Entry Level Course in Jakarta. He serves on the panel of numerous international arbitral institutions and organizations. Further to being a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE). Datuk Professor Sundra has authored and co-authored several Books on arbitration and construction law, including, "Law, Practice and Procedure of Arbitration" (2003); "The Malaysian Standard Form of Building Contract (The PAM 1998 Form)" (1999); the Arbitration title for Halsbury's Laws of Malaysia (2002); "Arbitration Act 2005 – UNCITRAL Model Law as Applied in Malaysia" (2007); "The PAM 2006 Form" (2010); "Construction Law in Malaysia" (2012); and "The Malaysia Arbitration Act 2005 (Amended 2011): An Annotation" (2013).

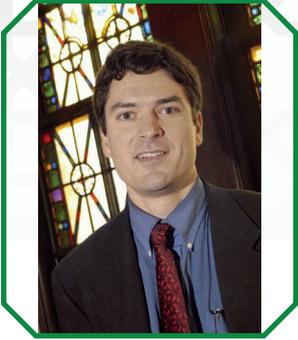


Naeem Randhawa
CEO

HalalSky
Sector: Fintech
USA

Profile

As an Amazon best-selling author on entrepreneurship, serial entrepreneur and keynote speaker, Naeem teaches motivated people how to take hold of the gold mine of digital opportunities and generate wealth. Naeem has sold and managed over \$250 million in technology at Fortune 1000 companies like KPMG, Pepsi, Boeing, FedEx, State of Texas, Walmart, Government of Afghanistan, and many others. In 2014, he left the corporate world and started an IT consulting start-up, growing it to over \$2 million in sales in less than 2 years. In 2015, Naeem launched HalalSky.com, the world's first Halal crowdfunding platform for real estate investors. The investor club has accumulated hundreds of investors, with a list of luminaries on the board of directors. The unique platform allows investors to take advantage to the growing sharia-compliant growing economy. He also created more than half a dozen other companies generating revenue; including eCommerce (Amazon private label), healthcare software compliance (CareFoundry), and social sharing economy ventures (Turo related), and others. Naeem continues to develop partnerships, trains others, and speak at national conferences, and looks forward to engaging the Muslim and other community to succeed in creating meaningful and enriching lifestyles, so everyone can live to their fullest potential. In his rare free time, he's also completing his second documentary TeaWithTheTaliban.com. His first film, American Ramadan, aired on PBS in the US, and also globally. Naeem's wife and he were recognized and awarded the Award of Excellence for their humanitarian work with Islamic Relief. Live with meaning, light up your life. Light It Up!



Stephen Lange Ranzini
CEO & President

University Bank
Sector: Financial Services
USA

Profile

Stephen Lange Ranzini is President & CEO of University Bank in Ann Arbor, Michigan which has \$16.3 billion in assets under management. He played the leading role in the acquisition of the Bank in a leveraged buyout backed by BankOne in 1988 when he became the nation's youngest bank holding company President at age 23, a position he has held since. Among his accomplishments at University Bank, he is the Founder, Chairman, President & CEO of University Islamic Financial, the first banking subsidiary of a U.S. bank run entirely on Sharia principles, managing over \$450 million and has originated over \$630 million of Sharia compliant assets. University Bank was selected as «Community Bankers of the Year» by American Banker magazine, as "Community Bankers of the Year" by the American Bankers Association, as one of the most profitable banks in the U.S. based on return on shareholders' equity by American Banker magazine for six of the past 10 years, and as the second fastest growing business of any type in the Greater Detroit Region by Crain's Detroit Business. In 2013, University Bank was awarded a perfect IDC Rating of 300 out of 300. Midwest's mortgage customers have 14x fewer complaints than the industry average according to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's complaint database. Mr. Ranzini has direct operational experience in the following additional areas: retail securities brokerage, asset management, trade finance, asset backed lending and venture capital.



Ehab Rashad
CEO

Al Safwa Mubasher
Sector: Banking
UAE

Profile

Mr. Ehab Rashad is the ceo of Al Safwa Mubasher since jully 2017, he has 16 years of hands-on regional trading experience, previously served as operation manager at Al Yasminien Brokerage from december 1995 to july 2005. He also worked as member of the board at Madar Capital for a year(2005-2006), and chairman at Al thamarat Association Charity since 2006. .He is an xperiened Vice Chairman with a demonstrated history of working in the financial services industry. Skilled in Negotiation, Asset Management, Management, Trading, and Corporate Finance. Strong business development professional with a Bachelor focused in Law from Alexandria University.



Ishrat Rauff

Group Managing Director /CEO

Adl Capital

Sector: Financial Services
Sri Lanka

Profile

Mr. Rauff has commenced his career in commercial banking at Banque Indosuez, specializing in the areas of Corporate Credit, Foreign Exchange Trading and Treasury Management. Counts twenty five years in the financial industry in areas as diverse as Stock broking, Fund Management, and Investment Banking. Currently specializes in the field of Islamic Finance, having spent over 15 years in the industry. Graduated in Civil Engineering from Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, UK, and completed a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the Melbourne Business School, University of Melbourne, Australia, and obtained his Associateship from the Chartered Institute of Bankers (ACIB), UK between the undergraduate and post-graduate degrees. Mr. Rauff holds an MBA from the University of Melbourne, and also has an Honours degree in Civil Engineering from Imperial College of Science & Technology, London. He also completed his Associateship of the Chartered Institute of Bankers (ACIB) UK. He counts over twenty years in the financial industry in areas including stock broking, corporate credit, fund management and investment banking. Ishrat's speciality is in Islamic Finance. His previous positions include the post of Managing Director / CEO at Amana Securities, a Trading Member of the Colombo Stock Exchange.



Mohammad Farrukh Raza

Managing Director/Founder

IFAAS

Sector: Law & Accounting

UK

Profile

Farrukh holds an MBA in Strategic Management and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (UK), He speaks several languages with excellent command in English, French and Urdu. Farrukh has held senior roles at Islamic Bank of Britain, the first Islamic bank in Europe and also played a key role in rolling out the first Takaful Company in Europe. He brings on board exceptionally rich experience across various sectors of the Islamic finance industry where he has led many pioneering Islamic Finance projects in Europe, Central America, GCC and Africa. Farrukh's experience includes advising the key stakeholders and regulatory authorities on developing the regulatory, legal and tax frameworks for implementing Islamic Finance in several markets. He has also led many market research projects and feasibility studies to launch new Islamic financial operations. Farrukh is an influential industry speaker at international conferences and frequently lectures at reputed universities worldwide. He is currently the managing director at the Islamic Finance Advisory & Assurances Services (IFAAS).



IRFAN Razack
Chairman & Director

M/s. Prestige Group
Sector: Real Estate
India

Profile

Around 30 years ago, my brother, Rezwan and I dared to move away from the family's well established retail business to create our own space. Today, what then might have been frowned upon as a break from tradition, is a company that has played a significant role in changing the skyline of South India. The Prestige Group is currently the second largest developer in India. It is also the only CRISIL DA 1 rated Developer in India with a financial rating of A- by ICRA. I believe that real estate is the only asset class that continues to be safe to invest in as it offers no short-term bets but it pays multifold over the long term. Headquartered in Bangalore, we have in recent years taken our expertise to the other cities across South India, including Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi, Mangalore, Mysore and Goa. Noteworthy among our upcoming projects in 2017 is a piece of land in Pune that we have set aside for developing an IT Park. We have also set aside properties for office buildings as well as an IT Park in both Ahmedabad and Kochi. Though Prestige is already a national entity, it is my dream to give the company a pan India presence. As developers, we have the privilege of giving people one of their most precious assets – a home. At Prestige, we have been trying to create quality homes for people for over three decades now and my biggest satisfaction comes from happy customers who come and tell us that they have made significant returns on their investment in Prestige homes. Passion, perseverance and a positive attitude tend to set successful entrepreneurs apart. Cultivating these attributes requires an innate skill set. That complemented with a smart business strategy can definitely help one gain success.



Liana Rosnita Redwan-Ber
Founder & Editorial Chief

Aquila Style
Sector: Media, Events & IT
Singapore

Profile

Liana Rosnita Redwan-Ber, 32, a Singaporean Muslim, founder and publisher of Aquila style magazine which is the first magazine to cater for young, educated Muslim women with a worldly outlook who also want to remain true to their faith. Redwan-Ber set up Aquila in 2009 and said the idea for the magazine, published every two months, came after her husband asked why there wasn't a publication for modern Muslims like her. While there are plenty of magazines in the Middle East and Asia targeting women in general, Aquila, published in English, distinguishes itself by focusing on a market that would normally read Western-style staples such as Cosmopolitan, Vogue and Marie Claire, and who crave something that addresses issues more relevant to them. Aquila magazine won multiple awards in Singapore, including best in social media. This magazine has changed the game of an entire global consumer market. With her success in publishing and her experience in business management and digital marketing, Liana is a compelling and versatile professional communications. Liana Rosnita has started her career in 2002 as a Staff writer in "The Expat" moving afterwards to 2 years of freelance in West Australia ending in 2006. She then became a PR consultant in Bridges M&C where she had an objective to deliver to clients higher editorial values than the amounts they invest. Last step before Launching Aquila was in the Business development in The Jewel Box Pte Ltd during the period 2007-2008.



Hind Hitomi Remon

Director

Japan Halal Association
Sector: Food & Beverages
Japan

Profile

Hind established this association to help her compatriot Muslim to have halal living with security and relief in Japan. She has been seriously wanted Muslim to know Japanese culture, technology, food and people's kindness, and now she hopes good relation between Muslim and Japanese. JHA NPO - Japan Halal Association - aims to deliver Halal Living for every home, every Muslim in Japan. The body is recognized by JAKIM - Department of Islamic Development Malaysia, and MUIS - Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura. It has been conducted certifying activities to Japanese companies. Though there are several certification bodies in the world, our certification standard is highest level. Because it has belief that "Making the robust base is most needed for building up halal culture in Japan." JHA consists of the expert members in various fields including following members. You come to know from the lining of these members, they seriously, religiously and enthusiastically deal with halal activities from a muslim's standpoint.



Dr. Belaid Rettab
Senior Director, Economic Research & Sustainable
Business Development

Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Sector: Government & Associations
UAE

Profile

Dr. Belaid Rettab, Chief Economist & Senior Director, Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry. He worked since 2001 as advisor to the UAE Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs-TANMIA, and from 2003 to present Senior Director Business Research at Dubai Chamber, where he established a full-fledged research department serving the research needs of the business community. Dr. Rettab accumulated over 25 years of outstanding achievements in research and advisory work in Western and Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia. He has lectured micro-economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam. Currently, he is a Visiting Professor of Economics at the University of Dubai. He also assisted the European Union, UN, the World Bank and several national governments with the implementation of several economic development and reform programs. He published dozens of articles and research reports directly relevant to policy makers in the fields of Economics, Islamic Banking, Trade, International Management, Entrepreneurship, Public Administration and Business Ethics. Dr. Rettab is an active member of the ICC Commission Economic Policy Group, and Commission on Corporate Responsibility and Anti-corruption. He graduated from the Economic Faculty of Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), where he worked from 1987 to 1998 as researcher and later on as senior consultant at the Foundation for Economic Research Rotterdam. He defended his Doctorate thesis partially funded by the Netherlands Scientific Research Organization's (N.W.O) in 1995 at the EUR-FEW, and in 1998, he moved to EIM Policy Research where he worked as Policy Research Account Manager & International Consultant.



Datuk Shahril Ridza Ridzuan

Managing Director

Kazanah Nasional

Sector: Government & Associations
Malaysia

Profile

Datuk Shahril Ridza Ridzuan was appointed as the EPF CEO on April 16, 2013. Prior to joining the EPF, he was Malaysian Resources Corporation Bhd (MRCB) managing director. He is presently a non-executive board member of Media Prima Bhd, Malaysia Building Society Bhd (MBSB), Pengurusan Danaharta Nasional Bhd, MRCB and IJN Holdings Sdn Bhd. Shahril holds a Master of Arts (First Class) from Cambridge University and Bachelor of Civil Law (First Class) from Oxford University, and has been called to the Malaysian Bar and the Bar of England and Wales



Abul Rob
CEO & Founder

Halal Eat
Sector: Halal Industry
United Kingdom

Profile

Abul Rob is the Founder and CEO of halaleat.com, an on demand marketplace platform listing local halal verified restaurants and takeaways in the United Kingdom. His work experience has been attained at Sales and Management level with various blue chip FTSE100 & FTSE 250 companies. Being a Muslim himself and having witnessed the lack of verified Halal choice for the growing Muslim population in the UK, Rob is now aiming to be the first Muslim entrepreneur to ignite the “Halal” revolution and pioneer the development of the Halal Eco-System beyond food. HalalEat is a former 2016 finalist of MassChallenge (UK) accelerator and has recently been featured on Forbes as a “Muslim Startup with a Big Future In The UK and Beyond”. Rob said “My team and I are on a long journey that will span a decade (if not longer) and our core vision is to deliver the Halal Eco System that will touch and benefit the lives of every Muslim. Our Eco-System vision is underpinned by big data and we aim to disrupt and innovate various sectors from food, fashion, finance, education and more whilst keeping the core values of Islam as our guiding compass.



José Antonio Rodríguez
Partner

Marimón Abogados
Sector: Law & Accounting
Spain

Profile

Graduate in Law and Philology by the University of Seville, Master in Legal Advice for Companies by the Instituto de Empresa and Doctor in Theory of Literature by the University of Seville. José Antonio is a teacher at the Instituto de Empresa and at the University Antonio de Nebrija. The Anglo-Saxon legal directory Best Lawyers He considered one of the best lawyers in the country by his career in commercial and corporate law and from 2015 also in banking and financial law. José Antonio Rodríguez is a partner of the Firm and member of the Commercial and Corporate Law Department. Mr. Rodríguez is specialized in banking and financial law, Energy, with special dedication to renewable energy, Purchase and sale and corporate restructuring operations, international contracts, corporate law.



Mohamed Rusan Fyroze
CEO

Siraj Finance
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

M Rusan Fyroze is the general manager of the Siraj Finance. He had an experience in the banking sector for more that 15 years in HSBC, Aman Bank as well as Mint capital in UAE. He holds a Master degree in Business administration in Corllins University.



Jaafar S. Abdulkadir

Managing Director

AQEEL CONSULTING

Sector: Banking

Kenya

Profile

A dynamic and goal oriented banking professional with 20 years progressive banking experience in; operations, consumer & corporate banking, relationship management and Islamic banking. Ethical, articulate, highly analytical, intelligent and self-driven. Outstanding corporate ambassador to customers, board members and other internal and external stake holders. Resourceful, adaptable and outstanding role model, talented team builder, mentor and leader. Offers demonstrated track record in driving growth, improving operations, and successfully creating solutions for complex business problems. Proficient at managing comprehensive review and analysis of organizational operations, performing financial analysis and modeling, and developing and implementing strategies. Able to develop, manage, and execute Sales, Marketing, and Business Development plans. Expertise in sharia compliant products development and structuring of Islamic facilities for corporate clients. An excellent organizer with solid planning skills. Provided management leadership in the development and launch of the entire Islamic banking window at KCB. The process involved requirement gathering, scope and resource management, quality assurance and communication planning. Proven talent for identifying core business needs and translating them into deliverables. Skilled in optimizing teams dynamics, uniting diverse agendas to a common goal, and harnessing strategic and operational drivers to deliver results.



Khalid Saad
CEO

Bahrain FinTech Bay
Sector: Government & Associations
Bahrain

Profile

Khalid Saad is the Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain FinTech Bay, one of the largest financial technology hubs in the MENA region. Mr. Saad, was Business Development Manager at Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB). As head of business development at EDB, he succeeds in developing existing companies as well as attracting new ones such as banks, asset and wealth managers, insurers and ancillary services providers. Avant de rejoindre le Conseil de développement économique du Bahreïn, il a travaillé pour Ernst & Young. Durant son travail à Ernst & Young, il a dirigé la mise en place d'une plate-forme sur la gouvernance, les risques et la conformité au bureau de Bahreïn. Il a aussi travaillé chez SEI Investments à Londres. Previously, he worked at Ernst & Young. While at Ernst & Young, he led the implementation of a governance, risk and compliance platform in the Bahrain office. He has also worked at SEI Investments in London. Mr. Saad has an MSc from Imperial College London and a BSc with honors from Exeter University .



Dr. Adel Sabir
Chairman & Managing Director

European Halal Development Agency
Sector: Food & Beverages
UK

Profile

Sabir holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture from the University of Baghdad in Iraq and a Master's Degree in Agriculture from California State University-Fresno in the US. He also holds a PhD in Biological sciences (Biotechnology) from the University of Birmingham (UK). From 1992 to 1996, Sabir was the Managing Director of Biomark; a biotechnology consultancy and bioscience supplies. And then he was the Director of Support and Administration at Islamic Relief Worldwide for 14 years. Currently he is the Chairman and Managing Director of the European Halal Development Agency which he joined in 2009, he is also the Director of Food Supplied at TIC international where he manages Food supplies Division including the procurement and Global Halal Supply Chain of Chilled, Frozen and Canned Halal meat.



Ashraf Sabry
CEO

Fawry
Sector: Fintech
Egypt

Profile

Ashraf Sabry is the CEO of Fawry a pioneering E-Payment Network in Egypt, offering financial services to consumers and businesses through more than 65 thousands locations. They registered 20 millions egyptians and 1.5 millions transactions per day with 16 billion EGP collected in 2016. He serves as director of Fawry and Raya Holding Company for Technology and Communications. He is a technology business expert with 20 years experience in finance and IT, he managed to establish Fawry as one of the fastest growing ventures in the Middle East. Prior to Fawry, he spent 10 yrs leading sales at IBM Egypt and later led the whole IT line of business for Egypt's leading ICT company, Raya. Ashraf holds an MBA from Leeds University, in the UK.



Nader Sabry
Founder & CEO

TimeZ5

Sector: Healthcare & Pharma
Canada

Profile

A strategist with a diverse range of strategy roles at a leadership and advisory level working with public and private sector organizations in North America, Asia and the Middle East. On a private capacity, he has raised \$8 millions in venture capital, led an acquisition in pre-IPO stages and helped manage a publically traded company on the NASDAQ. On a public capacity he has lead national strategy and policy development, commercial diplomatic and reform programs. He has proven capabilities in strategy, innovation, public policy, organizational development, corporate governance, marketing, and business development. As a University of Cambridge graduate, Sabry has attained his postgraduate education in business administration holding an MBA, BComm and business diploma. Nader Sabry has started his career in 1997 as an Advisor for the Kyowa Group International Ltd. At the same time he was Manager and Co-founder at COL, an internet service provider. In 1999 he founded LaunchPilot Inc and was the Managing Director. In 2000 he became Strategic Advisor at NMW Software INC. He then started working as a Senior Consultant for Copernican International. In 2003 he served as Chief Strategist at the Department of Economic Development for the Government of Dubai. Later he became the Director of Strategy Planning and Policy for the Dubai Government. In 2011 he was the Head of Innovation and thought-leadership for A.T. Kearney. Today Nader Sabry serves as Managing Partner for the McGill Consulting Group and he is Chief Executive Officer and Founder for the TIMEZ5 Global Inc.



Abdulhamid Saeed

Group CEO

National Bank of Abu Dhabi

Sector: Banking
UAE

Profile

Mr. Abdulhamid Mohammed Saeed has been Group Chief Executive Officer of First Abu Dhabi Bank (formerly, National Bank of Abu Dhabi PJSC) since March 30, 2017. Mr. Saeed has been Group Chief Executive Officer of First Gulf Bank PJSC since April 4, 2017. Mr. Saeed serves as the Managing Director of Reem Investments. Mr. Saeed served as Managing Director of First Gulf Bank PJSC until March 30, 2017 and served as its Chief Executive Officer. He has over twenty years of experience in managing business across corporate, retail, investment, treasury, offshore and private banking in the U.A.E. Mr. Saeed served as Senior Vice President at Citibank in Dubai for over eighteen years. He has been a Director of The Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange since May 2010. He serves as Director of Reem Investments. He served as Vice Chairman of Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC. He serves as a Director of Oasis International Leasing. He served as a Director of Al Waha Capital PJSC until April 25, 2006. He served as Director of First Gulf Bank PJSC until March 30, 2017. He served as a Director of Emirates Insurance Company P.S.C. Mr. Saeed received a B.Sc. degree in Business Administration from The University of Arizona.



Prem Sagar
former CEO

ACR Retakaful Holdings
Sector: Financial Services
Bahrain

Profile

Prem Sagar is the former Chief Executive Officer of ACR ReTakaful MEA B.S.C. (c) in the Kingdom of Bahrain. He brings with him over 30 years of (re)takaful and (re)insurance experience. Prior to his current role, Prem was based in Bahrain with the Hannover Re Group, where he oversaw its worldwide facultative retakaful and Middle East facultative reinsurance portfolio. His industry experience also includes more than two decades in various roles such as underwriting, claims, client-servicing and marketing, with various general insurance companies in India and the Middle East. Prem is a Fellow of the Insurance Institute of India and is an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute (UK). He holds a Master of Commerce from Osmania University, India and a Bachelor of Law from Gulbarga University, India.



Moneer Saif
President

Murooj for Ddigital Payment Solutions
Sector: Financial Services
Yemen

Profile

Holding a PhD Degree with excellent reward on: «Communication in stock exchange market (English as Medium of Communication in Stock Exchange Market)». It is an INTERDISCIPLINARY Study applied on fundamental Analysis and language use. It included a collective data and internship in Mumbai Stock Exchange, India 2008. Now I am an Executive Director of Invest Capital for Consulting(ICTC) & President, Yemen Capital Organization for Developemnt (YCOD) wthin which I Established a Center of Islamic Economics and Finance (CIEF) to produce Studies and training opportunities to develop the capabilities of professional personnel working in Islmaic banking and raising awareness of Islmaic Economics and Finance among all the major sectors of the economy, particularly banks. Executive Director and founder of CAC Islamic Bank. 1998-2010: Islamic Treasurer, Portfolio Manager as well as Secretary of the Sharia Compliance Committee at Tadhamon International Islamic Bank. Academic Assistant Professor of Islamic Finance, Risk Management, and Islamic Banking, Investment and Portfolio Management. Trainer, Coach and Adviser in the following sectors: Islamic Portfolio Management, Islamic Treasury, Islamic Wealth Management, Lecturer and Trainer in Islamic Finance and Microfinance, Yemen Corresponent of Islamic Finance News Network, Red Money, Islamic FX dealing and Equity trading, Some Achievements in Islamic Finance: Islamic Investment Guide book under publishing, A book on Foreign exchange and Money Markets, Working Paper on «the prospective role of Islamic banks in economic «growth in Yemen», 2013, Working Paper on: «Yemeni Islamic Finance and Economic Growth», 2014.



ASAD SAJJAD
CEO

Gulf Halal Center
Sector: Media, Events & IT
UAE

Profile

Asad Sajjad holds a, MBA in Marketing from Greenwich University, London and a Bachelors in BA from the Los Angeles City College, USA, after graduating in Commerce from the Government Commerce College, Karachi. He has been working as a Halal Agenda Promoter since 2008, highlighting the Importance of Halal Certification for the exporters in OIC countries to enter the trillion dollar global Halal market. Asad is the Founder of Halal Development Council, a registered NPO/NGO, dedicated to the development of Halal Economy by raising awareness on the importance of Halal Certification and the benefits of Halal Certified exports and the founder of 'Halal Products & Services Association of Pakistan' (HAP), the only registered trade body in Pakistan. As member of FPCCI managing committee, representing the Halal Products & Service sectors to advocate for better export environment & to solicit maximum facilities for the Halal Products & Services, industry & trade. Along with Halal India, Asad founded the SAARC Halal Council, an association of SAARC countries representing Halal Food organizations. His most recent project is the Gulf Halal Center, the pioneering Halal Certification body in UAE for the GCC countries and also the International Halal Center. He is member of Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority; member of Pakistan National Accreditation Council; former member of Dubai Accreditation Center special task force on development of UAE Halal standards for non-meat food products. He has been a big promoter of the OIC-SMIIC Halal Standards that are official standards of Organization of Islamic Cooperation.



Monem A Salam
President and Executive Director

Saturna Sdn. Bhd.
Sector: Banking
Malaysia

Profile

Monem Salam is a director at Saturna Capital and president of Saturna Sdn. Bhd., Saturna Capital's wholly owned Malaysian subsidiary. Prior to moving to Malaysia, Monem was Director of Islamic Investing and Deputy Portfolio Manager for the Amana Mutual Funds, which have 2 of the largest Islamic equity funds in the world. He received his degrees from the University of Texas: BA (Austin) and MBA (Dallas). He worked as the chief investment officer for ITG & Associates (Dallas) until 1999; then as a representative with Morgan Stanley (suburban Dallas) until joining Saturna Capital in June 2003. Monem speaks at Islamic finance/investment conferences worldwide and is co-author of 'A Muslim's Guide to Investing and Personal Finance'. Monem also authored the chapter on Islamic Investing in the new book "Contemporary Islamic Finance" and contributes articles to leading Islamic financial magazines. Monem is also the subject of a documentary called «On A Wing And A Prayer».



H.E Mohammed Saleh AlHourani

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Jordan securities commission

Sector: Government & Associations
Jordan

Profile

Mr. Mohammed Saleh Hourani was appointed Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Jordan Securities Commission on September 1, 2012. He had previously served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Amman Stock Exchange from 2002 to 2012. Prior to that Mr. Hourani was Minister of Industry and Trade and Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources from 1997-1999. Mr. Hourani served as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Jordan (1989-1992) General Manager of the Social Security Corporation (1992-1994), General Manager of a publicly listed investment company. He was also chairman or board member of numerous companies or government agencies in the investment and development sectors. He was a part time lecturer in Amman University and the Banking Studies Institute, and participated in different economic seminars and conferences. Mr. Hourani holds the medal of the Star of Jordan of the first grade. Mr. Hourani holds a Master's degree in Management from University of Southern California, Los Angeles, U.S.A. 1973.



Anthoni Salim

President Director

Indofood

Sector: Food & Beverages
Indonesia

Profile

Mr. Anthoni Salim serves as the CEO and President of Salim Group. He is a Co-Owner of GA 1821 Pte. Ltd and the Owner of Droxford International Limited and Universal Integrated Corporation Consumer Products Pte Ltd. He has been CEO and President Director of PT Indofood Sukses Makmur Tbk since 2004. He has been the President Director of PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur Tbk since September 2009. He has been the Non Executive Chairman of First Pacific Company Ltd., since June 3, 2003. He serves as President and Commissioner at PT Fast Food Indonesia Tbk (formerly Fastfood Indonesia PT) and PT. Asuransi Central Asia. He served as President and Commissioner of PT Indomobil Sukses Internasional Tbk. Mr. Salim has been the Director of Indofood Sukses Makmur Tbk PT. Prior to that, he was a Director at First Pacific Company Ltd., since 1981. He serves as a Member of the Advisory Board of Rabo Bank of the Netherlands, Boards of Advisors of several multinational companies. He has been a Non Executive Director of Futuris Corp. Ltd., since March 4, 2003. Mr. Salim serves as Member of International Advisory Board at Allianz SE (formerly, Allianz AG). Mr. Salim worked as a Director of Elders Australia Limited, a subsidiary of Futuris Corp. Ltd. He served as a Member of GE International Advisory Board since September 1994. He joined the Asia Business Council in September 2004. Mr. Salim was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from Ewell County Technical College in London, UK in 1971.



Sylvie Sally Kinda

Islamic Financial Services project manager

Coris Bank

Sector: Banking

Burkina Faso

Profile

Manager and expert in Islamic Finance, Mrs. Kinda/Compaoré is a Master graduate in Management Science of Ouagadougou University, Jean Moulin IAE Lyon for a Masters in International Business and London School of Business Studies for CIFE and a Master in Islamic Finance. She began her professional career in 2003 in Burkina Bail (leasing company) as Account Manager and Branch Manager. In 2008, she joined Coris Bank International Group where she respectively occupied the positions of network and Marketing Manager; Marketing Communication and Quality Manager, Marketing and External Communication Manager. In 2012, following the decision of the Bank to venture into Islamic Finance, she was entrusted with the project and was appointed Islamic Finance Project Manager. Under this project, she brilliantly conducted all the activities to the actual launching of the first Islamic Window at Coris Bank International in 2015 which is the first of its kind in the WAEMU. She is in charge of accompanying the other subsidiaries of the Group in the same vein. She is participating in the consultation work for the implementation of regulations on Islamic Finance jointly initiated by the Central Bank (BCEAO) and the IDB (Islamic Development Bank). She has to her credit the completion of a survey on "Regulatory challenges" "The development of Islamic Microfinance in francophone West African monetary region"; an article on "Financial Inclusion and the Development of Innovative Financing in Burkina: case of Islamic finance, state review and prospects" and "opportunity of Islamic finance for SMEs /SMLs in Burkina Faso".



Marc Saluzzi
Chairman

ALFI
Sector: Financial Services
Luxembourg

Profile

Mr. Marc Saluzzi serves as Chairman and President at Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry. Mr. Saluzzi also serves as a Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers S.à.r.l. He has more than 25 years of experience in the Investment Management Industry in Luxembourg and in the US. He was the PwC Global Asset Management (AM) leader from 2006 to 2010 and as such, led the PwC Global AM team. As the PwC Luxembourg Market Leader, has led the definition of PwC Luxembourg's Key Priority Program. In this capacity, he is the Partner responsible for Sustainability. He leads a multi-disciplinary, cross-industry-team of partners who are specializing in the different aspects of the sustainability agenda. He serves as the Chairman of the Board at Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry. He served as a Director of Société de la Bourse de Luxembourg. Mr. Saluzzi is a Member of the CSSF OPC Committee, the committee advising the CSSF on all fund laws and regulations enacted in Luxembourg.



Sherif Samir Samy
Chief Financial Officer

Banque Misr S.A.E.
Sector: Banking
Egypt

Profile

Mr. Sherif Samir Samy serves as the Chief Financial Officer of Banque Misr. Mr. Samy serves as an Executive at Delta Holding for Financial investments. He holds a B.A. in Commerce with High Honors from Alexandria University, a Diploma from the Paris Chamber of Commerce, and attended several executive programs at Harvard, Wharton, Columbia, Darden (University of Virginia), IMD, Kellogg (Northwestern University), and the University of California in Los Angeles. He serves as Managing Director of Misr Capital Investments SAE. He served as Head of the Financial Services sector at Accenture. He was Co-Founder Accenture. He served as a Senior Manager at Accenture, where he was predominantly serving financial services organizations. He is an experienced senior executive and advisor in the fields of investment, restructuring and organization development. He served as the Chairman of SKILLinvest Consulting SAE and eKnowledge SAE. He served as a Director of Banque Du Caire SAE. He is a Member of the Board of Directors at the General Authority for Investment & Free Zones. He is a Member of the Board of Trustees at Egypt's Institute of Directors. Mr. Samy serves as a Board Member in several companies in the capital markets, logistics, mining, food, urban development and engineering sectors. He is a Member of the Policy Secretariat (Economic Committee) at the National Democratic Party.



John A. Sandwick
General manager

Safa Financial Services Services
Sector: Financial Services
Switzerland

Profile

Mr. Sandwick is an innovator in Islamic banking, creating the first structures for a sukuk fund in Europe, a sukuk participation note, a Saudi REIT, and a European corporate sukuk. He was the first to create practical Islamic portfolio management allocations and professional-use Islamic mutual fund databases. Mr. Sandwick pursued his bachelor at Georgetown University (International Finance) and a Master's degree in Development Banking at American University, both in Washington, D.C. He is currently working on his Doctor in Business Administration (Islamic Asset Management) at Grenoble Ecole de Management. Mr. Sandwick initially followed a career in politics, working for Senator Alan Cranston's office in the U.S. Senate and the Senate Majority Whip's office, and then became a director of the Middle East Policy Council. He then moved to banking, first at Deutsche Bank (Suisse) S.A. and later Banque Leu S.A. (Credit Suisse), before becoming managing director of Encore Management S.A., in partnership with UBS. Using his long experience in Swiss private banking, he established Safa Investment Services in 2012. Safa is a disruptive, innovative force in global asset management, an industry managing over \$150 trillion in assets worldwide of which only the tiniest fraction is sharia compliant. Safa allows for the science and technology of professional asset management to be seamlessly merged with the principles of sharia. Founded on the academic scholarship of his doctoral research, Mr. Sandwick's pioneering work allows investors for the first time to have both the highest respect for sharia and the advanced methodologies of global investing.



Jean-Baptiste Santelli

Partner

De Gaulle Fleurance & Associés

Sector: Law & Accounting

France

Profile

Jean-Baptiste Santelli is a lawyer registered at both the Paris and Luxembourg bars specialised in banking and finance law. He advises banks, corporate entities and investment funds on syndicated lending, structured finance, debt restructuring and project finance. The practice of Jean-Baptiste Santelli in Islamic Finance is focused on the structuring and implementation of complex transactions in Europe and in Africa. His clients are Islamic funds, Islamic banks, large corporate entities and governments of the MENA region. Jean-Baptiste Santelli is involved on a regular basis on Murabaha, Ijarah and Sukuk arrangements in the context of international financing (real estate, projects (PPP) and sovereign debts). He has acted this year alongside the Government of Togo with respect to the issuance of sovereign Sukuk arranged by the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector. He teaches Islamic finance law at the Executive Master "Principes et Pratiques de la Finance Islamique" of Paris-Dauphine University and regularly speaks at HEC Paris on banking and finance law matters.



Javier Santiso
Founder

Start up Spain
Sector: Financial Services
Spain

Profile

Javier Santiso holds an MBA and PhD in economics, finance and the political economy. He studied at Oxford, Harvard, HEC and Sciences Po Paris, and has published several books on emerging markets with MIT Press, Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press. Javier served as the Director General and Chief Economist of the OECD Development Centre and has expended his skills as a senior advisor for emerging markets and new investment strategies at Amundi, one of the top ten private asset management firms in the world. He is a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum and has been advising the Colombian and Spanish Governments on Sovereign Funds and Innovation. Javier is currently the Executive Director for Investments of Khazanah Europe and Head of the European Office based in London.



Shakeeb Saqlain
CEO

[IslamicBanker.com](https://www.IslamicBanker.com)

Sector: Media, Events & IT
UK

Profile

Shakeeb Saqlain is the founder and CEO of IslamicBanker.com, an Islamic Finance industry platform which connects professionals from around the world, providing financial information and collaboration tools. Having worked in the financial services industry for over a decade, including Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley (Prime Brokerage), Dubai Islamic Bank (Treasury Sales), Shakeeb has a combination of industry knowledge and leadership acumen. His academic interests centre on development economics and creating vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystems in emerging markets. Shakeeb holds a Master's in Economic Development and Policy Analysis from the University of Nottingham, UK.



Ali Sarfraz
CEO

Karandaaz Pakistan
Sector: Financial Services
Pakistan

Profile

Ali is the CEO of Karandaaz Pakistan, a nonprofit company set up by United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He is leading the company to improve financial inclusion through SME financing; foster technology enabled digital solutions; and disseminate policy research across Pakistan's financial sector. Ali has vast experience of leading breakthrough initiatives in private, public, and not-for-profit sectors. He was engaged in advising private sector firms while working in senior strategy and operational roles in Asia, Europe and the U.S. He also developed new strategies in the wake of mobile number portability for a major mobile operator in Pakistan. While working in senior policy positions, he focused on building conducive business environments, developing skilled workforce, and adopting technology use for the government. He has an MBA from INSEAD and BS in Electrical Engineering from UT Austin.



Dato' Amiruddin Abdul Satar

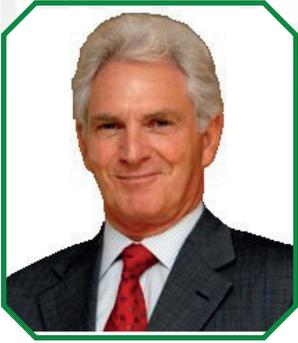
President and Managing Director

KPJ Healthcare

Sector: Healthcare & Pharma
Malaysia

Profile

Dato' Amiruddin Abdul Satar has been the President & Managing Director of KPJ Healthcare Berhad since 1 January 2013. He contributes actively in the development of the Malaysian healthcare sector through his involvement with the Association of Private Hospitals of Malaysia (APHM), where he currently holds the role as Vice President. Mr. Abdul Satar gained significant experience in finance and management through his capacity as an Accountant and Finance Manager of several large and reputable organisations in the country. In addition he is an alumnus of the Henley Business School, University of Reading, United Kingdom where he obtained his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) in 2010. He is also a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).



Dr.H. Saydi
Managing Director

Bank Saderat Iran
Sector: Banking
Iran

Profile

Dr.h.Saydi is actually the managing director of Bank saderet Iran.Prior to that, he served as CEO at Kharazmi Investment Company.Dr.Saydi hold a PhD. In accounting and finance from Allameh Tabatabai University.



Ali Seghir
CEO

Seghir and associates
Sector: Financial Services
France

Profile

Ali SEGHIR is a Governance, Risk Management and Compliance specialist. Graduated from Western Europe Universities, he has more than thirteen years of combined experience in Emerging Markets in the finance industry. Ali started his career in one of the globally leading European Bank, contributing to mergers, special investigations, compliance, operational risk, internal control, crisis management and corporate social responsibility in Middle East and Africa. He was also part of the Retail Banking committees for New Products, in particular on Islamic Retail Banking. Ali then moved to the Middle East region, successfully taking on the role of Regional Head of Risk & Compliance for a major soft commodity trading company where he enforced best trading practices and mitigated key supply chain risks across Middle East and Africa. Currently as a Regional Compliance Manager of a US Listed-Company, Ali ensures that business initiatives do not compromise ethical standards. He liaises with regulators to ensure financial inclusion for unbanked customers. He is also advising regional telecom providers and FINTECH companies on compliance framework for financial product launch. In addition, Ali has launched SEGHIR & Associates: a consultancy company specialized in strategy, risk and ethics. He has published several articles on Finance and is giving lectures on Business Ethics, Compliance, Islamic finance and Commodity in different universities.



Dr. Valliollah Seif
Governor

Central Bank of Iran
Sector: Banking
Iran

Profile

Dr. Valliollah Seif has been Head of Central Bank of Iran since August 26, 2013. Dr. Seif served as Chief Executive Officer, Managing Director, Chairman of Executive Board and Member of Executive Board at Bank Karafarin. He has over 30 years of banking experience. He served as Finance Director of Bank Sepah, as well as Managing Director of Bank Mellat, Bank Saderat, Bank Sepah and Bank Melli Iran. Dr. Seif has been Chairman of the Board of Future Bank B.S.C since November 2012. He also holds the position of Governor of International Monetary Fund. He has been Director of Future Bank B.S.C. since 2004.



Ayman Sejiny
CEO and General Manager

Islamic Corporation for the Development of the
Private Sector (ICD)
Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Mr. Aymen Sejiny served as Chief Executive Officer of Ibdar Bank BSC, Bank Alkhair, Barclays Capital Saudi Arabia and as the Chairman of Open-Silicon, Inc and Bahrain Financing Company Group as well as a Board member of Unicorn Bahrain. Sejiny has in-depth knowledge and more than 24 years' experience in investment and corporate banking in the local, regional and international markets. He held a senior role in a number of regional and international financial institutions, including Citi Bank and ABN AMRO affiliate in Saudi Arabia (Saudi American Bank "SAMBA" and Saudi Hollandi Bank). Sejiny is Board and C-Level performer with vast experience in innovating financial processes and products and establishing boards, managements and institutions in highly regulated and sophisticated jurisdictions and industry sectors. Sejiny holds a BA in Finance from Eastern Michigan University, United States



Omar Selim
CEO

Arabesque Asset Management
Sector: Financial Services
Germany

Profile

Mr. Omar Selim is the founder of Arabesque and its Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Selim has 20 years of experience in International banking, having held senior position at UBS, Morgan Stanley and Credit Suisse. He joined Barclays in 2004, where he was responsible for a multi-billion dollar revenue budget and over a thousand staff. In 2012, he initiated the values based asset management project at Barclays, originating the concept and developing it into Arabesque. Prior positions at Barclays include: Head of Global Markets for institutional clients in the European Time zone, Member of Barclays Capital's European Management Committee and Chief Executive & Chairman for a number of regions.



Elnur Seyidli
CEO

HalalBooking.com
Sector: Trade & Tourism
UK

Profile

Chairman of Sabah TechnologyGroup- an international group of companies in E-commerce, Travel Technology, Digital Marketing, Logistics Technology and other sectors. Elnur Seyidli is the Chairman of the Board of HalalBooking.com – the world’s leading website for online booking of halal-friendly travel. He is also a Chairman of a parent company - Sabah Technology Group - an international group of companies in E-commerce, Travel Technology, Digital Marketing, Logistics Technology and other sectors. He has a BSc (Distinction) in Computer Science and a Masters (Merit) in Management from the London School of Economics, and few other outstanding academic achievements. Elnur has 10 years of senior IT leadership experience, mainly from British Petroleum and British Gas, followed by 10 years of business leadership experience as entrepreneur in several business sectors, including e-commerce, digital marketing and travel technology. Currently Elnur is an international businessman and chairman of several companies. Besides the UK, he has lived and worked in six other countries. In 2009 he and a group of visionary Muslims with senior management experience from top travel and FTSE100 blue-chip companies came together to realize the HalalBooking@vision – a state-of-the-art online booking website for Muslim-friendly holidays. Since then HalalBooking.com has established a reputation as the world’s leading independent Halal Tourism website, offering an online booking facility for halal-friendly Beach Resorts and City Break Hotels with heritage tours. HalalBooking@is a global brand with an advanced website, which provides its customers full-unbiased information and allows online searching and booking their dream halal holidays, tailored to their family and individual needs. HalalBooking.com has customers from over 75 countries, booking their travel in 6 languages, supported by call-centre numbers in 20 countries. Elnur lives mainly in London, and travels extensively around the world.



Gaurav Shah
CEO

Al Rajhi Capital SAR Commodity
Sector: Financial Services
Saudi Arabia

Profile

Gaurav holds an MBA from the Manchester Business School and a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Finance from University of Bombay. Shah had played out most of his career in developed markets, spending two decades in asset management and investment banking in London, Zurich and Frankfurt at Credit Suisse, Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank where he worked for 10 years with his last role being Managing Director within their Private Client and Asset Management business. Shah moved to Saudi Arabia in 2009, when he joined Al Rajhi Capital. He joined the firm as head of asset management and was subsequently promoted to become the CEO of the overall business. In just three years, Al Rajhi Capital has turned into a very profitable business. In this time it has been steadily building out its capabilities in regional investment banking, asset management, real estate and brokerage. Winning CEO of the Year at the Global ISF Middle East Awards 2012, Shah has made a big impact at Al Rajhi Capital and is confident about the future of asset management in the region.



Mohammad Shaheed Khan
Vice President, Gulf International Bank
President Bahrain, Harvard Business School Club
of GCC

Gulf International Bank
Sector: Financial Services
Bahrain

Profile

Mohammad Shaheed has over 15 years of successful track record in Financial services; launching several products and businesses. He is a Fintech enthusiast and advisor to start-ups; his core areas of expertise are structuring Islamic Finance and Fintech solutions and Digital Transformation. He is a serial Intrapreneur, a finance futurist, influencer and the recipient of Global Islamic Finance Award for his role in innovation. He is a board member of the HBS Club of GCC and the founding President of its Bahrain chapter. Currently, he is the Vice Chairman of Islamic Banking Committee, Bahrain Association of Bankers. He served in a similar capacity in Saudi Arabia as well. Furthermore, he works closely with the various government-related entities in building a Fintech ecosystem. Mohammad leads the development and penetration of Islamic products and solutions at Gulf International Bank. Previously he spearheaded the bank's penetration into the Corporate Banking segment and managed various bank-wide strategy implementation initiatives. Before GIB, Mohammad set up Islamic Banking business at ABN AMRO, aafaq Islamic Finance Co, Meezan Bank, Habib Bank and Saudi Hollandi Bank. During his career, Mohammad has worked at numerous large banks in the Middle East, Far East and South East Asia accumulating a diversified experience in the fields of Corporate and Investment Banking, Treasury and Retail Banking and Asset Management. My mantra is taking moon shots and keeping an eye on the future. I am a firm believer that in business the only sustainable competitive advantage is the ability to learn faster than the competition. I have discovered that culture always eats (even the best) strategy for breakfast. Above all innovative culture cannot be copied by rivals.



Mohd Shahreen Zainooreen

Madros

CEO

Matrade

Sector: Trade & Tourism
Malaysia

Profile

Dr Mohd Shahreen Zainooreen B. Madros was appointed the new CEO of matrade on February 2017, Prior to Matrade and MPRC, he was with Esso Production Malaysia Inc (EPMI) and was assigned to Exxon Production Research Company in Houston, Texas for two years. After EPMI, Shahreen joined INTEC Engineering and was involved in offshore design consultancy works for local and international clients. Mr. Shahreen is the seventh CEO of Matrade, he holds a First Class Honors degree from University of London in 1986 and a Doctorate from University of Cambridge in 1989.



Dato Nor Shamsiah

Governor

Bank Negara

Sector: Government & Associations
Malaysia

Profile

Yang Berbahagia Datuk Nor Shamsiah binti Mohd Yunus is the Governor of the Central Bank of Malaysia. She has served as Deputy Governor of Bank Negara from 2010 to 2013 and from 2013 to 2016. She has also worked at the International Monetary Fund as Deputy Director of the Capital Markets and Capital Markets Division. Datuk Nor Shamsiah holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from the University of South Australia and is a chartered accountant (CPA). She worked at Bank Negara Malaysia since 1987. Mrs Datuk Nor Shamsiah was appointed twice Assistant Governor of Bank Negara Malaysia. Since she joined Bank Negara Malaysia, she has been responsible for financial development, strategic human resources management, organizational development transformation, prudent regulation, bank regulation and supervision, crisis management and insurance. She was also Managing Director of Danamodal Nasional Berhad, Board Member at EPF Investment Panel.



Nabeel Shariff
CEO

Serendipity Tailormade / Luxury Halal Travel
Sector: Trade & Tourism
UK

Profile

Nabeel is the founder and director of UK based Serendipity Tailormade and Luxury Halal Travel, the leading luxury halal friendly tour operator. With a vision of bringing back the romance of travel to Muslim travellers, Nabeel brings his experience to brands that have made innovative strides, developing a growing halal travel sector through an array of industry stakeholders. Nabeel is an MCIM member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and has been involved in the travel industry for over 15 years, contributing to some of the UK's largest tour operators. A 2010 winner of the CIM Marketing Excellence Award with Sri Lanka Tourism, Nabeel aims to work with the industry to create memorable travel experiences for Muslim generations to come. "We keep the traveler at the epicenter of our brand identity, from the people they meet, food they taste, sounds they hear and even luxuries in which they indulge in, our team uses their vast travel knowledge and experience for travellers to enjoy the world's most wonderful sights and sounds." Follow Nabeel on Instagram at [nabeel.travels](https://www.instagram.com/nabeel.travels) for an insight into his journey searching new and wonderful destinations.



Dr. Hussein Shehata

Scholar

University al Azhar

Sector: Education & Advisory

Egypt

Profile

Shehata holds a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture, a Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education and a PhD in Building Services from the University of Nottingham. Shehata started his career as a Research Assistant at the University of Nottingham where he managed and worked on an EU funded research project for the development of novel ventilation for dedusting of gas streams and removal of gaseous contaminant. He also developed a novel desiccant air-conditioning system which led to a 1 year research from the vehicle industry (Pektron UK). He has successfully co-developed a critical systems engineering team for a consultancy in Tokyo, Japan. He was also a Regional head, Data Center Architecture at JP Morgan for 3 years where he was nominated and joined JP Morgan's Global E2 Expert Engineer talent group. In his current role at Uptime Institute, he leads technical delivery in EMEA. He is also the Director of PTS Consulting in Dubai and the Chair of STARS.



Musa Abdulaziz Shihadeh

CIBAFI Board of Directors member and Chief
Executive Officer & General Manager

Jordan Islamic Bank

Sector: Banking

Jordan

Profile

Mr. Musa Abdulaziz Mohamed Shihadeh has been Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Jordan Islamic Bank since 1980. In 1996, he becomes chairman at the Islamic Insurance Co. Ltd and chairman at Petra Education Company. In 2008, he was appointed chairman at Arabian Steel Pipes Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Since 2017, he is the director of Al Baraka Islamic Bank BSC. He is also on the Board of Directors at and the Jordanian Business Association and chairman of the Association of Banks In Jordan. Mr. Musa Abdulaziz Shihadeh joined the banking sector in 1961. He received his undergraduate degree from the Arab University of Beirut and an MBA from the University of San Francisco in 1979. In 2013, Musa Shihadeh receives the award of wise leadership from «Tatweej Academy».



Rafi-uddin Shikoh

Founder & CEO

DinarStandard

Sector: Education & Advisory
USA

Profile

Rafi-uddin is the Founder and CEO of DinarStandard—a specialized market research and advisory firm focused on the emerging Islamic markets of Halal/Tayyab food, Muslim travel market, Islamic/Ethical Finance, and OIC member countries. He is passionate about empowering organizations for profitable and responsible global impact. Since 2008, Rafi-uddin has been advising global multi-nationals, Islamic financial institutions, Halal market startups and NGOs on market expansion analysis, business/investment strategy, and innovative marketing strategies. Rafi-uddin has led various market studies on the Muslim markets globally including: State of the Global Islamic Economy 2013, Global Muslim Lifestyle Tourism Market 2012, DS100™ ranking of Top 100 Businesses in the Muslim World, Social responsibility Survey of Islamic Financial Institution, State of Food Insecurity & Opportunities in OIC Countries, Productivity in Ramadan Survey, and various other such reports. He is a frequent speaker on innovation, marketing, social business, and Muslim customer strategies, and has presented at prestigious industry conferences at Oxford University, Harvard University, Jeddah Economic Forum, Dubai International Conference for Awqaf, International Food Conference Turkey, and IUM Malaysia. Prior to DinarStandard, Rafi-uddin had been a Vice President with Marsh Inc, a global risk-brokerage firm, where he led and successfully delivered multi-million dollar knowledge management and marketing technology related initiatives. He had previously served as a senior e-Business Consultant at a Boston based firm. Rafi-uddin has an MBA from UNC-Charlotte, North Carolina, and a BSc. in Marketing from Southwest State, Minnesota, USA.



Hyunju Madison Shin
Global regulatory affairs manager

Daesang corp
Sector: Food & Beverages
South Korea

Profile

Graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, majoring in Sociology and Psychology, Hyunju Shin is currently the Global Regulatory Affairs Manager for Daesang Corp., one of the leading food manufacturing companies in Korea. Hyunju specializes in global food regulations and food safety issues. She has been a part of the regulatory planning and strategy team of Quality Management and is also in charge of food certifications, such as Halal, Kosher, organic, gluten-free certificates, etc. In addition, she has attended and participated in the certified Halal international auditor training program organized by INHART(International Institute for Halal Research and Training) and International Islamic University Malaysia, receiving a certification as a Halal internal auditor. Hyunju also attended International training on Halal Assurance System organized by LPPOM MUI Indonesia.



Murad Shiraliyev
Deputy CEO

International Bank of Azerbaijan
Sector: Banking
Azerbaijan

Profile

Mr. Murad Shiraliyev has been the Deputy Chairman of the Board of International Bank of Azerbaijan since July, 2015. Previously, he served as the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Kapital Bank, Director of Settlements department in the same company, Retail Department Director and the Plastic Cards Department Director at BUS Bank. Mr. Shiraliyev started his banking career at Azerbaijan Industrial Investment Bank in 1998. He graduated from the Azerbaijan Construction Engineering University in 1998 with a bachelor degree and from the Azerbaijan Architecture and Construction University in 2000 with a master degree (with honours) in Economics and Management. Mr. Shiraliyev obtained his PhD in Economics from Azerbaijan State Economic University. Mr Shiraliyev is an alumnus of the "General Management" programme of the Harvard Business School and is currently completing the MBA programme in Finance at the Manchester Business School.



Dr. Atchaka Sibunruang

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau
(Public Organization)

Sector: Government & Associations
Thailand

Profile

Dr. Atchaka Sibunruang holds a Bachelor of Economics, First Class Honours, at the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, a Master of Art (Economics) at University of Sussex in United Kingdom and a PhD in Philosophy (Economics) at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom. From May 1984 to May 1986, she worked as Investment Promotion Officer, the Project Development Division at the Office of the Board of Investment. She was Senior Investment Promotion Officer, the Planning Division, at the Office of the Board of Investment. From June 1989 – February 1991 she held the position of Head of Surat Thani Regional Office at the Office of the Board of Investment. Dr. Sibunruang was Head of Policy and Planning Section of the Planning and Development Division, at the Office of the Board of Investment. From July 1993 – September 1999 she worked as Director of the International Affairs Division at the Office of the Board of Investment. From 1999 to 2001 she was Director of the Planning and Development Division at the Office of the Board of Investment and from 2001 to 2002 she worked as Senior Investment Promotion Officer at the Office of the Board of Investment. From August 2002 to January 2004 she was Assistant Secretary General of the Office of the Board of Investment. In 2005 – Senior Executive Investment Advisor, Office of the Board of Investment From Oct 2005 to 2008 – Director General, Office of Industrial Economics, Ministry of Industry? Jan 2004 – Sep. From October 2008 – present – Secretary General, Office of the Board of Investment [cialis online](#) [fda](#).

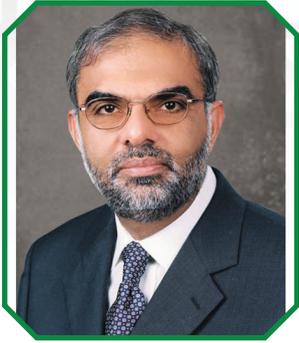


Kamraan Siddiqui
CEO

Holiday Bosnia
Sector: Trade & Tourism
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Profile

Kamraan is the founder of Holiday Bosnia. He aims at reviving the 1400 year old traditions of the 'Classical Muslim Traveller'. Holiday Bosnia is open to people of all backgrounds but follows Islamic principles in delivering a uniquely Islamic tourism that covers the 3 aspects of a muslim's lifestyle - the spiritual (seeing nature's beauty and reflecting on Allah's creation, zakat and sadaqah); the physical (the halal environment, outdoor activities) and the social (meeting local communities, peacebuilding and interfaith dialogue). His firm belief that the globalised Muslim tourist of today, with access to mass communications, information and social networks along with strong ethical values and a desire to learn and gain new experiences, are ideally placed to help the rebuilding and recovery of post war societies like Bosnia Herzegovina. Bringing together people of all faiths and backgrounds to enjoy the beauty of Bosnia Herzegovina as well as interact with and help its post-conflict society is the driving force behind Holiday Bosnia, as a social enterprise. A percentage of the company profits go back to projects that benefit the community. Kamraan is a government reform and development expert. He has spent most of his career implementing strategies for governments around the world and currently advises the government of Dubai. Kamraan supports and advises several philanthropic organisations on a pro- bono basis. Kamraan has a degree in Civil Engineering from Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine (London) and an MA in Post War Recovery Studies from York University (UK).



Irfan Siddiqui
President & CEO

Meezan Bank
Sector: Banking
Pakistan

Profile

Mr. Irfan Siddiqui is the founding President and Chief Executive Officer of Meezan Bank. He is also a member of the Human Resource and Remuneration Committee of the Board. Mr. Irfan Siddiqui holds a Foundation Course in Accountancy from Sunderland, U.K. and is a Fellow Chartered Accountant from Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales. He has held several senior management positions including Chief Executive Officer at Al-Meezan Investment Bank Limited, General Manager at Pakistan Kuwait Investment Company, Manager Finance and Operation at Abu Dhabi Investment Company and Senior Business Analyst at Exxon Chemical (Pakistan) Ltd. He is also a member of Government of Pakistan Steering Committee for Promotion of Islamic Banking in Pakistan, Member of Board of Trustees, Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions in Bahrain and he is also the Chairman of IBP Sub Committees for Academic Board and Finance Committee.



Shaikh Mudassir Siddiqui

President & CEO

ShariahPath Consultants, LLC

Sector: Education & Advisory
USA

Profile

Mudassir earned a license in Shari'ah at the Islamic University, Saudi Arabia and studied Law at the Harvard Law School. From 1981 to 1982 he was Legal Associate at Baker & McKenzie. From 1982 to 1983 he became Legal Advisor at the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology and advised on all legal aspects of a multi-billion dollar design, construction and construction management project for SANCST. From 1983 to 1990 he served as Legal Advisor at the King AbdulAziz University where he advised on all legal aspects of a multi-billion dollar design, construction and construction management project for the University campus and medical hospital. From 1990 until 2002 he was Legal Advisor at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia at Washington D.C where he advised on legal matters. From 2005 to 2008 he was the Internal Shari'ah Supervisor and Senior Lawyer at the Islamic Development Bank. Mudassir was Partner, Head Islamic Finance -Middle East at SNR Denton (DENTONS) from 2008 to 2011. In 2011 he became Research Fellow at the Islamic Shari'ah Research Academy, (ISRA). Since 2008 Mudassir is Member of the Fiqh Council of North America and an Arbitrator at the International Islamic Center for Reconciliation and Arbitration and Member Shari'ah Committee, Islamic Inter-bank Benchmark Rate at Thomson Reuters. He is also Member Shari'ah Supervisory Board of Bank Sohar. Mudassir is President & CEO of Shariah Path Consultants, LLC, Senior Legal Advisor at the United States Department of Commerce, CLDP.



Rushdi Siddiqui
CEO

ZilZar
Sector: Trade & Tourism
Malaysia

Profile

Rushdi Siddiqui is Co-Founder and CEO of Zilzar.com, world's first B2B and B2C information, content, community and transaction platform for the \$2.5 Trillion Muslim Lifestyle Market. The Muslim Lifestyle Marketplace, operates in an 'Alibaba' external environment' of rising per capital income, internet and mobile phone penetration represents a growth opportunity. Zilzar.com aims to organize the world's information on the Muslim Lifestyle Market and make it universally accessible to build communities, awareness and transactions. It will bring together millions of globally dispersed SMEs and micro-enterprises that are resource challenged but want to grow by accessing new markets and customers, and counter-part buyers that want to deal only with credible and (halal) certified sellers. The aim is to create virtual Muslim-city campaigns and connect them globally to encourage commerce and tourism. He was the Global Head of Islamic Finance & OIC Countries for Thomson Reuters, Halal industry and OIC, and Global Director for Dow Jones Islamic Market Index. He has delivered notable market "firsts,» led his global team to establish the world's first Islamic equity index, first Sukuk index, first Islamic Exchange Traded Funds, first Islamic sustainability index, first halal food index (SAMI), and first Islamic interbank benchmark rate (IIBR). He is on Advisory Board of Crescent rating, Board Member of DinarStandard, and co-founder of www.shekra.com, world's first Islamic crowd funding company in Cairo, Egypt. He has Bachelor of Science (NYU), MBA (Baruch College), and Law Degree- Juris Doctorate- (Albany Law School).



Ahmed Ali Siddiqui

Founding Director

Institute of Business Administration – Center for
Excellence in Financial Services

Sector: Education & Advisory
Pakistan

Profile

Mr. Siddiqui, Director CEIF, holds a Bachelors & Masters degree in Business Administration from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi with six gold medals. His areas of specialization include MIS & Islamic Finance. He is currently Senior Executive Vice President & Head of Product Development & Shariah Compliance (PDSC) Department and also serves as the Secretary to the Shariah Supervisory Board of Meezan Bank. His main areas of focus include managing product development initiatives, formulation of policy guidelines, Islamic banking training, Shariah audit & review of all Bank activities along with the Shariah Advisor, and managing external product development advisory services. Mr. Siddiqui is also actively involved in Islamic banking training activities and has conducted various training sessions, corporate workshops & seminars on Islamic Banking & Islamic Financial Products for Meezan Bank both locally and abroad. He is also a frequent speaker on Islamic banking at National Institute of Banking & Finance (State Bank of Pakistan), Export Promotion Bureau & Center of Islamic Economics (CIE) Karachi and IBA. Currently Mr. Siddiqui is serving as Senior Vice Chairman of The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry and is also a member of Advisory team for Center of Islamic Economics (CIE), Jamia Darul uloom Karachi and a visiting faculty member at IBA Karachi.



Mohamed Sidi Aly

Executive director/Member of Board

Banque Al Wava Mauritanienne Islamique

Sector: Banking

Mauritania

Profile

Mohamed Sidi Aly has obtained his masters degree in management sciences from l'université de Poitiers in 1980. He commenced his professional career in "Projet Sucre" 1981 as a Finance Director. 3 months later he moved to BMCI to become Operations officer in Nouakchott for a period of 1 year and 5 months. He then became a senior consultant in the bureau of social and economic feasibility studies. January 1986 Mr. Aly had a new challenge in Al Baraka Islamic bank for 11 years as the Services Director. He finally moved to BAMIS as the Deputy CEO in January 1997. He currently serves as the Deputy Executive Director soon completing 17 years in his position.



Anas Sillwood

Co-Founder & Managing Partner

SHUKR Islamic Clothing

Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics

Jordan

Profile

Anas is the founder and co-owner of SHUKR. Launched in the year 2001, SHUKR was the first Islamic clothing company in the West to design and produce an innovative range of men's and women's clothing that combined Shariah principles for dressing with contemporary fashion. A convert to Islam, with a keen awareness of the need for Muslims to engage with society in a positive, pro-active manner, he is a pioneer in developing a truly unique, attractive style of clothing that offers Muslims the opportunity to remain faithful to their religion, while being culturally relevant at the same time. SHUKR's main markets were initially North America, the UK and Western Europe, but now the company has a global reach with stores in the Middle East, franchisees and wholesale customers across the world, and retail customers in well over 50 countries. Anas was born in England and studied at the London School of Economics, where he received a BSc and MSc in Political Theory. He moved to the Middle East in order to study Arabic and the Islamic Sciences and was focused on spending his life in academic endeavors. However, destiny led him away from full time studies and into the world of Islamic fashion. He still pursues his Islamic studies in his spare time.



Samad Sirohey
Managing Director

Citi
Sector: Banking
UK

Profile

Samad Sirohey is Head of Global Islamic Banking for Citigroup and is the CEO of Citi Islamic Investment Bank (E.C.). He has been with the firm for 20 years, and prior to his move to Dubai in 2008, was Co-Head of Citigroup's CEEMEA Debt Capital Markets business in London. He is also responsible for Citigroup's capital markets business in the MENA region. Samad is one of the pioneers of the Islamic Sukuk market, having been associated with this market since its inception. He has advised on debut Sukuk issues for the Islamic Development Bank, Bahrain, Pakistan, and Dubai and a number of corporate and bank issuers since then.



Mark Smyth
Chief Investment Officer

Tawreeq Holdings
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Mr Mark Smyth leads Tawreeq Holding's global investment activities. He began his career in 1992 at Montreal's Harris Trust and Savings Bank. Then, he became a partner of The International Investor of Kuwait, working both in New York and Kuwait City. Mr Smyth is a frequent speaker on emerging market financial sectors. Certified in Islamic capital markets and instruments from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, he holds a B.S. in Business Management and an MBA in International Finance from DePaul University.



Dr. Bahram Sobhani
CEO/Managing Officer/Deputy Chairman

Esfahan's Mobarakeh Steel Company
Sector: Logistics & Construction
Iran

Profile

Dr. Bahram Sobhani holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, a Master's and PhD degrees in Management. He has a remarkable repertoire in the Iranian Steel industries in companies like Mobarakeh Steel Company, Khorasan Steel Company, and Esfahan Steel Company. Before joining Mobarakeh steel as a CEO in 2000, he was previously a CEO in many other companies such as Sirjan Iranian Steel and Khorasn Steel.



Riyanto Sofyan
Chairman

PT. Sofyan Hotels Tbk
Sector: Trade & Tourism
Indonesia

Profile

Riyanto Sofyan has more than 33 years experience in conceiving, developing, managing and operating property and hotel projects in Indonesia and brought his company to go public in 1989 with its IPO oversubscribed by 300%. He is passionate in developing and instilling the substance of Islamic values in the Hotels and Property Development and Investments. This strategic move broaden his company market reach to Muslim and Ethical market, while still maintaining existing general market with no flaws. His company at present time has developed to own, manage, and franchise its operational system of 18 hotels projects in its portfolio throughout Indonesia; i.e. total of 9 hotels are already in operation and 5 hotels for consulting job, plus 4 hotels are in development stages. In 2012, he was assigned as Industrial Expert to contribute in Islamic Tourism Task Force Team from the Ministry of Tourism and Economy Creative of Indonesia, in “Enhancing Sharia Tourism Program” to develop Indonesia as the most preferred destinations for Muslim travelers. Later in 2013 and 2014, he participates and contributes to the development of Halal Tourism in Malaysia, Japan and OIC Islamic Countries member states, being the strategic partner of The Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia and Islamic Countries Tourism Ministers Forum of OIC member states. He has Bachelor Degree in Computer Engineering from University of Miami, Coral Gables Florida, USA and a MBA from European University, Belgium.



Eng. Hani Salem Sonbol
CEO

International Islamic Trade Finance corporation
(ITFC)
Sector: Financial Services

Profile

Engineer Hani Salem Sonbol is the CEO of the International Islamic trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), an autonomous entity within the Islamic Development Bank. His career in the development bank began three decades ago, where he held numerous technical and leading positions in the Islamic Development Bank group. During his career, Engineer Hani has accumulated a various knowledge and experience. He was Director of IDBG President's Office, Director of IDB Regional Office Morocco, Director Trade Finance and Promotion Department and Deputy CEO ITFC and Acting CEO at Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC). In 1980, he obtained an Associate of Arts Degree from Mary Mount College, USA. In 1984; he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Bluefield State University. Three years later, Engineer Hani earned a Master's Degree in Engineering Management with honors from George Washington University.



Dr Chia Song Kun
CEO

QL resources
Sector: Food & Beverages
Malaysia

Profile

Mr. Chia Song Kun serves as Executive Chairman of the Board of QL Resources Berhad. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Mathematics from University of Malaya in 1972 and obtained a Master degree in Business Administration in 1988 from the same university. He is the founder member of QL Group, was appointed as the managing director of QL Feedingstuffs Sdn. Bhd. on June 22, 1987. He is in charge of the Group's operations. He started his career in 1973 as a tutor in the University of Malaya and subsequently joined University Teknologi Mara, Shah Alam, as a lecturer where he served for 11 years until 1984. Mr. Chia Song Kun incorporated CBG Holdings Sdn. Bhd. in 1984 to commence the business of distributing fishmeal and other feed-meal raw materials. Together with the help of his family members, he has developed and transformed the QL Group into an agricultural based group. He is also a founder member of Inti Universal Holdings Berhad. On July 5, 2008, he was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the Honorary Awards Board of the University of Hertfordshire in recognition of his contribution to the development of business and education in Malaysia. He is also the Chairman of Boilermech Holdings Berhad.



Florence Stainier

Partner

Arendt & Medernach

Sector: Law & Accounting
Luxembourg

Profile

Florence Stainier is a Partner in the Investment Management practice of Arendt & Medernach where she specialises in legal and regulatory matters related to investment funds and management entities. She advises clients on the creation, structuring, marketing and operations of investment funds with a particular focus on UCITS, alternative UCITS, hedge funds and ETFs. She has been a member of the Luxembourg Bar since 2004 and was also a member of the Brussels Bar (Belgium) until 2013. She is participating in several working groups of the Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry (ALFI) in particular relating to MIFID, Islamic finance and UCITS matters. Florence is also a member of the Luxembourg Association of Compliance Officers (ALCO). Prior to joining Arendt & Medernach, she worked for three years as a lawyer at the Liège Bar (Belgium). Florence Stainier holds a Master's degree in law from the Université de Liège (Belgium) as well as a Master's degree in tax from the Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC), Liège (Belgium).



Duncan Steele-Bodger
CEO

QIB UK
Sector: Banking
UK

Profile

Duncan Steele-Bodger is the Chief Executive Officer of QIB (UK). He has over 30 years banking experience working in the UK and overseas. His early career included 13 years at Barclays, followed by Credit Suisse, where he specialised in the Private Banking sector. His first senior management role was as General Manager at Discount Bank & Trust in London. He joined QIB from Emirates NBD where he worked for 12 years as their Country Head for the UK. Duncan is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers.



Rob Straathof
CEO

Liberis
Sector: Fintech
UK

Profile

Rob Straathof is the CEO of Liberis a UK-based digital provider of business cash advance but is launching trial phase for Shariah complaint version of its product. He created Repayment sustainable solution – innovative based on card payment without interests and at fixed costs. The percentage of the borrower's customer card and transaction will serve as repayment to the advance. He has an extensive experience in the financial sector and worked in well known institutions like JP Morgan, Abn Amro... Rob Spent the last few years at various online lenders including Everline – UK's first digital lender business.



Toni Eko Boy Subari
CEO

Bank Syariah Mandiri
Sector: Banking
Indonesia

Profile

Mr. Toni Eko Boy Subari serves as Senior Executive Vice President - Special Asset Management of PT Bank Mandiri (Persero) Tbk since April 11, 2016. He holds Bachelor in Agricultural Technology from Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia, in 1988. He has attended various trainings and seminars, including Mandiri Club Senior Risk Forum (2016), Quickwin Trn Plan Wave II: Entrepreneurial (2015), Wholesale Bankers Summit (2014) and Euromoney Corporate Valuations-Techniques and Mode (2009).



Ariff Sultan
Regional Director

Asia Ideal Ratings Singapore
Sector: Financial Services
Singapore

Profile

Mr. Sultan joined IdealRatings in 2012 and is based in Singapore. He is responsible for the Asian Sales and Operations. Prior to IdealRatings, Ariff was the Regional Director for Russell Indexes and the Business Development Director for Dow Jones Indexes where he developed their conventional and Shariah Index businesses in the Asian markets. He has 17 years of sales experience in financial and banking software where he worked with the leading financial software vendors including Callatay & Wouters, Fair Isaac, London Bridge Group, and Misys Plc. Prior to his sales career, Ariff was a Software Developer and Project Manager for financial software applications with Deloitte and Touché and subsequently with OCBC Bank in Singapore. Ariff was admitted to the degree of Master of Business (IT) with RMIT University in Melbourne and he also attained the Diploma in Islamic Banking and Finance from the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM).



Sadiq Syed
Trade Promotion Advisor

International Trade Corporation (ITC)
Sector: Education & Advisory
Switzerland

Profile

Sadiq Syed works as a Trade Promotion Advisor and the Focal Point for the Halal sector at the International Trade Centre (ITC). Sadiq's focuses on Inclusive Trade Development through Education, Skills upgrading and Institutional capacity building, especially for Women and Youth enabling them to successfully participate in global Trade. He is currently managing trade development programmes in the Middle East and North Africa region and is actively working on developing marketing aspects of processed food product exports especially in the Halal sector. Sadiq has played a vital role in bringing the Halal segment as a priority sector in the North Africa region and in building the supply base. He has successfully brought Halal certifications in the North Africa region closer to their markets and worked in mutual recognition of the certifications. The main objective of the programme is to strengthen the capacity of producers, exporters, policymakers and buyers, to participate in more sustainable production and trade. This initiative in the Halal sector will facilitate the task of individual enterprises to achieve compliance and open up new markets and an online tool will help national institutions to review and compare the Halal systems that have been mapped in the database and use them as a baseline to build their own Halal systems. Sadiq holds an Economics Degree from the University of Nice and a Masters in International Trade from the Paul Cézanne University in Aix-en-Provence, France.



Dr Amat Taap Manshor
CEO

Finance Accreditation Agency
Sector: Financial Services
Malaysia

Profile

Dr Manshor has been CEO of the Finance Accreditation Agency (FAA) since 2012. Previously, Dr Amat was the Chief Accreditation Officer and Senior Director of the Asian Institute of Finance (AIF). He also held senior positions in institutions of higher learning and several multinational companies providing strategic business planning and leadership. His areas of expertise include human capital development, quality assurance and best practices, as well as learning and development. Under his stewardship, FAA has taken an astute and strategic approach to professional learning and development by engaging industry experts and market leaders to ensure that courses and learning modules are relevant to the industry's needs and requirements and conforms with international best practices. His work in the field of Islamic Finance include the development of the FAA Quality Framework (FQF), the development of the FAA Learning Standards (FLS), the world's first suite of learning standards which provides a benchmark for the design, development and delivery of learning programmes within the financial services industry; and the ongoing development of the Islamic Finance Professional Qualifications Standards (IFPQS). The IFPQS is expected to transform the landscape of professional education in the Islamic finance sector by streamlining professional qualifications into a single framework, and set the standard for world class Islamic finance education. Since FAA's inception, Dr Amat and his team have successfully accredited 20 professional and academic Islamic Finance Qualifications in various countries using a rigorous evaluation process, which utilises the FAA Learning Criteria and Finance Qualifications Structure.



Randah Taher
Founder

Sajory
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Randah Taher is the founder of Sajory. Before founding Sajory, Randah was Adjunct Instructor at Higher Colleges of Technology in Sharjah, UAE. She taught entrepreneurship, innovation and ethics courses. In addition, as Lecturer, Architectural Engineering at Sharjah University, She Offered courses in Design Process, Design Leadership, Ethical Design & Leadership and she lead projects in design Thinking, idea visualization, problem solving and creative environments. Ms. Randah Taher She also works at Impact HUB Dubai as a Design Facilitator. She holds a Master of Science, Creativity, Innovation and Change Leadership from State University of New York College at Buffalo and a Certificate in Management from McGill University.



Dawood Taylor

Senior Regional Executive - Takaful, Saudi Arabia

Takaful, Middle East for Prudential corporation

Asia

Sector: Financial Services

Hong Kong

Profile

Dawood Taylor was appointed Senior Regional Executive-Takaful, Middle East for Prudential Corporation Asia in 2008, responsible for developing Life Takaful throughout the region. Previously, Dawood was General Manager of the Bank Aljazira Takaful Ta'awuni operation. He and his team developed the Takaful Ta'awuni programme, a hugely successful Islamic Life Insurance and Savings Program for Bank Aljazira. He conceived and developed the initial Wakalah based Takaful Ta'awuni concept that is now the Islamic contract model of choice for most new Takaful operators. The Bank Aljazira Takaful Ta'awuni programme has been honoured with various awards including the 2008 Euromoney Best Takaful Operator, 2007 KLIFF Best Takaful Operator, 2007 INSUREX Best Life Insurance Operator-Middle East, 2006 Euromoney 2006 Best Life Takaful Operator and the 2004 Islamic Finance & Banking Best Takaful Operator. Previously Dawood worked with Arab National Bank as the Head of Investment=Western Region and previous to that headed up a life brokerage operation in the Western Region of Saudi Arabia for an offshore Isle of Man insurer. He is a member of the Islamic Financial Services Board Takaful Governance, Takaful Solvency and Takaful Risk Management Working Groups and has recently been appointed to the IFSB Working Group on ReTakaful and a member of the International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation Intelligence Committee. He has co-authored a chapter on "Risk Management in Takaful" for an IFSB sponsored book on Takaful He has also been invited to advise on Takaful to the UK Treasury.



Arsad Thinoon

Executive Director

Amundi Islamic

Sector: Financial Services
Malaysia

Profile

Arsad Thinoon is the Executive Director of Amundi Asset Management. Located at the heart of the main investment regions in more than 30 countries, Amundi offers a comprehensive range of products covering all asset classes and major currencies. Amundi has been providing global investors with Shariah-compliant investment solutions since the 1990s. With 19 years of experience, Amundi Group has been providing investors with Shariah compliant solutions through segregated accounts and UCITS III commingled funds. The equity offering today covers some of the most promising areas: Global, Asian, Emerging markets, BRIC and Commodity equities. It also provides investors with the opportunity to invest in Sukuk and structured products. Its dedication to the development of Shariah compliant products continues to expand with its commitment to the establishment of a dedicated Islamic Asset management Company in Malaysia in 2009.



Dr. Marco Tieman
Owner & Managing Director

LBB International
Sector: Education & Advisory
Netherlands

Profile

Dr. Tieman is the founder of LBB International (the Netherlands), a logistics consulting & research firm specialised in agri-food supply chains, industrial logistics and third party logistics. Malaysia hosts our Halal Research Centre where we conduct research in halal logistics & supply chain management for the private sector and governments. Dr. Tieman has a M.Sc. in Industrial Engineering & Management Science from the University of Twente (the Netherlands) and a Ph.D. in Business Management from the Universiti Teknologi Mara (Malaysia). Dr. Tieman is Adjunct Professor with Universiti Tun Abdul Razak in Malaysia (responsible for research in halal supply chain management) and Universiti Malaysia Pahang. He is on the Senior Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Islamic Marketing (Emerald, UK). Before the setting-up of LBB International, he was Senior Researcher with TNO Inro in the Netherlands, a leading research firm in logistics & supply chain management in Europe. Furthermore he worked as Senior Consultant for Magnus Management Consultants in Asia and Europe to design and implement logistics & supply chain management systems. He is a frequent speaker on Logistics and Supply Chain Management at forums and conferences in Asia and the Middle East. He writes in academic journals as well as professional magazines. Furthermore, he is a columnist for the New Straits Times (Malaysia) with a weekly column on logistics. Specialties: Agro-food logistics, Food security, Halal Supply Chain Management, Inventory Management, Logistics control, Purchasing, Supply Chain Management, Supply Chain Optimization.



Anna Maria Aicha Tiozzo
President

WHAD World Halal Development
Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics
Italy

Profile

Annamaria Aisha Tiozzo is a Consultant for Islamic markets. The deep knowledge of the impact of faith based practices on markets, made Annamaria an expert in formulation, conceptual creation, positioning, pricing, and marketing and, mostly, sales and distribution of products and services designed for ethnic market segments. Sectors: cosmetics, fashion, luxury, food, pharma. Annamaria gives also speeches in Italian and foreign schools on the topics of: Islamic marketing, religious certifications, ritual slaughtering, Islamic business etiquette, sales, pro-poor tourism, marketing and sales of agro-alimentary products.



Mustafa Topbas
CEO

BIM
Sector: Food & Beverages
Turkey

Profile

Mr. Mustafa Latif Top bas served as Partner and Executive at Bahariye Mensucat A.S. since 1961. In subsequent years, Mr. Topbas served as founder and executive in various industrial and commercial companies. In 1994, he became a founding partner of BIM and was appointed as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors. He has been Chairman of Bim Birlesik Magazalar. since 2006. He also owns shares of the family textile business and he has partnerships with companies including Ak Food and Link Food which belong to the billionaire Ulker Family, who own Yildiz Holding, Turkey's largest food producer.



Farhan Tufail
CEO

Halal Certification Services-Switzerland
Sector: Food & Beverages
Switzerland

Profile

Farhan Tufail holds a Degree in Mathematics from the Technical University of Zurich (ETH) and a Master's degree in History and Islamic Studies from University of Berne. After completing his studies, he worked for several years in US and returned back in 2001 to join the technical University as a research associate. He joined the Halal Certification at Islamic Center Berne in 2002 where he was a secretary for 7 years. When the Management of Halal Certification at Islamic Center Berne was looking for a new Director, Farhan Tufail readily agreed to take over the responsibility and to professionalize the system. Halal Certification Services was regrouped in 2009 where he serves till today as the CEO. Over the years he has acquired in-depth knowledge of the Halal requirement and auditing through his certified auditor courses as ISO 9001, 14001, 18000 and BRC auditor. Apart from that he has also visited various trainings at JAKIM Malaysia and MUI Indonesia. Today he is responsible for new client acquisition, support to the existing clients care. He also holds regular lectures on Halal requirements and certification at various food schools and universities in Switzerland and Germany. He has spoken on various conferences, seminars and events on various subjects regarding Halal including: Halal Certification of Ingredients and Food Items, Halal Cosmetics and the regulation around Halal Pharma.



Kerim Ture
Founder

[Modanisa.com](https://www.modanisa.com)

Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics
Turkey

Profile

Kerim Ture graduated in 1994 with Master of Science in Communication from Boston University. In 2004, he co-founded Youth Republic which is the award winning youth marketing agency in Istanbul, Turkey. He serves currently as a partner. In June 2011, he founded Modanisa.com which is a multi-brand fashion retail site, serving Muslim woman who follow Islamic dressing codes. Modanisa serves 47 countries and 200M women worldwide. Kerim Ture is also a partner in other companies such as: Goril As, Anbea AS and Istanbul Business School.



Mr. Saeed Uddin

Hon. Secretary

The Incorporated Trustees of the Islamic
Community Fund of Hong Kong

Sector: Government & Associations
Hong Kong

Profile

Mr Saeed Uddin, a Pakistani, is the first non-Chinese Asian to be appointed to the Equal Opportunities Commission, and a member of the Home Affairs Bureau's Committee on the Promotion of Racial Harmony. Graduated from the University of Sindh, Pakistan, with a degree in Commerce. Mr Uddin came to Hong Kong in 1974. As the former Chairman and current Honorary Secretary of the Incorporated Trustees of the Islamic Community Fund of Hong Kong, Mr Uddin takes active part in the development and welfare of the Muslim community in Hong Kong. In 2003, he was awarded the Medal of Honour by the SAR Government for his contribution in improving the rights and welfare of ethnic minorities.



Murat Ülker
Chairman

Yidiz holding / Ülker
Sector: Food & Beverages
Turkey

Profile

Murat Ülker was born in 1959. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the Faculty of Business Management at Boğaziçi University. He started his career in 1982 and traveled abroad to participate in various vocational training courses including AIB and ZDS. He continued with his practicum training at US-based Continental Baking Company. For two years he held a post at an export company located the Middle East. He also found time to research and investigate approximately 60 biscuit and chocolate producing factories and manufacturing facilities in the US and Europe. He has been involved with various IESC projects. In 1984, he began his career with the Ülker Company as a control manager and later served as Assistant General Manager responsible for Ventures and eventually, as the company's General Manager. Later on, he served on that company's Board of Directors and as a board member for various Ülker companies. Murat Ülker's concept of vertical integration resulted in the company's realization of many new investments. Murat Ülker, became the Chairman of the Executive Board in 2000 and has served as Chairman of the Yıldız Holding Board of Directors since 2000. Murat Ülker is married with 3 children. He is fluent in English and German. His interests include traveling with his family, sailing and modern art.



Tan Sri Zeti Ungku Aziz
Chancellor

INCIEF
Sector: Education & Advisory
Malaysia

Profile

Zeti Akhtar Aziz is the International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance chancellor. She was the 7th Governor of Bank Negara Malaysia, Malaysia's central bank and was the first woman in the position. She is one of the member of five Council of Elders in Mahathir's second time administration, a special advisory council advising the government on economic and financial matters during this transitional period. She received her early education at the Assunta High School, Petaling Jaya. In 1970, she received a bachelor's degree in Economics from University Malaya. She continued her studies in the United States and received a PhD in monetary and international economics from the University of Pennsylvania. As part of her PhD, dissertation she carried out pioneering work on capital flows and its implications for monetary policy. Zeti began her career as an economic analyst for the South-East Asia Central Bank Training & Research Center, remaining at that post from 1979 to 1984. She was then appointed Deputy Manager of the Economics Department at Bank Negara Malaysia and in 2009, Global Finance named her as one of the world's best central bank chiefs. Zeti was also the Chairman of the Asian Institute of Finance. This year, Zeti was appointed the group chairman of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) and she was also appointed Chairman of Sime Darby Property.



Daniyar Uspanov
Chairman of the Board

Al Saqr Finance
Sector: Financial Services
Kazakhstan

Profile

Daniyar Uspanov is the managing Director, member of the Management Board «Astana Banki» JSC since 2015. He obtained a diploma from Kazakh Economics University named after T.Ryskulov, Specialization Banking. He was previously vice president of JSC ad works for «Russian Slavic Bank» and «Alliance Bank» JSC.



Ufuk Uyan
CEO and member of the Board of Directors

Kuveyt Turk
Sector: Banking
Turkey

Profile

Ufuk Uyan graduated from Bogazici University Department of Economics. He received his master's degree in Business Administration from the same university in 1983. He began his career in 1979 as a Research Assistant at Bogazici University, Department of Economics, Industrial Development Bank of Turkey in 1982, he worked as a researcher at the Special Research Department Economist. In 1985, Albaraka Turk in the wake of the Deputy Project Manager, Kuwait has continued his career in 1989 as Director of Projects and Investments in Turkey. From Assistant to General Manager in 1993, he was appointed General Manager, senior AGM. Ufuk Uyan, is the Chief Executive Officer and a Member of the Board at Kuveyt Türk Participation Bank in Istanbul. Moreover, he is the Chairman of the KT's Supervisory Board.



Daud Vicary
Managing Director

DVA Consulting Sdn Bhd.
Sector: Financial Services
Malaysia

Profile

Daud is a Chartered Islamic Finance Professional (CIFP) & CPA (Aus) 16+ years in Management Consulting to the Financial Services Industry (1988 - 2005), preceded by 15 years working for Banks in Operations and control (1973 - 1988). Returned to Banking between 2005 - 2008 in leadership positions in Islamic Banking in Malaysia. Established an Islamic Finance Consultancy (DVA Consulting Sdn Bhd) in November 2008. Appointed Global leader of Deloitte's Global Islamic Finance Group (GIFG) with effect 1 June 2009 until June 2011. Appointed CEO and President of INCEIF (International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance) August 2011 - July 2017. Currently retired but doing advisory work through DVA Consulting. Book on Islamic Finance, co-authored with Keon Chee, entitled «ISLAMIC FINANCE: WHY IT MAKES SENSE» Published by Marshall Cavendish 2009. A second Edition was published 2013. In the last 15+ years have focused exclusively on Islamic Finance operations. Have also developed an interest in Financial Literacy Programs & developing Young Entrepreneurs. A frequent commentator and speaker on Islamic Finance, David was appointed to the Board of AAOIFI in December 2003 - 2007, installed as a Distinguished Fellow of the Islamic Finance and Banking Institute of Malaysia (IBFIM) in July 2007. Appointed a Vice President of ACIFP (Association of Chartered Islamic Finance Professionals) in November 2008. Appointed to the Board of Governors of the International Academy of Financial Management (IAFM) April 2009. Appointed to the Board of Governors of Institute of Enterprise Risk Practitioners (IERP) May 2010. Member of UK Government's GIFG, March 2014. Member of RAIF Steering Committee from 2014. Board of Trustees of the Responsible Finance Foundation January 2015. Recipient of the 2014 LARIBA Recognition Award for Excellence in Riba Free Banking. AAA award 2015



Sylvain Vieujot
Deputy Chairman & CEO

Emirates REIT
Sector: Financial Services
UAE

Profile

Mr. Vieujot is the co-founder and Chairman of the Equitativa Real Estate. He is also co-founder, Deputy Chairman and CEO of the REIT Manager. In 2007, he transferred the holding company of “Societe de la Tour Eiffel” - the first French newly listed REIT (SIIC) – from Luxembourg to the DIFC (Dubai International Financial Centre). In 2010, Equitativa Real Estate together with DIB launched Emirates REIT, the first Shari’a compliant Real Estate Investment Trust incorporated in DIFC. Prior to his involvement in the REIT Manager, Mr. Vieujot co-founded several companies, including Freelance.com and Platre.com. Mr. Vieujot listed Freelance.com on the French Stock Market (Alternext of Euronext). Mr Vieujot has a Masters in Entrepreneurship from HEC, Paris, France and is an Engineer in Computer Science Micro-electronics and Electro Technology.



Naushad Virji
CEO

Sharia Portfolio
Sector: Financial Services
USA

Profile

Naushad Virji was born in Italy in 1971 but has lived in Florida since 1975. Naushad earned a degree in business administration from the University of Florida and then went on to successfully complete his series 65 NASD examination to become a registered investment advisor representative. Based in our Orlando area office, Naushad is the CEO of ShariaPortfolio. With an interest in activism and community service, Naushad co-founded the United Muslim Foundation, where he currently serves on the board of directors. Naushad is also on the advisory board of Advance Law, a Washington, DC based legal consulting firm that works with some of the largest companies in the world to help them retain quality law firms that have been carefully vetted to provide superior value. Living in Longwood, Florida, Naushad is happily married with three children. His personal interests include golf, tennis and spending leisure time with his family.



Magatte Wade
CEO & Founder

Tiossan
Sector: Healthcare & Pharma
USA

Profile

Magatte is the founder and CEO of Tiossan, a high-end skin care products line based on indigenous Senegalese recipes and ingredients. Tiossan products are distributed via www.tiossan.com, as well as through selected boutiques and Nordstrom. Tiossan commits at least ten percent of profits to the creation of entrepreneurial schools in Senegal designed to develop the next generation of Senegalese genius. Previously, Magatte founded Adina World Beverages, with African-inspired drinks sold throughout the United States at retailers including Whole Foods and Wegmans. Prior to her departure from Adina, she assembled an executive team featuring a co-Founder of Odwalla, CEO of SoBe, and ex-co-Chairman of PepsiCo. Magatte writes for The Guardian, The Huffington Post, and Barron's. She is a frequent speaker at business conferences and college campuses, including Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Brown, Dartmouth, MIT, Wharton, Babson, etc. She was named a Young Global Leader by the Davos Global Economic Forum as well as one of the "20 Youngest Power Women in Africa" by Forbes in 2011. In 2014 she was featured on the cover of Forbes Afrique for being the person in Francophone Africa having the greatest positive impact on the future. She serves on the board of ASNAPP and the SEED Academy (Sports for Education and Economic Development), a private school in Senegal that prepares young people academically and athletically so that they can win NCAA basketball scholarships in the U.S. She also serve on the Advisory Board of the Whole Planet Foundation, the private foundation of Whole Foods Market.



Junaid Wahedna
CEO

Wahed Investment
Sector: Fintech
USA

Profile

Junaid Wahedna is the CEO and founder of Wahed Invest inc. He has a Graduate degree from the department of Industrial Engineering & Operations Research from Columbia University. While at Columbia, he served as the Managing Editor of the prestigious academic publication, The Columbia Financial Review. Junaid is the holder of the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), and CIMA Diploma in Islamic Finance (CDIF) designations. He has also been a speaker at international conferences on Islamic Finance.



Antone Wambura

Director

Crescent Takaful SACCO

Sector: Financial Services
Kenya

Profile

Antone is a career financial services practitioner with experience in commercial banking, insurance, fund management, microfinance and co-operatives. He has played a pivotal role in deepening Islamic Finance in Kenya having engaged the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) and Insurance Regulatory Authority for licensing of Islamic Investment Banking and Takaful operators in Kenya. He was the founding Head of Credit & Risk at First Community Bank (FCB); founding Head of Investments of FCB Capital Ltd; and the founding Head & Principal Officer of FCB Takaful Insurance Agency Ltd. All these are pioneer Islamic institutions in the financial industry in Kenya and the East African region. He is an economist from Egerton University.



Tan Sri Wan Zulkiflee Wan Ariffin

CEO

Petronas
Sector: Logistics & Construction
Malaysia

Profile

Mr. Zulkiflee bin Ariffin is President, CEO & Director at Petroliaam Nasional Bhd. Datuk Wan Zulkiflee bin Wan Ariffin. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Adelaide and completed the INSEAD Senior Management Development Program and the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He was conferred an Honorary Fellowship by the Institution of Chemical Engineers, United Kingdom. He joined PETRONAS in 1983 as a Process Engineer and held various positions including serving as Executive Assistant to the President, General Manager, International Projects Management Division of OGP Technical Services, General Manager for the Strategy and Business Development Unit and became Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of PETRONAS Gas Berhad from 2003 to 2007. As the Vice President of Gas Business from 2006 to 2010 he was appointed, in 2012, as Chief Operating Officer of PETRONAS in addition to being the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Downstream Business. He was also the Chairman of PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad and PETRONAS Dagangan Berhad. Datuk Wan Zulkiflee was appointed President and Group CEO of PETRONAS in April 2015. He is a Council Member of the East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECERDC), as well as Chairman of the ECERDC's Audit Committee. He is also the Chairman of the National Trust Fund, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Razak School of Government, and the Industry Advisor to the Engineering Faculty of Universiti Putra Malaysia.



Hassan Waqar
Founder and CEO

Ummah Finance
Sector: Financial Services
UK

Profile

Hassan is a keen entrepreneur and pioneer who, in establishing MoneeMint, a UK based FinTech that will provide shariah-compliant financial products and services to consumers, has been recognised as one of the top 500 Global Leaders of the Islamic Economy 2018 by Islamica500. MoneeMint is built upon the foundations of ethical banking and accessibility for all. Fintech is changing the financial sector where Hassan and MoneeMint are helping write a new financial era.



Muhammad Wassem

CEO & Founder

Invoice Wakalah

Sector: Financial Services
Pakistan

Profile

Muhammad Wassem is the CEO and Founder of Invoice Wakalah the Pakistan's first Shariah compliant peer-to-peer invoice financing platform connects business looking for finance with investors. Invoice Wakalah has established Pakistan's first Shariah Compliant online invoice financing platform, which directly and seamlessly connects businesses looking for finance with investors, who invest and help them to grow. In return, the investors can enjoy healthy and ethical returns and an opportunity to be the part of financial inclusion of Pakistan. Invoice Wakalah aims to remove operational inefficiencies around the invoice financing. It originates, manages, credit rating grading, verification, facilitating the disbursement and settlement of funds and reports the financing deal among businesses and the investors by extensively using technology.



Joyce Wee
Executive director

E-Suan
Sector: Fintech
Malaysia

Profile

Joyce Wee is the executive director at e-Suan. E-suan.com is a platform by Etalage Sdn Bhd, an approved financial adviser & islamic financial adviser and licensed CMSL in financial planning, Corporate Unit Trust Adviser and Corporate Private Retirement Adviser by SC. A 1-Stop platform for investment, insurance and other financial products and services, empowering financial independence through a click of a button by providing tools with easy to understand explanations, comparison charts and on-call planners. Experienced Executive Director with a demonstrated history of working in the financial services industry. Skilled in Financial Advisory, Financial Technology, Financial Planning, Business Strategy, and Sales Management. Strong business development professional with a Master of Business Administration - MBA focused in General & Strategic Management from Maastricht School of Management.



Muhammad Arif Wibowo

Managing Director

PT. AIRFAST Indonesia

Sector: Logistics & Construction
Indonesia

Profile

Mr. Wibowo was born on September 19, 1966 and is a graduate of Mechanical Engineering from ITS Surabaya. He then earned his Master's degree in management of air transportation from the University of Indonesia in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the US. He is also a Certified Professional Marketer, as awarded by the Asia Marketing Federation. As an aspiring engineer at Garuda Indonesia's Maintenance Facilities Support Center at Soekarno-Hatta International Airport he worked hard, moved up, and eventually exceeded in a number of positions in the national flag carrier's management team. He has variously held the titles of Garuda's Senior General Manager West Indonesia; Senior Area GM for Japan, Korea, China and USA; GM for Fukuoka and Tokyo; GM Agency and Interline; and EVP Marketing and Sales Garuda Indonesia. On December 2014, Muhammad Arif Wibowo earned the esteemed post of President Director and CEO of PT Garuda Indonesia. The year 2015 was also full of joy for the flag carrier, which started operations in Burma in early 1948 as a commercial air service with the sole objective of obtain funds for the fledgling Republic of Indonesia. Last year, Garuda reaped 49 national awards, 15 international awards and one national certification. On February 17, 2016, at the Singapore Airshow, Skytrax, the UK-based consultancy which runs an industry-renowned review and ranking report, listed Garuda Indonesia among its 5-Star Airlines—one of seven in the world—for the second time in two consecutive years.



Prof. Jonathan Wilson

Academic and Consultant

Dragonfly Black

Sector: Education & Advisory
UK

Profile

Wilson has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and an MBA from the University of Dundee, in 2012 he also completed a PhD in Branding, Culture and Management from Brunel University. Wilson started off in industry as a manager and later progressed to become a university academic/ practitioner hybrid. He is a blogger on the Huffington Post where he writes about cultural phenomena, which are of relevance to business and the wider public, he is also a columnist at MarkPlus, a consulting firm located in Indonesia. His 20 years of experience have taken him throughout Europe, the Muslim World and Asia – and continue to shape his approach when tackling the following areas: Cultural phenomena, Advertising, Branding, PR, Consumer Behavior, Music, halal and Islamic Finance and Economics. Wilson is an academic in the business school at the University of Greenwich in London and Editor in Chief of the Journal of Islamic Marketing; he is also an associate member of the UK All party parliamentary group (APPG) on Islamic Finance and Diversity in Financial Markets. His work and media coverage has appeared in the Huffington Post, Thomson Reuters, Zawya, BBC, Guardian Media Network, The Times, Sky News Arabia, Marketeers Magazine, Branding Magazine, Halal Focus, DinarStandard and Awani Business news.



Erly Witoyo
CEO

Kapital Boost
Sector: Financial Services
Singapore

Profile

Erly is an entrepreneur with passion for Islamic Finance and technology. He is the founder of Kapital Boost, the first Islamic peer-to-peer crowdfunding platform in Asia. Kapital Boost aims to address the lack of financing options available to Asian SMEs. Our Islamic/ethical Crowdfunding platform levels the playing field by providing liquidity for goods and capital purchases for SMEs. In return, these deals give our Crowdfunding Community potentially high short-term returns. Erly has over 15 years experience in the financial industry working at top-tier credit rating agency and investment banks. Before Kapital Boost, he was a Director at Barclays in Singapore, where he led the top-ranked Asian corporate credit research team (FinanceAsia poll 2010-2013). Erly left the corporate world and started Kapital Boost to focus on helping smaller businesses and investors. In particular, he wanted to address the lack of financing available to SMEs and the shortage of attractive Islamic-based investments available to retail investors. Erly is also a partner at Club Ethis, an Islamic real estate crowdfunding platform, and a Board of Commissioner at PT Bubu Internet, one of the largest digital media agency in Indonesia.



Inés Wouters

Partner

Legisquadra

Sector: Law & Accounting
Belgium

Profile

Wouters holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the free university of Brussels (1984). She also holds a Master of Laws (LLM) from McGill University in Canada (1987). Ines Wouters passed the bars in Belgium since 1987, and she collaborated at the LWWK lawyers' organization from 1987 to 1994. She is the partner founder of the AFSCRIFT organization (1994/2013) focusing on fiscal law. Ines was also an administrator for the European lawyers' network between 1999 and 2009. In 2013, she founded the LEGISQUADRA organization and she's currently teaching a graduate class on fiscal management at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management. She is also a member of the board granting a University certificate on Islamic Finance organized by Louvain School of Management. She created the first force task in Belgium to promote Islamic Finance as an alternative of investment.



Love Yadav
Group Managing Director

Amana Capital
Sector: Financial Services
Sri Lanka

Profile

Love has a 17 years background in global conventional & Islamic Asset Management and Investment Banking, both on buy and sell side of the proposition. Before joining hands with Amana Holdings group in Sri Lanka in 2016, Love had Co Founded Kasehdia Ventures in early 2014 and is actively engaged in transaction advisory & consulting business between West Africa & Asia pacific corridor with entrepreneurship as one of the over bearing themes. Few of his initiatives in his career are a co-ownership of a renewable resources company in India, Investment matching sessions in World Halal Forum & World Halal Summit helping SME's in Halal sector seek growth advisory through right investment direction, "The drawing board initiative" a network of angels evaluating and investing in start up opportunities in ASEAN. Mr. Yadav hold a bachelor in accounting and finance from Aligarh Muslim University in 1997 , and an M.B.A in Finance and Marketing from Agra University, India in 1999.



Linar Yakupov

President

IBFD FUND

Sector: Government & Associations
Russia

Profile

Linar Yakupov is currently the President of the Association of Regional Investment Agencies of Russia, a specialised platform for interaction and exchange of experiences among major regional investment agencies and development corporations of the Russian Federation with a view to maximise their integration in the international investment community. Linar Yakupov is a founder and President of the Islamic Business and Finance Development Fund (IBFD Fund), the centre of competence in Islamic business and finance of Russia. He also serves as an advisor to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tatarstan, is a member of the Presidential Council for Cooperation with International Financial Organizations and a board member of the Tatarstan International Investment Company. Linar Yakupov previously served as the head of Tatarstan Investment Development Agency (TIDA), member of the Government, and Director for Eastern Europe in the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA). Linar Yakupov has been awarded, among others, the prestigious Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA) for his effectiveness in promoting Islamic banking and finance in Russian Federation since 2001. He is a participant and speaker at large-scale events on Russian and international level, and conducts master classes to regional governments, advising on investment policies and strategies.



Prof. Talal Yassine

Managing Director

Crescent Wealth

Sector: Financial Services
Australia

Profile

Talal completed an LLB at Macquarie University, Sydney, an LLM at University of Sydney and an MBA at Deakin University. Talal began his career as a Solicitor in Corporate & Strategy at Dunhill Madden Butler before joining PwC as Director and strategist. After 10 years at PwC, Talal joined investment firm Babcock & Brown Ltd in the Corporate finance Group and later in the Technical Real Estate Division. Later Talal held leadership positions in Better Place Australia and is currently the Managing Director of Crescent Wealth. Talal serves on the Board of Australia Post, the Whitlam Institute, The Global Foundation, and The Australian Multicultural Council. He also is currently the Chairman of the Council of Australian-Arab Relations and the Chairman of the Australian Arab Dialogue Ltd. Talal previously has served on the Board of Sydney Ports, Macquarie University; and as the Deputy Chairman of a government regulator, and as Chairman as Platinum Sound Pty Ltd. Talal has established himself as Australia's leading thought leader in Islamic finance. He is currently the Managing Director of Crescent Wealth, an Australian Islamic wealth manager which launched the world's first Islamic compliant superannuation fund. Internationally, he has spoken at the World Islamic Economic Forum, the Amanie-Failaka Symposium, and the Annual Kuala Lumpur Islamic Finance Forum. In addition, he is part of the Australian Arab Chamber of Commerce & Industry (AACCI), the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA), The CEO Institute, New South Wales Parliament House, University of Sydney, and the Australian National University (ANU).



Ng Kin Yee

Head of market data and connectivity

FTSE ST Singapore

Sector: Government & Associations
Singapore

Profile

Kin Yee is Head of the Market Data and Connectivity business which offers market data distribution, connectivity, co-location and index services. During his past eleven years with SGX, Mr Ng headed various appointments in Technology and Project Management prior to his current role. He was involved in delivering one of the world's fastest trading engines, migrating mainframe systems supporting key financial market infrastructures of Singapore, and rolling out enterprise-wide risk management systems. Prior to SGX, Mr Ng was Public Sector Director at Microsoft Singapore. He was also previously president of a dotcom start-up and deputy director at Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA). At IDA, which was previously known as the National Computer Board (NCB), Mr Ng ran the Singapore ONE broadband project, an initiative to introduce the first nationwide high-speed broadband network. Mr. Yee holds a master degree in computer science from the University of Michigan (1992).



Stuart Yeomans
CEO

Farrington Group
Sector: Fintech
Malaysia

Profile

Stuart Yeomans is the CEO of Farrington group. Farrington Group is a leading provider of financial management, tax planning and banking solutions for any astute investor or corporate organisation. Stuart was born and educated in the UK and has been awarded a degree in Economics & Financial Services, from Nottingham Trent University's Business School. Throughout his time offshore, Stuart has continued his studies and holds qualifications from both the Securities Investment Institute and the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Stuart has studied and worked within the Financial Service sector for a little over 9 years and has held posts in the UK, Vietnam and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. Stuart has ensured that Farrington Group's focus is towards retaining its clients, because they are the most vital part of the organisation. Each and every client is proactively managed by fully qualified portfolio managers, who have the highest level of integrity. This structure and management style has helped Stuart's team obtain one of the best reputations and retention rates throughout the region. Stuart believes that bringing more transparency and regulation to the offshore market will only benefit the industry as a whole. In 2012, Stuart was appointed as a council member for the Labuan International Insurance Association. The Award in Investment Planning is geared towards offshore advisers who wish to continue their professional development.



Shahzad Younas
CEO

Muzmatch

Sector: Media, Events & IT
UK

Profile

In 2014 Shahzad Younas, left a 10 year career in Investment Banker at Morgan Stanley to work on muzmatch full time. Completely self taught, he single handedly built the first version of the app which launched on Apple and Android in just six months. Within a year the app had grown to over 65,000 members. Ryan Brodie, his co Founder joined in April 2016 and together they rebuilt and relaunched v2.0 of muzmatch which has now grown to over 300,000 members worldwide – almost all exclusively by word of mouth. We have made real headway in helping solve the real social problem that exists in the Muslim community worldwide – that is the youth finding it hard to find partners in a Halal and respectful way. Over 8000 people worldwide have now got engaged or married via muzmatch – an incredible achievement in such a short space of time. muzmatch was selected and is backed by Y Combinator – the world’s most prestigious Tech accelerator based in Silicon Valley. From there they raised nearly \$2M of seed investment and are rapidly growing the team and platform. “Our mission is simple – to help the rich diverse mix of Muslims around the world to find their partner in a Halal, respectful and modern platform”.



Adnan Ahmed Yousif
Chairman and General Manager

Al Baraka Banking Group
Sector: Banking
Bahrain

Profile

Mr. Adnan Ahmed Yousif is a prolific international banker with over 30 years of experience in international banking. He is President & Chief Executive of Albaraka Banking Group (ABG) since 2002 that is headquartered in the Kingdom of Bahrain with presence in 12 countries in the form of subsidiaries, with a total of 250 branches. He is also Chairman of Al Baraka Turk Participation Bank, Banque Al Baraka D'Algerie, Al Baraka Bank Ltd. South Africa, Al Baraka Bank SAL, Jordan Islamic Bank, Vice Chairman of Egyptian Saudi Finance Bank Egypt and Al Baraka Islamic Bank - Bahrain besides being a board member of most of the subsidiaries of the ABG Group. Mr. Yousif is the Chairman of European Islamic Investment Bank (EIIB) London and Union of Arab Banks, Lebanon. He also held various senior positions at Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) including Board Member of the parent company and Member of the Audit Committee. Furthermore, he has been the Executive Chairman of ABC Services & Investment Company E.C. and ABC Islamic Bank for over 15 years; Senior Vice President and Head of the Arab World Division and Head of Global Marketing & Financial Institutions Division. He was with ABC for 20 years. He started his banking career in 1975 with American Express Bank, Bahrain for five years. He was awarded the prestigious Islamic Banker of the Year award for 2004. He is the Chairman of Union Arab Banks.



Saleem Yousuf
CEO

Executive Muslim
Sector: Media, Events & IT
UK

Profile

Saleem Yousuf is the CEO of Executive Muslim (EM), a professional networking site that connects Muslim professionals, Islamic businesses and charities. Saleem was inspired to create the business networking site when he was looking for Islamic, Shariah compliant finance products and found that there was no central place to connect with Islamic products and Muslims who could relate to his concerns and needs without an explanation. By connecting people and connecting those people to the information, products and services they need, Saleem is building a global Muslim networking site that will enable growth of Islamic products and services and the opportunity for Muslim Professionals and businesses to connect, share ideas and create opportunity. A Chartered Account by profession, Saleem is passionate about the future of EM and its ability to make a difference in people's lives and create new opportunities in the burgeoning Halaal products and services sector. EM achieved second place in the Dubai Digital Islamic economy awards and is recognized as one of the top 50 most innovative Islamic tech startups in the USA. From a solid base in the UK, UAE and the USA and under the leadership of Saleem EM has an innovative roadmap ahead and is sure to experience growth.



Yazit Yusuff

Director & Head- Islamic Capital Markets

RHB Financial Services Bank Berhad

Sector: Banking
Malaysia

Profile

Yazit currently oversees the overall Islamic Capital Markets activities for RHB Banking Group, Malaysia fourth largest banking group. He has been involved in Islamic Treasury and Capital Markets for more than 25 years with experience overseeing foreign exchange, money market, fixed income and corporate treasury in the Islamic banking industry. Yazit gained most of his Islamic Banking and Treasury experience while attached to Bank Islam Malaysia, Berhad Malaysia pioneer Islamic bank which he joined in 1987. In 2008, he moved to OSK Investment Bank to head the Islamic Banking business and spearhead the bank regional Islamic banking and capital market business. After the completion of the merger between OSK and RHB Investment Bank in 2013, he was reassigned to oversee the overall Islamic capital market initiatives for the merged entity. Yazit is a member of Malaysian Investment Banking Association (MIBA) Islamic Capital Market Committee and Panel Review Member of Financial Accreditation Agency (FAA). He also sits as Industry Advisory panel member in various public and private universities in Malaysia. His professional qualifications include Licensed Treasury Dealer issued by ACI/PPKM, Licensed Credit Professional issued by IBBM under Certified Credit Professional (Business) and Capital Market Services Representative License issued by Securities Commission of Malaysia. Yazit holds a Master Degree in Business Administration majoring in Finance conferred by University of Southern Queensland, Australia.



MARUF Yusupov
CEO

Ali Huda & Halal.Ad
Sector: Islamic Marketing
Denmark

Profile

Maruf is originally from Uzbekistan. He came to Denmark to study multimedia design in 2003. Right after his studies, he got his first job as a designer and he has been working and living since then. Working for small to medium companies and corporations for a decade, he finally wanted to start something on his own in emerging Islamic Economy. Maruf is a serial entrepreneur. He co-founded Halal.Ad - an advertising platform for Muslim digital market helping Islamic sites and mobile apps to monetize their traffic by selling ad space to Muslim advertisers. Since 2015, they have been serving 100s of millions of ads on small to large Islamic publishers around the world. Halal.Ad serve ads on Islamic Finder, Zabihah, Muslim Matters and many other Islamic publishers. His latest venture is Ali Huda. It is a video on demand streaming platform similar to Netflix but targeted to Muslim kids. Ali Huda has an exclusive partnership with Islamic TV channels and independent Muslim Producers to license exclusive and entertaining shows for Muslim children.



Ayman Zaidan
CEO

Head of Treasury and Investment Management
Sector: Banking
UAE

Profile

Ayman Zaidan is the Head of Treasury and Investment Management of the QFB, Mr.Zaidan brings with him over 23 years of experience in Banking and Treasury activities. He joins QFB from National Bank of Kuwait, where he was the General Manager of the Treasury Group. Prior to that, Ayman headed First Energy Bank Treasury department, where as a Senior Executive Director, was a main contributor to the establishment of the Bank. Ayman also spent 11 years at the Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) in Bahrain where his last position was Head of Structured and Islamic Derivatives. Ayman spent his early years as Chief Dealer at the Bank of Jordan, where he introduced derivatives to the banking industry in Jordan and helped the Regulator in formulating the Derivatives Rules and Regulations. He holds a BSc. in Accounting for the University of Jordan.



Aziz Zainuddin

Founder

Master the crypto

Sector: Fintech

Singapore

Profile

Aziz Bin Zainuddin is a Blockchain expert with a passion for evangelizing the revolutionary technology. He is the Founder and Chief Crypto Officer of Master The Crypto, a knowledge hub & resource center that focuses on cryptocurrency investing and all things Blockchain. In addition to writing and speaking about Blockchain & Cryptocurrency, Aziz runs C.M. Fund, a Crypto Hedge Fund based in Singapore which invests in cryptos with solid fundamentals and game-changing technology. Prior to Master the Crypto, Aziz worked in several financial technology startups that focused on Blockchain Technology and Artificial Intelligence. He was a former Investment Analyst at CG Capital Markets where he explored blockchain technologies and their application towards fintech solutions centered around the staffing industry. Mr.Zainuddin holds a bachelor degree in Islamic Banking and Finance from the International Islamic University of Malaysia.



Rabia Zargarpur
President & Creatice Director

Rabia Z
Sector: Fashion & Cosmetics
UAE

Profile

Rabia Z is a proven successful world class fashion entrepreneur & designer and is hailed as a pioneer in the field of Modest Fashion globally which today as an industry is valued at \$322Billion. Rabia's vision further expands to help create high-performance female professionals who are truly world class leaders in all aspects of the fashion business. Her mentor programs are based on the belief that 'being among the best' is not good enough to ensure success, or even sustainability. Rabia Z is an award winning business thought leader and inspirational speaker through which she continues to inspire women as she carries on her trajectory to empower Muslim women globally. She has had tremendous success with her brand across many countries and has been frequently covered by prestigious international publications & TV channels. Rabia Z is the first Emirati designer honourably representing the UAE and Dubai on renowned international forums, seminars, events and fashion shows outside the Emirates for over a decade. And she continues to win numerous accolades and international awards. In addition, as a partner with Thought Leaders Middle East, The Global Retail Academy is setup with the vision to educate, empower and equip professionals and leaders through technical, vocational, managerial and leadership programs in the retail/fashion space. Rabia Z's areas of expertise: Modest Fashion, Consulting- Business of Fashion & Creative Direction, Retail Leadership via Online Retail Academy & Partners in areas of: Merchandise Planning, Buying, Store Operations, Supply Chain Management, Thought Leadership, Women Leadership, Entrepreneurship.



Koudama Zeroual
CEO

Wafa Assurance
Sector: Insurance
Morocco

Profile

Koudama Zeroual is the Chief Executive Officer Takaful Insurance at Wafa Assurance. He is an engineer and holds a DESS in Marketing and a master executive in finance. Mr. Zeroual joined the financial sector in 1993 as Manager of studies and then Manager of product development at Crédit du Maroc. He led the launch of several banking products and services including electronic banking cards and bank-assurance products. From 2000, he became the Marketing and Communication Director of RMA WATANYA where he participated in initiating several innovations at the level of the automotive branch and at the level of services related to life, health and savings. In 2009, he served as the Marketing and Communication Director of Wafa Assurance. Ten years later, Zeroual was appointed Managing Director of Takaful Insurance. Finally, he specialized in Team Management, Service Marketing, Financial Product Innovation, Communication Techniques and Participatory Finance.



Samaila Zubairu
CEO

Africa Finance corporation (AFC)
Sector: Financial Services
Nigeria

Profile

Mr. Samaila Zubairu is a distinguished Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and an accomplished Infrastructure development finance specialist with over 29 years of professional experience. He is the CEO of Africapital Management Limited, in which position he established a joint venture with Old Mutual's African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM) to develop the Nigerian Infrastructure Investment Fund1(NIIF1) for infrastructure private equity across West Africa. He also recently coordinated the US\$300 million acquisition of Eko Electricity Distribution Plc. Mr.Samaila is the Independent Director and Chairman Statutory Audit Committee as well as a member of Finance and General-Purpose and Establishment and Governance Committees of Aiico Insurance Plc. He also serves as an Independent Director and Chairman of the Finance Committee for New Nigeria Commodity Marketing Company.



Rushdi Siddiqui
Mentor
 Quest Ventures



How will 'tech' contribute to the advancement of civilization?

Technology is agnostic, but its application is secular and spiritual. But, technology cannot be just about 'flavor of the month' funded consumer products and apps, from dating apps to faster food delivery to \$400 juicer, it needs be transformational. Be it Facebook (connecting the world), Amazon (retailer to the world) Google (cataloging the world) and so on, all part of FAAAM (Facebook, Amazon, Alphabet, Apple and Microsoft).

In this inaugural write-up for Islamica 500 on tech, from 'fin' to 'agric' and in between, as a tool and platform for disruption, innovation, inclusion, and hoped for transformational change in/for the Muslim world, I take a look at some of the high-level 'to do areas.' Innovative Finance (below) has highlighted the nine verticals and some of the startups in each, and we must acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of the startup founders. But, the approach I want to take is 'where and how an enabling environment for entrepreneurship, be it ponies to unicorns to deca-acorns to even moonshots, are created to flourish in the Muslim world/for the Muslim world that concurrently contributes to UN's 17 SDG (Sustainable Development Goals)?' It is not meant to be exhaustive, but spur thinking for greater minds to contribute.

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Below is an over-simplified state of Islamic investing by way of Pyramid. Its self explanatory, with some observations:

-Islamic banking, compliant financial lubricant and not the economy, is collateral based finance with existing focus and present bias on lower risk areas like Murabaha, Real estate, and Sukuk.

-The application of disruptive technology to the short term liquidity management, real estate and bonds is happening, from Robo-advisors (screened quant play) to blockchain/crypto-currency. Thus, such innovations will filter very soon, already happening with 'Islamic Robo-advisors,' to the Islamic finance space.

-The objective of a well balanced capital markets and diversified economic sector requires the inclusion of the start-up eco systems, i.e., start-up nation, as successful startups eventually become Fortune 500 companies. Several of the 56 Muslim majority countries have created their 20XX Vision, as high income/knowledge base economy that will be delinked and diversified from commodities, absorb the large youth unemployment rate, reduce the need for imported higher skilled (tech) labor, etc., hence, reduce capital flight and brain drain, spur domestic innovation, attract return of diasporas from the west, etc.

-The Islamic digital economy (IDE) is the vision, and it's stakeholders will help the drive to the destination.

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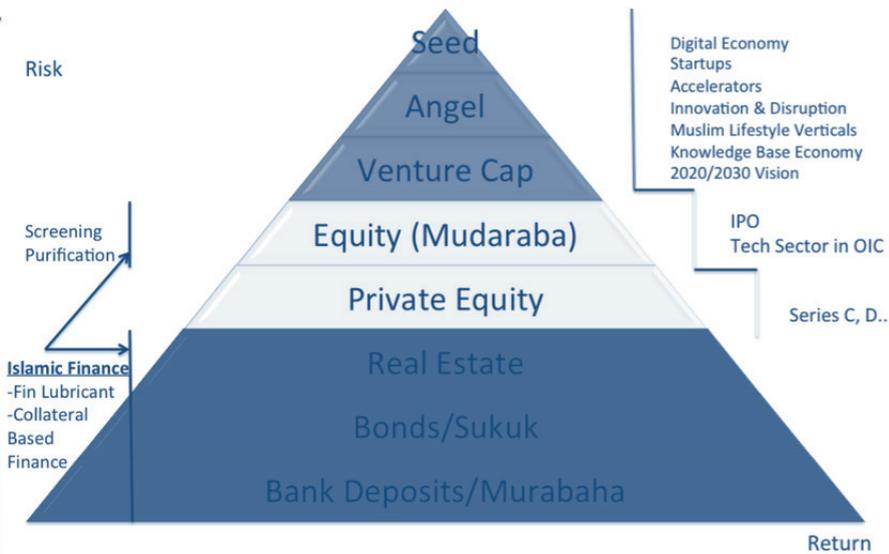
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Asset Class Risk/Return Profile



Source: Google Image

The reality is the world's first 'silicon valley,' or is it 'Saffron Valley,' was from 7th century to the 13th century, and it was from Spain to Morocco to Mecca to Egypt to Baghdad (where the 'House of Wisdom' was based) and was called the Islamic Golden Age or in today's lingo: Startup Nation. Muslim inventors/innovators disrupted in areas of healthcare, medical care, agric-tech, payment gateway, etc., and it spread by way of trade. Today, there is an actual mobile museum, called 1001 Inventions, that showcases that time period of enlightenment.

But something happened, and the Muslims went from producers and suppliers to consumers, from innovator to imitators, from engineering to reverse engineering, from exports of people (brain drain) and capital (acquiring trophy assets) to importers of debt-fuelled consumerism. Today, the Muslim world economy GDP is biased towards agriculture, garments, commodities, basic manufacturing, and commercial banking, an examination of sectors of stock index in Muslim countries aptly tells the story. The bank/debt culture dominates, and, it's well established, innovation is not sparked by debt or Sukuk. Equity culture, risk taking capital, failure as learning, etc., are the DNA 'grease' of innovation.

Recently, the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Malaysia, Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour, at the Kuala Lumpur Islamic Finance Forum (KLIFF 2017), said what is acknowledged, 'the days of double digit annual growth are now behind the industry. The industry must now seize opportunities in new growth areas; reinforce the core strengths of Islamic finance; unlock its potential; and realise its

intended promises...these being the rise of entrepreneurship, the growing interest in halal economy; and the global large infrastructure financing needs...'

The focus is entrepreneurship, ie., start up eco-system, and its linked to the globally echoed technology mantra. But, the challenge is blue printing the lofty vision for the road ahead with attainable timelines and accessible milestones. But, because the 56 Muslim countries are at various stages of economic development, capital market maturity, knowledge and awareness of Islamic finance, etc., one size entrepreneurship does not fit all, hence, country/regional approach is the preferred approach.

Importing Silicon Valley in OIC

Government backed institutions have tried to 'copy and (hard) paste' Silicon Valley onto their shores, and end result have been white elephant or real estate projects, as not understanding the culture/soul is more important.

Silicon Valley attributes include: top research universities (Stanford), engineering talent, defense industry, investors (angels to institutional), lifestyle quality, and so on, plus the culture of 'failure' is NOT frowned upon (as in the Eastern countries). Failure is about attempting, learning, iterating, etc., as innovation and disruption does not happen in risk-averse cultures and environments.

Furthermore, in some quarters in the Muslim world, they are trying using today's tech buzz words of AI (artificial intelligence), IoT (Internet of things (connectivity of devices)), 3D printing, Hyper-loop, glorified work spaces/accelerators to set up Tech (like industrial) Policy and invite the brightest people without (little) history, (big) budgets or (experienced) founders to lead, etc. The hype will not create hope, but haphazardly hinder home of tech hub.

IDE Verticals & Green Shoots

Instead of discussing specific Islamic startups in the IDE, a more informative approach is to look at verticals and green-shoot platform developments. They require more attention and expansion, aspirations and resources, public comment and beta-testing, etc., as they set up beach-heads that require deeper dive and horizontal reach-out for startups. Many startups exist [in the west] attempting to address challenges [in the east], and the issue comes down to homegrown solutions via triad of funding, execution and scale.

Fintech: Inefficiencies, Security, Product Offerings & Inclusion

The fintech space is broad and deep with focus on financing, investing and savings. Fintech application to the Islamic economy is both (disruptively) inevitable and white space opportunity, because of inefficiencies, limited product offerings, rising cyber-security/fraud, and, most important (from my point) inclusion. Its acknowledged, Islamic banking is evolving from a low technology base and has been moving forward with internet banking, mobile banking, and now digital banking, but, the question is, 'what have been impactful innovations in last 5 years?' If none/few, how will growth and expansion, especially towards future customers, digitally savvy and social media oriented Muslim Millennials, take place?

There are general VC firms like Quest Ventures, Fenox, Gobi Partners, Intres Capital, Elixir Capital,

500Startups and others funding consumer oriented IDE startups, from modest fashion to halal travel. But, as Islamic venture capital starts funding Series C and beyond, private equity will be looking at these IDE startups.

To overcome lack of meaningful and dedicated (Islamic) venture capital in Muslim world, efforts such as crowd sourcing and P2P lending have been initiated and traction will take time. Additionally, accelerators (and work space), incubators and venture builders dedicated to IDE verticals are at concept stage.

[Faith backed accelerator do exist, <http://oceanaccelerator.com>]

It is expected that token base ICOs (initial coin offering) will become part of IDE conversation in the future as a funding alternative. Furthermore, SPACs (Special Purpose Acquisition Corps) may also become an alternative to traditional startup (exit) IPO, without the challenges and distractions of going public, and Silicon Valley based Social Capital (Hedosophia) may well be a good case study to examine.

Reg-Tech: Provide protection & spur innovation

Where there is Fin-tech, Reg-tech should not be too far behind. The financial industry is one of the most (rightfully) regulated to prevent fraud/scams and protect the 'man on the street' without stifling innovation. This means regulatory staff must have the necessary fin-tech background to ask the right questions. The 'regulatory sandbox,' is the intelligent way forward in finding balance between maintaining integrity and encouraging innovation.

Islamic Crypto-currency (Dinar): Payments & Delinking

In all the noise about 1000 plus crypto-currencies- from Bitcoin to Ethereum and valuation to usage- it's a matter of time before we hear about developments in an 'Islamic dinar' crypto-currency to address payments and de-link from G7 currencies. Obviously, there are Shariah compliance issue, from underlying to trading as an asset class, but the Islamic digital economy will need to be powered by an 'Islamic digital currency.' Furthermore, the acceptance by governments to accept crypto-currency for taxes will greatly help in the adoption of such currencies, otherwise it becomes a continuous challenge.

Blockchain & Supply Management: Tracking &Tracing Leakage

One of the major break-throughs in food supply management took place recently when IBM, working with WalMart, Nestle, and others, announced use of blockchain to address tracking, tracing and governance on precisely locating leakages, when/where they occur, and mobilizing solutions to reduce/contain illnesses and/or deaths. What used to take few weeks to locate, can now be done in few minutes according to the reports. The application to the halal food supply (and ingredients) chain is vital, because Muslim countries (like the 6 GCC) are food importers and it's a lower hanging fruit test case. Furthermore, blockchain application at upstream in modest fashion is of key importance if the industry is committed to moving from fast fashion to responsible/ethical fashion, where factories are abiding by principles of Fair Trade & Ethical clothing, especially after the Rana Plaza tragedy.

Identity Management: Biometrics, Inclusion & Ecommerce

At Islamic finance events, the most often repeated words are, 'there are 2B billion Muslims, its fastest growing religion in the world and, by 2030, 25% of population with Muslims.' But, what is not mentioned is Islamic finance has touched only about 100M in 44 years.

There are so many challenges in the 56 Muslim countries: poverty, hunger, illiteracy, health, corruption, unbanked/undocumented, etc., but there may be a solution that could start the process of addressing many/all of the ills in the OIC. There are hundreds of millions people that are not on the grid, meaning they have physical presence but do not have legal presence (identity papers). Bio-metric identity technology (simple as a 'Selfie') embed in blockchain, while acknowledging privacy issues, provides immutable identity. In having an (economic) identity, it results in digital dignity and allows for birth certificates, school records, health records, voting, title/property ownership, etc.

Identity Management will be the fastest way for financial inclusion, a major challenge of Islamic banks as they move to 2.0 to touch the 2B Muslims. The digital identity will encourage micro-enterprise ecommerce much like Alibaba's Taobao Villages in China.

[ID2020 and World Identity Network (WIN), working with like Accenture, Microsoft, World Bank, etc., are trying to bring the '3B bubble of unbanked and undocumented' onto the grid (while addressing privacy issues)].

IoT & Cyber-security: 50B device connectivity spreading viruses

Interent of things (IoT) will have an estimated 50B device to device connectivity by 2020- the weakest link of device may be factory embedded security for viruses and the bridge of connectivity is the seamless e-highway to infect/cripple via virus/malware. Thus, the future kidnappings may not be wealthy people, but security breaches of machines of companies held hostage for huge ransom that get paid by (undetachable) crypto-currencies.

IoT, especially in smart city planning, is important, but what is more important is the cyber-security to prevent smart cities being held hostage to hackers!

Smart Buildings: Tech Tourism & sparking Smart Cities

Smart Building- housing accelerators/incubators/venture builders- will attract a new type of tourist in the OIC: Tech Tourists. Smart buildings provide a contribution to the blue print of Smart- some have restated as 'Responsive' Cities/Governments.

Agric-Tech: Feeding 7B++ mouths

Framing will always be important to feed the billions in the world, hence, use of drones, computer vision, data intelligence, AI and machine learning, etc., for planting (seeds), precise irrigation, fertilizer, weed/pest control, etc. The outcomes would include better utilization of land, reduced costs and waste, etc., hopefully more income for farmers.

Healthcare-Tech: Poverty & Obesity

The Muslim world, like all emerging/frontier markets, have issues concerning poverty, starvation

and caloric in-take, mental well being, clean water, sanitation, etc., but also obesity (sedentary lifestyle, deep fried fast foods, etc.) resulting in diabetes and heart conditions. Obviously, healthcare is both regulatory driven and capital intensive, hence, startups in, say, the area of diabetes management, by way of an app, are a good beginning.

Mosque Tech: Attracting Youth back to Epi-Center

The Mosque has been the historical epi-center of activity for Muslims, but it has become less epi-centric, especially for the young people. One way to bring young people back to Mosques is by way of technology, and it's not about wifi enabled, solar panel use, smart connectivity (cooling/heating/lights), or even guest talks by Muslim startup founders. Going forward, we will see 'mosque tech challenges,' including prize offering hack-a-thons on, say, game apps, an accelerator (work space), etc. This past Ramadan, colleagues in Singapore held a 24 hour 'mosque tech challenge,' and it needs to be intelligently replicated to reconnect the youth to the Mosque.

Knowledge Fund: OIC SWF Syndicated Fund & Funding in OIC

Softbank's \$100B, actually \$93B, Vision Fund needs to spark a similar fund, call it a Knowledge Fund (KF), amongst the 56 Muslim countries. Many Muslim countries have (already or will) establish their 20XX Vision, with objective of becoming high income/knowledge base economies to delink and diversify from commodities, absorb youth unemployment, etc. The Muslim world has a large number of Sovereign Wealth Funds (a/k/a Future Generation funds), from ADIA (Abu Dhabi) to KIA (Kuwait) to PIFs (Saudi Arabia) to ICD (Dubai) Mumtalakat (Bahrain) to Khazanah (Malaysia) to BIA (Brunei) to IsDB (Saudi) and others, hence, creating a modest \$250M KF 1 would spark the startup eco-system. The important aspect would be to keep money deployed within the Muslim countries, hence, not only investments in early stage startups but also including fund of fund strategies to spur local VC firms.

Training: Feeder to Islamic Digital Economy

Having hack-a-thons, weekend bootcamps, one day tech events, etc., is for the those already in the tech ecosystem, but what about those, from youth to women to mature, that want to get into the space? In all the excitement about the 'startup to scale-up economy,' what is missing in the many of the Muslim countries is the pre-requisite training, i.e., the feeder to the digital economy (DE). For example, the local universities in the selected Muslim, if they offer courses on entrepreneurship, are more academic (but change happens in a social media moment) and taught by professors (not practitioners).

Without proper training and understanding there will more misfiring, greater false starts, even faster failures, more investor money wasted, and so on. We need to develop local talent and reduce importing professionals into the Muslim countries. Although not everyone can be an entrepreneur, it's important to expose such interested people to elements of entrepreneurship and startups.

The three most important questions would-be entrepreneurs must ask themselves: (1) do I have what it takes to be a founder of a startup; (2) do I understand the process from startup to scale-up; and (3) what are venture investors looking for in entrepreneurs (or founders) and the business model?

Recruitment Agency for Islamic/Muslim Lifestyle Verticals

Recruitment firm for the Islamic digital economy (IDE) verticals, but, today, there is so much focus on Islamic finance training/education, online and offline, yet very little to the other verticals. Its time that entrepreneurs look at a recruitment agency dedicated to and feeding the IDE verticals, otherwise the human resource bottleneck will not allow the potential reach the actual (growth).

Startup Eco System Media: IDE Tech Crunch

Startup media outlets, from Tech Crunch to Middle East Entrepreneurs to Tech in Asia, have become the go to platforms for a better understanding and 'color' on startups, investors, deal flow, upcoming technology, etc. A similar platform is needed for IDE Startup Eco-System in the fragmented Muslim world (56 countries) and non-Muslim countries. The efforts of Malaysia based IFN to expand into IFN Fintech is to be commended, as is the effort of Islamic 500 to have a section for IF Fintech, but needs to expand to cover the other Lifestyle verticals.

Miscellaneous

There must be mention of legal-tech, Edu-tech, AR (Augmented Reality) and VR (Virtual reality), 3D Printing, Data/Data mining/Predictive Analytics, enterprise solutions, etc., and the common denominator amongst all is there must be the (immediate) application to the local pain points.

Conclusion

Technology innovations will spark consumerism, like marketplace ecommerce platforms, in the Muslim world, but it must also be a change agent for inclusion, of the unbanked/undocumented, if it is to contribute to the advancement of civilization. The inclusion, amongst all the above-mentioned, is the most important as it will not only raise the tide, but lift all boats and yachts!

The essence of Islamic Golden Age.

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