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- ✓ Sukuk Structures And Capital Markets
- ✓ Emerging Takaful Development
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- ✓ Islamic Treasury Management
- ✓ Islamic Accounting
- ✓ Islamic Alternative Asset Management

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- ✓ **Sukuk: Understanding The Structures And Their Fit In Capital Markets And The Securitisation Process**
- ✓ **Successfully Structuring Islamic Funds**

Key Contributions From Regional And International Experts And Companies

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BIBF Islamic Finance, Bahrain
Dar Al Sharia Legal & Financial Consultancy LLC (A subsidiary of Dubai Islamic Bank), UAE
Noor Islamic Bank, UAE
DLA Piper Middle East LLP, UAE
Calyon, Bahrain
CIMB Aviva Takaful Berhad, Malaysia
Association for the Development of Alternative Instruments and Innovative Finance (ASSAIF), Italy
Dr. Mohammed Daud Bakar, Malaysia
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FWB, Luxemburg
University Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
PricewaterhouseCoopers, Malaysia
Emirates Islamic Bank, UAE
Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC), UAE
SHAPE Financial Corporation, USA/Kuwait

Shari'ah Capital Inc., USA
Accounting & Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI), Bahrain
EONCAP Islamic Bank Berhad, Malaysia
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Reasons Why You Should Attend IIFF Dubai:

- ☑ **Meet LIVE** – Mohammed Yunus covering micro financing
- ☑ **Leaders Table:** Interact with industry experts and top financial experts sharing their views on SRI and ethical financing
- ☑ **Review** internal and external infrastructure issues before embarking on the road to conversion from conventional to Islamic
- ☑ **Explore** alternative Islamic asset classes including ETFs, gold and Islamic hedge funds
- ☑ **Examine** new ideas, challenges and opportunities to further develop the already expanding Islamic finance industry
- ☑ **Learn** about the major strides that have been made in widening the scope of Islamic retail finance
- ☑ **Benefit** from two intensive interactive cutting edge forum workshops
- ☑ **Understand** the role of regulators, exchanges and industry organisations from a practitioner's perspective

Hear Key Contributions From:



R. Seetharaman
Chief Executive Officer
Doha Bank, Qatar



Dr. Mohamad Nedal Alchaar
Secretary General
Accounting & Auditing
Organisation for Islamic
Financial Institutions (AAOIFI),
Bahrain



Dr. Ahmed A. Al Janahi
Deputy Group CEO
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A Day With Professor Muhammad Yunus



Ethical Financing And Micro Financing In The Muslim World

About Professor Muhammad Yunus

Professor Muhammad Yunus is the founder and Managing Director of Grameen Bank and in 2006, Professor Yunus and the bank were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, "for their efforts to create economic and social development from below".

He is famous for his successful application of the concept of microcredit and helping people lift themselves out of poverty in rural Bangladesh, by providing them with credit without requiring collateral. The bank is built on Yunus's conviction that poor people can be both reliable borrowers and avid entrepreneurs. The Grameen Bank has issued more than US\$5.1 billion to 5.3 million borrowers, maintaining a repayment rate of 99%. The success of the Grameen model has inspired similar efforts throughout the developing world and across five continents.

Besides the Grameen Bank, Professor Yunus has created a number of companies in Bangladesh to address diverse issues of poverty and development and he serves on the boards of many national and international companies.

Sunday, 13 April 2008

9:30 Registration And Morning Coffee

10:20 **Opening Remarks From The Chairperson**

Cyba Audi
Senior Presenter
Al-Arabiya News Channel, UAE



Cyba Audi is a producer and presenter for Al-Arabiya News Channel in Dubai. In June 2005, Cyba helped conceptualise and launch al-Aswaq al-Arabiya, a daily show that tracks the regional capital markets, which quickly became - and today remains - the highest rated business news show on Arab television. Cyba is well known for her insightful coverage and detailed analysis. But it is her hard talk style of interviewing of influential personalities and business leaders that has earned her the position of premier business television anchor in the Arab world. Prior to her career in television, Cyba had worked for 10 years as a financial consultant, most recently with Merrill Lynch in London, from where she advised high net worth individuals. Cyba also moderated the GCC Al Rouad Roundtable for Leaders in Dubai Business Forum in November 2006.

10:30 **Session One**

- What is micro credit?
- How did the Grameen Bank start?
- The role of women in this

Professor Muhammad Yunus
Founder and Managing Director
Grameen Bank, Bangladesh



12:00 Interactive Question And Answer Session

12:30 Lunch For Delegates And Speakers

14:00 **Leaders Table: Special Focus**



Islamic Micro-Finance: What, Where, How?

- New Islamic financial hubs: US, Singapore and Hong Kong
- The Halal Industry: forgotten compliant asset class?
- Addressing the shortage of Shari'ah scholars
- Islamic mega banks: the new paradigm for global reach of Islamic finance
- Ways the microfinance industry and Islamic financial industry can bridge the gap in understanding each others' work and cooperate on fighting poverty with microfinance
- Appropriate products (Mudabara vs. Murabaha vs. Mudharaka)
- The next challenge: markets, sustainable ownership and management structures

Panelists:

Professor Muhammad Yunus
Founder and Managing Director
Grameen Bank, Bangladesh



Rushdi Siddiqui, Global Director
Dow Jones Islamic Indexes, USA



Rushdi Siddiqui is the creator of the Dow Jones Islamic Indexes and responsible for additional asset classes. He was a professor at the Dow Jones University for Principles of Islamic Investing and was previously Vice President of a Wall Street investment bank, marketing officer for a commercial bank and founder of a consulting firm. He was responsible for the launch of the first Muslim credit card in the U.S. Mr Siddiqui was also a lecturer at New York University's School of Professional Education teaching privatisation and economic reform.

Claire Cabanel Rey, Executive Director
PlaNet Finance UAE, UAE



Claire Cabanel Rey is a social and economic expert based in United Arab Emirates and is currently Executive Director at PlaNet Finance UAE. She was successively Independent Accountant and Economics teacher. Alongside, she was a member of Amnesty International and then Coordinator Member at Medecins Sans Frontieres (launch of 2 offices in United Arab Emirates at Abu Dhabi and Dubai). She has been living in United Arab Emirates for 17 years. Claire Cabanel Rey has a MBA from the French Montpellier Business School. She also holds a Master in Social Sciences and Economics and is registered with the French Ministry of Education.

Alberto Brugnoli, President and Founding Member
Association for the Development of Alternative Instruments and Innovative Finance (ASSAIF), Italy



A former Director with Merrill Lynch Private Bank Suisse (SA), is an independent adviser of international finance. His working experience combines the traditional finance, ethical finance and the Islamic finance sectors. His innovative use of the financial mechanisms and structures applied to ethical monies allows the emergence of new forms of governance that take in account the social, cultural and economic inclusion of all parts of society. Alberto runs ASSAIF, an Islamic finance-tailoring consultancy out of Italy. Its mission is the creation of products that are of immediate use within the legal and fiscal Italian framework by Middle East investors and by the Muslim immigrant community resident in Italy. ASSAIF is actively involved in the creation of a Mediterranean Islamic microfinance network.

Dr. Ahmed Al Janahi, Deputy Group CEO
Noor Islamic Bank, UAE



With more than 23 years of banking and insurance experience in senior and executive positions with commercial and investment banks in Bahrain and Kuwait of which 15 years represents experience in Islamic investment banking, Dr. Ahmed Al Janahi is currently a Deputy Group CEO of Noor Islamic Bank and Noor Investment Group. Prior to joining NIB, Ahmed was Chief Executive and Board Member of Investors Bank, Chairman and Managing Director of Takaful International and member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of Bahrain Islamic Bank. He has also held senior executive positions in the Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait, Al Baraka Investment Bank and International Investment Group. Ahmed has actively been part of many boards in different fields such as real estate, airlines, telecom, banking and insurance, in different markets. He was also appointed by election to the Board of the Bahrain Bankers Society for two terms.

Majid Siddique Dawood, CEO – Dubai & London
Yasaar Limited, UAE & UK



Majid is an experienced financial service professional. He has been a key individual in the establishment of Yasaar Limited, the first Shari'ah compliance services company. In 2004, Majid was presented the Deloitte & Touche award for the most innovative Islamic finance product for the Caravan 1 Sukuk. Under his leadership and guidance in December 2007, Yasaar was voted "The Best Islamic Finance Advisory Firm" by the readers of Islamic Business and Finance magazine. Majid in his capacity as Chief Executive of Yasaar assists financial institutions structure cost-effective Shari'ah compliant financing structures around the globe.

Moderator
Cyba Audi, Senior Presenter
Al-Arabiya News Channel, UAE

15:30 Afternoon Networking Break

16:00 **Session Two**

- How can corporations and business help the poor?
- What is a social business?
- Real life examples of social business

Professor Muhammad Yunus
Founder and Managing Director
Grameen Bank, Bangladesh



17:00 Close Of Guru Day



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8:30 Registration And Morning Coffee

9:15 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Oliver Agha, Partner, Global Head of Islamic Finance, Head of Finance, Middle East, *DLA Piper Middle East LLP*, UAE

9:30 **Keynote Address:**

Seamless Integration Of Islamic Finance With International Financial Markets

- Evolutionary growth of Islamic finance
- Opportunities within Islamic finance
- Highlighting and addressing the challenges and issues in this sector

R. Seetharaman, Chief Executive Officer, *Doha Bank*, Qatar

10:00 **Special Address:**

Harmonisation Of Islamic Finance Practices

Growth of the Islamic finance industry is correlated to the advantages and benefits that Islamic finance can offer. These advantages and benefits are embedded in the Shari'ah principles for Islamic finance. In order to ensure that these advantages and benefits are incorporated in Islamic finance practices, the Shari'ah principles must be adhered to. This requires compliance to Shari'ah standards that will naturally lead to harmonisation of Islamic finance practices.

- Harmonisation to ensure the advantages and benefits of Islamic finance are incorporated in Islamic finance practices
- Harmonisation leading to enhancing the stakeholders' confidence in the Islamic finance industry, improvement in product development processes and facilitating the industry to achieve continuous growth

Dr. Mohamad Nedal Alchaar, Secretary General, *Accounting & Auditing, Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI)*, Bahrain

10:25 **Focus On Sukuks**

Growth And Development Of Global Sukuks – A Revolutionary Tool To Finance Projects

There is a phenomenal demand for more and more Islamic financial instruments and structured products as real alternatives to conventional products. To meet this demand many Shari'ah compliant products are coming up in the market. Sukuks are being considered the most preferred and popular products, as Sukuk returns are linked to assets purchased and are fully compliant with Islamic law unlike the conventional bond market. From practically being non-existent a decade ago, the industry is now worth over US \$100 billion and is growing phenomenally with Islamic and non-Islamic participants taking advantage.

This session will look into how the Islamic investor is increasingly becoming more sophisticated and the interested banks are responding in the Sukuk market.

Sukuks – Routes To The Islamic Bond Market

- The development and rationale of Sukuks
- Understanding underlying product structures
- Contrasting with conventional alternatives
- Controversy on Shari'ah compliance
- The way forward

Mohammad Shaheed Khan, Senior Manager – Islamic Finance Division, *Saudi Hollandi Bank*, KSA, Secretary, *ABN AMRO Global Shari'ah Advisory*

Highlighting The Recent Developments In Sukuks

- Market overview
- Current trends
- Structural adaption
- Shari'ah considerations

Moinuddin Malim, Head of Corporate & Investment Banking, *Badr Al-Islami*, UAE

Are Sukuks Truly Islamic? Shari'ah Controversies Regarding Sukuk Compliance

- Ownership of assets
- Regular distributions
- Principal guarantees
- Did Sukuk miss the sub-prime bond crisis?

Brian Kettell, Director, *Islamic Banking Training*, UK

- Exploring the growth of the Sukuk market
- Calyon current role and position
- Expectations and going forward

Saad Rahman, Head of Financing, Global Islamic Banking, *Calyon*, Bahrain

11:15 Networking Break For speakers And Delegates

11:45 **Focus On Takaful**

Examining The Growth And Potential Of Takaful

Takaful and re-Takaful business has increased to over one billion US\$ gradually over the last five years, and it is predicted to increase to 10 billion US\$ in the next 10 years. This increase in Takaful requires recruiting and training a new generation of Takaful minded personnel to fill the shortage gap in the fast growing Takaful and re-Takaful business.

Panelists from around the world examine the fast developing Takaful market. The debate will include examining Takaful funds, technical and accounting issues and the growth of Islamic life insurance and Bancassurance.

Takaful – The Legal Factors Impacting Upon The Growth Of The Industry

The rate of growth in the Takaful sector is outpacing its convention rivals. This session will look into:

- What are the factors that are driving this growth and what advantages does Takaful offer to conventional insured?
- How are the regulatory developments in the GCC assisting Takaful operators in sustaining growth
- What are the legal challenges that lie ahead?

Peter Hodgins, Senior Legal Consultant, *DLA Piper Middle East LLP*, UAE

Innovation In Bancatakaful

- Understanding the life cycle of the customer's financial needs and fit with family Takaful
- White labeling and customer convenience
- Open investment architecture
- Raising the performance bar and best industry practices

Sohail Jaffer, Partner, *FWB*, Luxembourg

Wealth Building Using Takaful: Tools And Techniques

- What is wealth in Islamic context?
- How to build wealth?
- How Takaful plans can accelerate Islamic wealth creation?
- Tools and techniques for long term saving

Dr. Omar Fisher, *t'azur bsc (c) of Bahrain*, Bahrain

12:30

Case Study: Shari'ah Compliant Micro Finance

Overview Of Urban Poverty Amongst The Muslim Community In Sri Lanka

- Review of Shari'ah compliant micro finance approaches to solving the issues
- Evaluation and impact assessment from the perspective of the Islamic bank (lender), the NGO (project implementer) and the beneficiary

Roshan Madawela, CEO, *Research Intelligence Unit*

12:45

IIFF Awards Ceremony And Lunch For Delegates And Speakers

IIFF Awards Celebrating Excellence In Islamic Finance

IIFF Awards promote excellence in Islamic finance and recognises the significant contribution made to the most important developments in the Islamic financial sector.

The jury will draw up a shortlist and all shortlisted organisations will be informed in advance. The winners will be announced at the IIFF Awards Gala Lunch on 14 April 2008.

The Categories

- Lifetime And Continuing Achievements In The Development Of Islamic Finance
- Continuing Contributions In Promoting Islamic Finance
- Global Recognition In Islamic Finance
- Best IT Solution Providers To The Islamic Finance Industry
- IIFF Halal Awards Category
 - Islamic Finance Contribution To Halal Industry **New!**
 - Media Contribution To Halal Industry

14:45

Focus On Islamic Accounting Standards

Islamic Accounting Standards – Addressing The Primary Issues Related To Auditing, Governance And Shari'ah Reviews

- Accounting IFRS and AAOFI
- Current thinking on how to make IFRS Islamic friendly

Accounting Framework For Islamic Finance – Current Status And Challenges

- Explain the accounting framework used in key countries in Europe, Middle East and Asia
- Explore the extent of IFRS usage in Islamic finance
- Understand and clarify the current challenges in using IFRS in Islamic finance
- Future trends

Mohammad Faiz Azmi, Partner and Global Islamic Leader, *PricewaterhouseCoopers*, Malaysia

Displaced Commercial Risk, Alpha And Capital Adequacy In Islamic Banks

- What is capital adequacy?
- What is Displaced Commercial Risk (DCR) and why does it exist in Islamic banking operations?
- Relationship between alpha and DCR
- How Islamic banks are managing DCR
- How does alpha and DCR affect capital adequacy requirements of Islamic banks?

Shabnam Mohamad Mokhtar, Lecturer – Department of Accounting and Finance, Faculty of Economics & Management, *University Putra Malaysia*, Malaysia

15:15 **Focus On Islamic Treasury Management**
Efficiently Dealing With Liquidity Issues Within Islamic Banking

- Successfully managing Islamic treasury management
- How do you deal with liquidity issues within Islamic banking?
- The role and nature of conventional treasury management

Addressing The Short Term Deposits Versus Long Term Assets In Treasury Management

- Current deposits versus assets scenario
- Funding and liquidity requirement
- Issues in managing mismatches

Mas'od Mazlan, Assistant Director – Group Asset Management, *CIMB Islamic*, Malaysia

15:30 **Focus On Shari'ah Standards**
Shari'ah Symposium Session

Meeting Of Great Minds – Shari'ah Scholars In Armchair Interviews:
 Standardisation Of Shari'ah Rulings On A Global Scale
 This session will be devoted to Shari'ah issues with panelists drawn from a world-renowned panel of Shari'ah scholars.

Sheikh Nizam Yaquby, Bahrain
 Dr. Mohammed Daud Bakar, Malaysia
 Moderator: Rushdi Siddiqui, Global Director, *Dow Jones Islamic Indexes*, USA

16:30 Chairman's Closing Remarks
 16:40 End Of Forum Day One

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9:00 Chairman's Opening Remarks

9:15 **Focus On Islamic Social Responsibility**
Research Study: Islamic Social Responsibility And Corporate Governance: Transforming Islamic Finance Into A Value Proposition

This study proposes a reinvention of the Islamic finance industry to address the long standing gap between consumer's expectation about the equitable nature of Islamic finance and the reality of Islamic finance as it is today.

The basic premise of the study is that Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs) have to implement and market a differentiated social responsibility strategy in order to become a sustainable component of the financial landscape. To that end, this study proposes the implementation of internal corporate governance guidelines and policies for social responsibility according to each bank's potential. However, the Board of Directors and the Shari'ah Supervisory Board must be committed to social responsibility principles and these have to be embedded within the corporate governance system as a part of the formal rules of governance, just as Shari'ah compliance has become an embedded part of the formal risk mitigant framework of IFIs. The proper implementation of these recommendations will mean that Islamic banks will be able to reach consumer's expectation without becoming a 'charitable organisation', a common assertion of Islamic bankers.

Sayd Farook, Senior Lecturer, *Centre for Islamic Finance, BIBF*, Bahrain

Looking At Shari'ah ETF: The Malaysian Experience
 Zainal Izlan Zainal Abidin, Chief Executive Officer, *i-VCAP Management Sdn Bhd*, Malaysia

Islamic Hedge Funds As An Institutional Solution – Best In Class Participation

- Why leading hedge fund managers are now comfortable managing Shari'ah compliant assets
- How new Shari'ah platforms allow managers to focus on what they do best
- Why healthcare, energy and technology sector managers are ideally suited for Shari'ah performance
- How best in class managers will approach managing Shari'ah compliant performance

Eric Meyer, President & CEO, *Shariah Capital Inc.*, USA

Exploring New Opportunities : Gold As An Investment Asset Class And The Case For Gold

- Exploring the emergence of gold for the investors as a asset class

Ian C. MacDonald, Executive Director – Gold & Precious Metals, *Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)*, UAE

New Generation Of Products

- ETFs, their development and market acceptability
- Commodity Murabaha, how do we make them more Shari'ah compliant?

Majid Siddique Dawood, CEO – Dubai & London, *Yasaar Limited*, UAE & UK

9:45 **Focus On Conventional Vs. Islamic Banking**
Examining The Main Developments Of The UAE Islamic Finance Industry And Its Performance Compared To The Conventional Banking Sector

- Growth in main financial indicators (assets, deposits, equity and profit)
- Market share at the end of 2007 and an estimate for 2010
- Comparing profitability and efficiency ratios for UAE Islamic and conventional finance

Dr. Mabid Ali Al-Jarhi, President, *International Association for Islamic Economics*, Head of Training & Financial Expert, *Emirates Islamic Bank*, UAE

12:15 Lunch For Speakers And Delegates

14:00 **Focus On Islamic Retail Banking**
Tapping The Emerging Boom In Islamic Retail Banking

- Innovation within retail banking and Islamic finance
- Examining Shari'ah principles of fee charges to launch financial products
- Overcoming the legal and monetary obstacles for Islamic financing to diversify a product portfolio
- Developing innovative Shari'ah-compliant financial instruments to gain the market share

Ossama Salah El Din, Senior Vice President – Retail Banking Group Head, *Sharjah Islamic Bank*, UAE

10:15 **Emergence Of Islamic Finance Consulting Firms**

- Why there is a need for Shari'ah consultants? Is Shari'ah board not enough?
- Do the Shari'ah consultant reduce or increase the Shari'ah approval process?
- What are the essential parameters and process for Shari'ah consultancy?

Sohail Zubairi, Chief Executive Officer, *Dar Al Sharia Legal & Financial Consultancy LLC* (A subsidiary of Dubai Islamic Bank), UAE

Islamic Credit Cards Getting Noticed – Understanding The Structure And Mechanism Of Credit Cards

- Can credit cards be made Islamic?
- Arguments and discussion
- Shari'ah general provisions on credit cards
- Basic differences between Islamic and conventional credit cards
- Models of Islamic credit cards as in the market
- Shari'ah alternatives to credit cards

Dr. Abdulazeem Abozaid, Shari'ah Department, *Emirates Islamic Bank*, UAE

10:40 Networking Break For Speakers And Delegates

11:15 **Focus On Islamic Alternative Asset Classes**
Identifying And Capturing New Market Opportunities For Islamic Alternative Asset Classes

The world of Islamically-compliant funds keeps on growing. A detailed look at how international and regional funds, including hedge, equity, real estate and alternatives, have awakened latent demand in investors. This session will explore the new Islamic alternative asset management classes including:

- Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)
- Commodities
- Hedge funds
- Understanding the surge in Islamic asset management companies and Shari'ah compliant platforms

Innovation In Islamic Retail Products – A Comparative Update Between GCC And Malaysia

- Looking at Malaysia's Islamic retail products
- Characteristics of Malaysia's Islamic products
- Challenges (case studies)
- Moving forward

Ruslena Ramli, Vice President, *EONCAP Islamic Bank Berhad*, Malaysia

The Need, Rationale And Position Of Alternative Asset Classes In Islamic Finance

- Product development and acceptance of Islamic alternative asset classes
- Islamic structured products and derivatives
- Challenges and the way forward

Dr. Mohammed Daud Bakar, Malaysia

14:45 Networking Break For Speakers And Delegates

15:15 **The Road Ahead: Understanding The Future Of Islamic Finance In The Middle East**

Don't leave too early or you will miss one of the highlights of the International Islamic Finance Forum. This highly interactive special session is popular and sometimes controversial with provocative and challenging questions and debates. The aim is to continually reinforce advances and openness in Islamic finance. Short contributions and as many questions as can be accommodated are welcomed.

16:30 End Of Forum

ETFs – The First Islamic ETF On Global Index And Launching The First Asian Islamic ETF

Danièle Tohme Adet, Head of ETFs and Indexed Funds Business Development, Co-Head EasyETF Platform, *BNP Paribas Asset Management*, France

Sukuks: Understanding The Structures And Their Fit In Capital Markets And The Securitisation Process

Workshop Timings: Registration will be at 08:00 and the workshop will commence at 08:30 and conclude at 14:30 followed by lunch. There will be networking and refreshment breaks at approximately 10:30 and 12:30.

Introduction

The workshop promises to offer a comprehensive overview of Sukuk and aims to be real value for money for all organisations which may be strategically interested in this fastest growing sector of the global finance industry.

The workshop aims to provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the burgeoning Sukuk product. An evaluation will be made of the trends in the Sukuk market.

The workshop will include case studies of actual deals, as well as hands-on exercises, and will give participants the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of deals through group workings and general discussions.

Agenda

- Introduction – primary underlying principles of Islamic finance as applied in capital markets
- Core organising concepts
- What are Sukuks? Where do they fit in the capital markets and the securitisation process?
- Legal, tax, infrastructure and rating factors
- Musharaka Sukuk models
- Mudaraba Sukuk models
- Wakala Sukuk models

- Examples of real deals including GCC and Malaysian structures
- Latest hot issues from Sukuk market:
 - Shari'ah analysis including discussion of the latest alarming AAOIFI's announcement on Sukuk compliance
 - How it affects Sukuk exchange?
- Cutting edge Shari'ah solutions: how to overcome crisis of Shari'ah compliance in Sukuk market?

Led By: **Muhamed Becic**
Sharia'ah Controller & Research Analyst,
SHAPE Financial Corporation
USA/Kuwait



Successfully Structuring Islamic Funds

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Agenda

- Basic Islamic rules we need to know
- Islamic asset classes applied in the fund arena
- Process of Shari'ah screenings for Islamic funds
- Practical Islamic fund issues
- Shari'ah issues related to the fund arena
- Manners of leveraging for Islamic funds
- Case studies based on real deals

Led By: **Muhamed Becic**
Sharia'ah Controller & Research Analyst,
SHAPE Financial Corporation
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