

Global Finance Names the World's Best Islamic Financial Institutions 2013

NEW YORK, April 19, 2013 - *Global Finance* magazine has announced its sixth annual awards for the World's Best Islamic Financial Institutions. A full report on the selections will appear in the June issue of *Global Finance*. The winners of this year's awards are those banks that contributed to the growth of Islamic financing and successfully met their customers' needs for Shariah-compliant products, while creating the foundation for continued growth and safety in the future, with modern and efficient delivery channels.

All selections were made by the editorial team of *Global Finance*, after extensive consultations with bankers, corporate finance executives and analysts throughout the world. In selecting these top banks, we considered factors that range from the quantitative objective to the informed subjective. Quantitative criteria included growth in assets, profitability, geographic reach, strategic relationships, new business development and innovation in products. Among the subjective criteria considered were reputation, customer satisfaction, and the opinions of analysts and others involved in the industry. The mix of these factors yields leading banks that may not be the largest, oldest or the most diversified in a given country, region or product, but rather the best—the banks with which customers around the world would most likely want to do business.

"Shariah-compliant finance remains the fastest-growing area of finance worldwide, with more than 500 financial institutions that are either fully Islamic or provide Islamic financial products to their customers, in addition to several hundred more Islamic investment banks and insurance companies, or takaful," says *Global Finance*'s publisher Joseph D. Giarraputo. "The winning banks were all noteworthy in their dedication to satisfying their customers' increasingly sophisticated needs in accordance with the rules of Islamic finance."

Find the full list of the World's Best Islamic Financial Institutions on the following page.

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An Awards Ceremony for all winners will be conducted the morning of Saturday, October 12, 2013 at The National Press Club in Washington DC.

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OVERALL WINNERS

Best Sukuk Bank: HSBC

Best Islamic Retail Bank: Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank

Best Islamic Investment Bank: Samba

Best Takaful (Insurance) Provider: Etiqa Takaful Berhad

Best Asset Management Company: CIMB Principal Islamic Asset Management

Best Shariah-Compliant Index Provider: Dow Jones Islamic Market Indexes

Best Islamic Project Finance Provider: Samba

Best Islamic Commodities Provider: International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation

Best Islamic Real Estate Finance Provider: Qatar Islamic Bank

Best Islamic Fund Manager: QInvest
Best Up-and-Comer: Boubyan Bank

Islamic Finance Deal of the Year: Jebel Ali Free Zone Islamic financing facility and sukuk

Islamic Financing Facility

Mandated lead arrangers and joint bookrunners: Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, Citi, Dubai Islamic Bank, Emirates NBD, National Bank of Abu Dhabi, Samba Financial

Group and Standard Chartered Mandated lead arranger: Mashregbank

Sukuk

Joint lead managers and bookrunners: Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, Citi, Standard Chartered, Dubai Islamic Bank, Emirates NBD, National Bank of Abu Dhabi

Joint lead manager: Samba Financial Group



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REGIONAL WINNERS

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC): Al Rajhi Bank Non-GCC Middle East/Africa: Al Baraka Bank

Jaiz Bank

Asia: Maybank Islamic Berhad

Europe: Bank of London and the Middle East

COUNTRY WINNERS

Nigeria:

BankMuscat Meethaq Oman: Algeria: Banque Albaraka D'Algérie Pakistan: Meezan Bank Bahrain: Al Baraka Islamic Bank Bahrain Qatar: Qatar Islamic Bank Bangladesh: Islami Bank Bangladesh Saudi Arabia: Al Rajhi Bank Brunei: Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam

Egypt: Faisal Islamic Bank of Egypt Singapore: Maybank Singapore Islamic Banking
Indonesia: Bank Muamalat Indonesia South Africa: Al Baraka Islamic Bank
Iordan: Iordan Islamic Bank
Sudan: Faisal Islamic Bank of Sudan

Jordan: Jordan Islamic Bank Sudan: Faisai Islamic Bank Kazakhstan: Al Hilal Islamic Bank Turkey: Kuveyt Türk

Kuwait: Kuwait Finance House United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank

Lebanon: Al Baraka Bank Lebanon United Kingdom: Bank of London and the Middle East Malaysia: Maybank Islamic Berhad United States: American Finance House Lariba

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