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May 28th & 29th 2008, Geneva - Switzerland

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DAY ONE 28th May 2008

09:00 Chairman's welcome & opening remarks

Mr Umer Majid (United Kingdom)
Director;
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09:10 Islamic Merchant Banking - Tools for sustainable finance

- Implementing Islamic Finance in Europe as a tool for growth
- Matching Islamic terminology with western conservative finance
- Non leverage Islamic private equity / leverage Islamic markets
- Translating Islamic ROI into western conservative parameters
- Sustainable finance vs. leverage- best practice cases

Count Albrecht Matuschka (Germany)
Managing Director; **Matuschka Gruppe**

Prior: Founder of TVM Techno Venture Management of Munich

09:55 Leveraging the internet to create a trusted islamic finance brand

- Delivering a superior customer experience
- Developing high trust
- Proactive organisations are driven by a vision
- Effectively designing and deploying Islamic financial solutions

Mr Asim Ahmad (United Kingdom)
Senior Partner;
Halal Investments

10:40 Coffee break

11:00 Islamic (Re) Insurance (Takaful and ReTakaful business)

- What is Takaful and ReTakaful business
- Growth of Takaful and ReTakaful business in different markets
- Difference between Takaful and ReTakaful business and conventional insurance
- Developing a Takaful/ReTakaful business in Europe
- Current market issues with Takaful and ReTakaful

Mr Mohammad Khan (United Kingdom)
Director of Takaful, ReTakaful, Islamic Finance and Insurance Services;
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Leads PwC's actuarial insurance offerings in the Middle East
Member of the UK Actuarial Profession's Accounting and Regulatory Committee and, the Profession's Education and Continuing Professional Development Committee

11:45 Understanding Shariah markets to profitable new product innovation

- Ascertaining client needs and the growing demand for Islamic finance
- Discovering transparency across the Islamic client base
- Gathering momentum for product creation
- Researching liquidity, market making, volumes and pricing

Mr Ranjeet Gupta (United Kingdom)
Chief Operating Officer;
DEPFA BANK

Prior: Venture capital principal of Teachable and King's Kurry
Strategy consultant for Credit Suisse First Boston

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Risk issues in Islamic Banking

- Similarities and differences between Islamic banking and Conventional banking risk
- A check-list of 50 risk types Basel II does apply

Mr Warren Edwardes (United Kingdom)
CEO; **Delphi Risk Management Ltd.**
Governor, Institute of Islamic Banking & Insurance

Prior: Board Director, Financial Engineering, Capital Markets
Division of Charterhouse bank

14:45 The feasibility of integration: can Islamic finance become part of the mainstream?

- Value Judgements in Islam
- The Monetary and Banking System
- Models of Finance
- Intermediation
- Insurance, Guarantees and Credit Enhancement
- Public Sector Financing
- Integration with the Secular Regulatory Framework

Mr Tarek EL Diwany (United Kingdom)
Senior partner, **Zest Advisory LLP**

15:30 Coffee break

15:45 Shariah Quality Rating – A tool to assess the dynamic Shariah compliance process

- Dynamism of Shariah compliance
- The need for its assessment and benefits
- Shariah Quality Rating – The assessment criteria

Mr. Jamal Abbas Zaidi (Kingdom of Bahrain)
Chief Executive Officer; **Islamic International Rating Agency**

Prior: Executive Vice President and member of the rating committee of JCR-VIS Credit Rating Company
Chief Executive of a Modaraba listed on Karachi Stock Exchange

16:30 Adapting Western tax systems to accommodate Islamic Finance

- Why Islamic Finance can face difficulties in a Western tax system
- Specific consideration of the Swiss tax position
- How the UK tax system has been adapted to facilitate Islamic Finance

Mr Mohammed Amin MA FCA AMCT CTA (Fellow)
(United Kingdom)
Partner; **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

Member of PwC's UK Supervisory Board, the Council of the Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Policy & Technical Committee of the Association of Corporate Treasurers
Member of HM Treasury's Islamic Finance Experts Group

17:15 Cocktail

DAY TWO 29th May 2008

09:00 Chairman's welcome & opening remarks

Mr Umer Majid (United Kingdom)
Director;
Halal Investments

09:10 Liquidity Issues in Islamic banking

- Parallels with conventional banking: Case Studies
- Asset/liability gap management shortage of instruments

Mr Warren Edwardes (United Kingdom)
CEO; **Delphi Risk Management Ltd.**
Governor, Institute of Islamic Banking & Insurance

Prior: Board Director, Financial Engineering, Capital Markets Division of Charterhouse bank

09:55 The Islamic investment market “huge demand, limited supply- why?”

To be confirmed by the programme manager

Mr Jason Peers (United Arab Emirates)
Group Chief Executive;
Jasper Capital Group
Chairman of the Middle East Association in the Gulf
Prior: Managing Director of Barclays Bank Group

10:40 Coffee break

11:00 Integrating Islamic finance in the Far East - the story so far

- Malaysia's success story
- Growth of Islamic finance in other South East Asian countries
- What next in the Far East and the rest of the world?

Mr Nazmi Camalxaman (United Kingdom)
Manager;
CIMB Bank Berhad

11:45 Structuring of Shariah compliant real estate transactions

To be confirmed by the programme manager

Mr Hamid R Yunis (United Kingdom)
Partner;
Taylor Wessing LLP

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Thoughts on the tax issues regarding the development of Islamic Finance in France

- Preamble/Synopsis
 - Status in France
 - TOP Islamic Finance News
 - The 5 Fundamentals pillars of Islamic Finance
- Practical examples to highlight the tax issues
 - Tax issues and possible solutions in France
 - The Islamic Leasing or Al Ijara: Tax issues + possible solutions
 - The alternative Islamic finance product: Sukuk Al Ijara Tax issues + possible solutions

Mr Hicham Kabbaj (France)
Attorney at Law;
Hogan & Hartson MNP



14:00 Shariah corporate governance and leadership

- Does Islamic finance naturally deliver ethical corporate Governance?
- Strategic perspectives delivering a robust Halal model of Corporate Governance?

Mr Umer Majid (United Kingdom)
 Director;
Halal Investments

14:45 The governments role in helping Islamic finance prosper in the United Kingdom

- Why does Islamic finance seem so important for the United Kingdom government
- How does the Government work with interested parties to understand and manage the process
- What are the most significant developments so far achieved in the United Kingdom

Mr Keith Leach (United Kingdom)
 Head of alburag; **ABC International Bank plc**

15:30 Coffee break

15:45 International Shariah Advisory Board

To be confirmed by the programme manager

Mr Mohammad Bakkar (Lebanon)
 Attorney at Law;
Bakkar Advocates and legal

16:30 Tapping the capital markets the Islamic way: the Sukuk phenomenon

- Overview of the Market
- Profile of Sukuk Structures
- Assessment and Risks of Sukuk
- Which future lies ahead?

Mr Alberto Brugnoli (Italy)
 President and Founding Member;
ASSAIF

Prior: Director of Merrill Lynch Private Bank Switzerland

17:15 Close of the conference

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