

Islamic Business The Way Forward

Birmingham as a second city for Islamic Business: The Way Forward

Tuesday 2nd June 2009, 9.00am - 1.30pm

Islamic Business is now one of the most innovative financial service sectors in the UK and it is estimated the industry will be worth £789 billion by 2010.

Representatives of Birmingham's professional and financial services as well as the academic community are invited to attend a half day conference at Aston Business School to discuss the potential for Islamic Business in the West Midlands.

As the second largest city in the UK, Birmingham is already providing an international centre of excellence for the growing Islamic Financial and legal services. A range of international speakers will look at where we are and the way forward in the difficult economic times.



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Introduction: This half day seminar and networking event will focus on key areas within the Islamic business sector. The event will look at the global credit crisis and lessons that can be learnt by bringing together leading experts from within the region and beyond as well as community leaders. As one of the fastest growing areas in the UK, this event will provide delegates with an exciting opportunity to discuss ideas and explore opportunities and developments across the board.

Chair and Organiser: Dr Omneya Abdelsalam Venue: Aston Business School, Aston Triangle

Cost: Free of charge Places: 50

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC AND SPEAKER
8.45 – 9.00	Registration and tea
9.00 - 9.10	Welcome by the Chair & the Executive Dean of Aston Business School Dr. Omneya Abdelsalam, Aston Business School Prof. Mike West, Aston Business School
9.10 - 9.25	Introduction to Islamic Business Dr. Seif Tag el-Din, Acting Director of Markfield Institute in Higher Education & lecturer in Islamic Banking & Finance
9.25 - 9.45	Islamic Banking Developments in the Domestic UK market: implications for Birmingham Mr. Keith Leach, Head of alburaq (Arab Banking Corporation)
9.45 - 10.05	Discussions & Feedback from tables
10.05 - 10.25	Islamic Funds & Investments: opportunities for Birmingham Mr. Omar Skaikh, Private Equity & Islamic Finance, Ernst & Young
10.25 - 10.45	The response of Islamic Finance to the recession: the value of Islamic finance to businesses in Birmingham. Ms. Farmida Bi, Partner – Norton Rose
10.45 - 11.05	Global Financial Crisis: Lessons for Islamic Finance: implications for local businesses Professor Habib Ahmed, Sharjah Chair in Islamic Law & Finance, School of Government & International Affairs, Durham University
11.05 - 11.30	Discussions & Feedback from tables
11.30 - 12.30	Birmingham as a second city for Islamic Business: The way forward Panel presentation & discussion session Mike Loftus: Locate Birmingham Sultan Choudhury: Islamic Bank of Britain Chair: Mohammed Nazir: Nazir Associates
12.30 - 1.30	Lunch

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Aston Science Park, Faraday Wharf www.astonsciencepark.co.uk/map-and-directions.html)

If you would like further information on this event, please contact the Chair and Organiser Dr Omneya Abdelsalam on **o.h.abd-elsalam@aston.ac.uk**

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