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Islamic Finance for Corporate UK Conference at Aston Business School 16 June 2011, 8.30 - 16.30

#### **OBJECTIVES**

To raise awareness of the opportunities that Islamic finance may offer to the UK and EU corporate.

To generate new business opportunities and alternative financial options for UK and EU corporate and Islamic bankers.

To promote Birmingham as a hub for Islamic finance.

## **PARTNERS**

Advantage West Midlands

**Business Birmingham** 

El Shaarani Research Centre for Islamic Business and Finance (EIBF)

IFAAS (Islamic Finance Advisory & Assurance Services)

Islamic Bank of Britain (IBB)

Birmingham is rapidly growing in stature as the European hub for Islamic business. It is home to the first standalone Shariah-compliant retail bank in Europe, is rich in businesses with long experience of handling Shariah-compliant transactions, and is home to the first European research centre in Islamic Business and Finance. The El Shaarani Research Centre for Islamic Business and Finance (EIBF), at Aston Business School, offers world-class teaching and research that aims to enhance the understanding of this unique and fast growing sector.

Islamic finance is continuing to grow as a sector. The economic worth of this sector has ensured that the practices and skills of Islamic business have gained wide interest in the finance community. In 2010, the actual global size of the Islamic financial industry was equal to \$1 trillion\* and the Muslim community is estimated to account for 20% of the world's population.\*\*

- \* Global Islamic Finance Report (GIFR 2010)
- \*\* Research by MEED published on 09 July 2009 (extracted from GIFR 2010)

# CONFERENCE

Islamic Finance for Corporate UK is a conference organised by EIBF, in partnership with Advantage West Midlands, Business Birmingham, IFAAS and IBB, focusing on the business opportunities that Islamic Finance can potentially create for the British and European corporate.

The conference brings together business leaders, senior managers, Islamic bankers and practitioners, providing an environment for the dialogue required to generate new business opportunities and alternative financial options. It aims to demystify Islamic Finance for corporate decision makers, while giving them the opportunity to discuss their business needs directly with Islamic bankers and practitioners. We are delighted to welcome you to the second Islamic Finance Conference 2011.

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# **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

## Shaykh Yusuf Talal DeLorenzo

Shaykh Yusuf Talal DeLorenzo currently serves as the Chief Shariah Officer and Board Member at Shariah Capital, as well as the General Manager at Dubai Shariah Asset Management. He is also the Chairman of the Dow Jones Islamic Market Indexes and has served as a Shariah advisor to several international financial entities.

He has authored and contributed to many international books including Compendium of Legal Opinions on the Operations of Islamic Banks, Euromoney's Islamic Asset Management (2004), Islamic Retail Finance (2005), and Islamic Finance: Innovation & Growth (2002).

Shaykh Yusuf is also a member of the Shariah Board of the Accounting and Auditing Organisation of Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI). He has had an impressive career that has been noted in The Financial Times, The New York Times, Fortune, Forbes, The US News and World Report amongst others.

Investment Director,

Business Birmingham.

## **Emad Yousuf Al Monayea**

Emad Yousuf is the Vice Chairman, Managing Director and the Chief Executive Officer of Liquidity Management House. Emad has more than twenty five years of experience in investments and corporate finance, in both government and private sectors and currently holds important board positions in several key companies.

Joining the Kuwait Finance House (KFH) in 1999 Emad Yousuf held the position of Head of the International Investment Department which was responsible for international corporate finance and investment banking services. During his time with KFH, the organisation won various international awards in the corporate and investment banking arena. Recently, KFH entrusted Emad Yousuf in establishing Liquidity House with the mandate to evolve as a Sukuk House.

Prior to joining KFH, Emad Yousuf worked for Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), the investment arm of the Kuwait Government, for 15 years, where he was instrumental in setting-up the Direct Investment Department of KIA.

[Audience Q&A]

#### **THURSDAY 16 JUNE**

Corporate Conference Agenda

08.30-09.30	Registration	11.45-12.30	Table Discussion 1
09.30-09.40	Vice Chancellor Address (Professor Julia King)		"Islamic finance solutions to corporate needs"
09.40-09.45	Dean Address	12.30-13.30	Lunch Break
00.40 00.40	(Professor John Edwards)	13.30-14.00	Keynote Speaker 2:
09.45-09.50	EIBF Director Address (Dr Omneya Abdelsalam)		Emad Yousuf Al Monayea "Islamic Financial Instruments – a real alternative"
09.50-10.30	Keynote Speaker 1:		[Audience Q&A]
	Shaykh Yusuf Talal DeLorenzo "Islamic finance and the financial needs of European	14.00-14.30	Case Study 2: "Islamic Securitisation"
	Corporate – a misfit or a strategic fit?" [Audience Q&A]	14.30-15.15	Table Discussion 2  "The Finance Exchange" –
10.30-11.00	Case Study 1: "Working Capital Solutions" [Audience Q&A]		An opportunity to discuss your company's finance needs with Islamic banking experts and senior individuals from industry.
11.00-11.15	Coffee Break	15.15-15.30	Coffee Break
11.15-11.45	Showcase of Birmingham Mayor of Birmingham and Wouter Schuitemaker,	15.30-16.30	Panel Discussion: "Islamic Finance and European corporate – the way forward"



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