

Editors' Profiles



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Professor Humayon Dar is Chairman, President & CEO of Edbiz Consulting Limited, a London-based Islamic financial consulting firm. He is a leading spokesman for the Islamic financial services industry, and has played lead roles in a number of global initiatives for the development of Islamic finance. As an Islamic financial innovator, he has helped a number of banks and financial institutions in developing cutting-edge products such as Islamic derivatives and structured products, Shari'a compliant short selling and structuring of Islamic hedge funds. His most recent contribution to the Islamic financial industry is the first-ever Islamic Socially Responsible Investing – SRI – screening methodology. He is an Editor-in-Chief of Islamic Finance Review (ISFIRE) – a quarterly magazine published by Edbiz Consulting from London.

Professor Dar holds a BSc (Hons) and MSc (both in Islamic Economics) from International Islamic University in Islamabad, where he studied with a number of top Islamic jurists and Muslim thinkers. He also has an MPhil and PhD (both in Economics) from Cambridge University, where he conducted research on Islamic finance. His post-doctoral research has focused exclusively on Islamic economics, banking and finance. Professor Dar also sits on the Board of Directors of Arab British Chamber of Commerce – a high-level body supported by the British government and the government of the Arab countries. He has sat on Shari'a Boards of several institutions, including Hong Leong Islamic Bank, Allianz Global Investors, Sharia UMEX and many more.



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Rizwan has enjoyed a diverse career embarking on a path that has seen him work in several sectors. Having completed his Masters in economics, he worked at the World Bank in Bangladesh, acting as a researcher for the Senior Economist. After returning to the UK, Rizwan pursued his legal studies while concurrently working at leading law firms. He completed the LPC. In 2008, he was introduced to Islamic through undertaking an internship at European Finance House (EFH). Rizwan has since worked at the Islamic Finance Council and BMB Islamic. He is currently Associate Manager at Edbiz Consulting where he is jointly responsible for product development, drafting of legal documentation to ensure legal and Shari'a compliance and conducting market research and analysis. His capital markets experience include working on Islamic derivative structures, simple long only equity funds with emphasis on Shari'a stock screening and periodic monitoring.



Rizwan Malik
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Rizwan Malik is a passionate advocate of Islamic banking and finance with a keen interest in Islamic equities, fund management and indices. As a consummate professional with extensive experience in sales and relationship management, Mr. Malik has been instrumental in the development and execution of successful campaigns promoting services offered by Edbiz Consulting. He has developed strong ties with international organisations and leading practitioners in the industry built from extensive travels and meetings. Having completed a Master's degree in banking and finance, he joined BMB Islamic as an Associate. His rapid career progress at BMB Islamic led to his move to Edbiz Consulting as Head, Business Development and Strategy. In addition to his managerial tasks, he has profound experience in Shari'a review of Islamic funds and indexes where he liaises with Shari'a scholars and fund managers. Mr. Malik is responsible for global operations at Edbiz Consulting and oversees its activities in UK and Pakistan.