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Editor-in-Chief

Professor Humayon Dar is Chairman, President & CEO of Edbiz Consulting Limited, and Founding Chairman of Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA). 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 governments of the Arab countries. His other BoD memberships include Finance Accreditation Agency, setup by Bank Negara Malaysia and Securities Commission Malaysia.

He has sat on Shari'a Boards of several institutions, including Hong Leong Islamic Bank, Allianz Global Investors, Shari'a UMEX and many more. He also sits on Shari'a Board of Arabesque, a London-based asset manager.



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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 strategy and relationship management, Mr. Malik has been instrumental in the development and execution of successful campaigns promoting services offered by Edbiz Consulting and has managed different international projects. 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 extensively with Shari'a scholars, fund managers and present Shari'a reports on a regular basis. Mr. Malik is responsible for global operations at Edbiz Consulting and oversees its activities in UK and Pakistan.



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Khurram Shehzad is an adaptable and progressive business development manager with some strong project management skills. He has extensive experience of marketing, brand development and project management and has been influential in marketing, business development and management of different projects and services at Edbiz Consulting. He has been involved in the Shari'a review of equities, on-going monitoring of indices, financial analysis of businesses and has also assisted in preparing business proposals, market research and enhancing business strategies.

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Fahad Alvi is an accomplished and competent member of the Edbiz team. He has more than 10 years of experience in creating visually interesting and compelling magazines, reports and other print media material and user-friendly websites, with different multinational organizations. As a creative professional, he has full understanding of design principles and tools and the ability to design eye-catching and effective graphics is his real strength.

Mr Alvi is responsible for managing publication design work from concept to print for our flagship products, Global Islamic Finance Report (GIFR) and Islamic Finance Review (ISFIRE). He is also responsible for website management, design and support work for business development.