



EDITORIAL TEAM



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Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Nursofiza Azmi joins Edbiz Consulting as the Group CEO after serving as Director, Strategy, Policy & Research at the Asian Institute of Finance (AIF), Malaysia. Prior to that she was the Head of the Director General's Office at Labuan Financial Services Authority (Labuan FSA), Malaysia, and a Research Fellow at the International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF). She holds a PhD in Corporate Finance from the University of New England, Australia. She obtained her Master of Science in Corporate Finance and Bachelor of Science in Business Economics from the UK. She is a prolific writer and has written numerous articles in Islamic finance, which have been published internationally. She is the co-author of the book entitled "Islamic Finance and Banking System: Philosophies, Principles & Practices". Translated into the Russian and Mandarin languages, her book is being used as a textbook at numerous universities worldwide. She is a recipient of Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA) in 2012 and 2014. She is also the Editor of Islamic Finance Review (ISFIRE) – a London-based quarterly magazine published by Edbiz Consulting.



PROFESSOR HUMAYON DAR

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Professor Humayon Dar is Chairman, President 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 sits on Shari'a Boards of Arabesque, a London-based asset management company, and of Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank.



BUSHRA SHAFIQUE

Editor

An economist by training, Ms. Bushra Shafique holds a master's degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science. At present, she is working in the Islamic Banking Department at the State Bank of Pakistan. In her current role she is primarily focusing on market analysis and survey-based research on Islamic finance. Her previous assignments include economist positions in the Economic Analysis Department and Research Department where she critically evaluated socio-economic policies and worked on prices data. Ms. Shafique has also worked as a consultant with UN agencies, UNESCO and UNHCR Pakistan. She has also been a visiting faculty member of the Agha Khan Health University for health economics.