

**AS AN EMERGING SECTOR A KEY CHALLENGE FACING TODAY'S ISLAMIC FINANCE INDUSTRY IS DEVELOPING THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS SUCH AS GOVERNMENT (INCL REGULATORS AND AGENCIES), FINANCE PROFESSIONALS AND SCHOLARS TO ENSURE THEY ARE WELL VERSED IN THE DYNAMICS OF BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND ISLAMIC FINANCIAL MARKETS. A FURTHER PRIORITY IS RAISING AWARENESS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF ISLAMIC FINANCIAL PRODUCTS TO PROSPECTIVE CONSUMERS.**

In response to this knowledge gap the UKIFC has devised a series of training programmes and awareness initiatives intended to build capacity within the sector. Our programmes are developed specifically from a practitioner's perspective, as opposed to an academic or theological lens; thereby ensuring delegates understand and apply their learning within the workplace.

*"We only do tailored executive training programmes."*

To maximise the impact of our programmes we conduct an initial client scoping exercise to ascertain where they are now and where they would like to get to. This insight allows us to develop and deliver a bespoke programme tailored to our clients' exact needs.

As well as our training programmes, which targets civil servants, finance professionals and Scholars, we have delivered a number of public awareness campaigns to promote retail Islamic finance. Activities have included: public community events, media appearances and public lectures at academic institutions.

We have extensive experience in working with retail focused financial product providers (including banks, insurers and asset managers). Our priority is to ensure that the product positioning is consistent with the underlying product terms, and in compliance with applicable financial regulation and consumer protection. We are able to provide advice and guidance into the development and execution of marketing strategies to maximise awareness and impact.



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## REPRESENTATIVE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Running executive training courses (with bespoke programmes available on request)
- Planning and delivering international study tours and capacity building sessions
- Delivering tailored courses for banks and government bodies such as central banks, tax authorities, pensions departments and insurance regulators (both in country and overseas)
- Establishing the first global Shariah scholar CPD programme
- Planning and managing community awareness events
- Working with financial institutions, government bodies, universities and community groups to plan and execute education and awareness campaigns



This capacity building initiative with the UKIFC's aims to enhance Shariah scholars and Islamic banker's comparative understanding of conventional versus Islamic finance. This will go a long way in empowering the scholars and bankers."

HE Governor Rasheed Al Maraj,  
 Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain

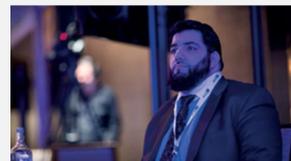


## HIGHLIGHTS

- Worked with Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment to launch pioneering global Scholar Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme
- CPD programme led to Governments around the world changing their regulatory frameworks to make scholar CPD mandatory
- Trained a delegation of bankers from Ethiopia's central bank and leading private sector banks
- Successfully delivered over 18 executive training courses in the UK, UAE, Malaysia, Bahrain and Nigeria
- Delivered "The Islamic experience in Europe" seminar on behalf of CASE, Narodowy Bank Polski, Centre for International Initiatives and the Polish Economic Association as a part of an effort to broaden the understanding of Islamic finance in Poland
- Undertook an international non-interest/Islamic microfinance capacity building tour visiting over 30 organisations across Indonesia and Pakistan
- Produced "What is Non-Interest Finance?" educational and awareness booklet for banking, investment and insurance professionals in Nigeria
- Helped Al Rayan Bank achieve national media coverage and deliver a successful public launch event in Scotland

**OUR CAPACITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ARE DESIGNED BY OUR IN-HOUSE EXPERTS WHOM HAVE EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF: RISK AND COMPLIANCE, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING, SHARIAH GOVERNANCE, FINANCIAL POLICY, LEGAL AND REGULATORY MATTERS WITHIN AN ISLAMIC FINANCE CONTEXT.**

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