

# THE MALTA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ISLAMIC FINANCE WORKSHOPS- 2009

"ISLAMIC FINANCE IN AN EU FINANCIAL SERVICES  
FRAMEWORK"

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## PREAMBLE

Following the successful events on Islamic Finance in the past two year, the **Malta Institute of Management** is now organising an International on this subject.

This five day event, "**Islamic Finance in a European Financial Services Framework**", will start with a number of presentations on **12<sup>th</sup> October 2009** and followed by various workshops leading up to **16<sup>th</sup> October 2009** .

The workshops shall address various areas of Islamic Finance mainly, banking, insurance, funds and capital markets. These discussions will be in the context of a European framework where the impacts on legislation such as Basel II will be discussed. The discussion will also aim at identifying, highlighting and putting light on Malta potentially being a centre of Islamic Finance, indeed an opportunity not to be missed by Maltese finance practitioners. The MIM has already secured the presence of international participants from Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Switzerland, Italy, France, Germany and the UK.

This event is being supported by the MIM collaborating partners; AirMalta, BOV and Business Today and also assisted by Malta Employers Association and the Malta Union of Bank Employees. The sponsors are:

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This event is being organised as a Grundtvig Workshop under the Lifelong Learning Programme. The participants are being supported by the European Commission, covering travelling and accommodation fees.



## SPEAKERS' PROFILES

### DR. MOHAMAD NEDAL ALCHAAR

Dr. Mohamad Nedal Alchaar is the Secretary General of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) which is an international organization consisting of over 180 members from over 35 countries. He has a vast working experience in financial markets and institutions in addition to his central banking experience in developing countries. He was Director of Market Performance Analysis at Fannie Mae, and previously Vice President at Johnson & Higgins in Washington D.C.. Dr. Alchaar also taught for several years at The George Washington University, where he received his Ph.D. Degree in Monetary Economics.



He has also published several well-recognized books in the field of banking and financial markets, such as "Financial Markets", "Economic Inquiries" and "Fundamentals of Banking Operations", in addition to other scientific articles in the field of monetary policy and exchange rates analysis.

### MR. OLIVER AGHA

Mr. Oliver Ali Agha is a founding partner of Agha & Shamsi, L.L.C., a UAE based legal consultancy and the first *Shari'ah* compliant law firm.

Prior to establishing Agha & Shamsi, Mr. Agha was the global head of Islamic Finance at the largest law firm in the World and prior to that was the head of projects and co-head of Islamic finance at Clifford Chance's Saudi affiliate. Mr. Agha is a New York lawyer and spent the majority of his career prior to the Middle East at Fulbright & Jaworski in the U.S., New Delhi, Hong Kong and Beijing.

He is recognized as a leading Islamic finance authority; he is on the board of the Accounting and Auditing Organization of Islamic Finance Institutions ("AAOIFI"), the team leader recipient of a Sheikh Maktoum endorsed Islamic finance award and is recognized as a top Islamic finance lawyer by numerous publications including Chambers Global 2009, Islamic Finance News: Leading Lawyers 2009 survey, Legal 500, Who's Who Legal, IFLR Best of the Best Islamic Finance Lawyers and as one of the top 20 lawyers that helped the Gulf's economic boom by the Brief Magazine. Islamic Finance News: Leading Lawyers 2009 survey recognized Mr. Agha as a leading lawyer in seven out of twelve Islamic finance practice areas.

In addition, Mr. Agha is the author of published papers, articles and presentations regarding salient Islamic finance topics, is frequently quoted in leading publications on salient issues in Islamic finance and has been invited to speak at numerous Islamic conferences and on television (including CNBC) and radio. Mr. Agha's team won the Sheikh Maktoum endorsed IIFF Global Recognition in Islamic Finance for a Law Firm Award in 2008.



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## SPEAKERS' PROFILES

### DR. HUSSEIN HAMID HASSAN

Dr. Hussein Hamed Hassan does not need any introduction in the field of Islamic finance. He did his PhD in the Faculty of Sharia from Al Azhar University, Egypt, and Master of Comparative Jurisprudence from University of New York, USA. He graduated in Law and Economics from University of Cairo, Egypt.

In his professional career, spanning over half a century, he has been a prominent scholar and teacher of universal dimensions, having established Islamic universities and Islamic faculties in various parts of the world including, Makkah, Islamabad, Kazakhstan and Libya. He has been Advisor to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (at whose request he prepared Civil Codes framework for Kazakhstan in the early 90s and most recently prepared the Islamic banking law for the country), various Presidents of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, President of the Islamic Conference of the Muslim World and General Secretary of the Muslim World League, Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Hussein is also the President of the US Muslim Jurists Association. He is Chairman, Sharia Supervision Board, of several Islamic financial Institutions including Dubai Islamic Bank, Emirates Islamic Bank, Sharjah Islamic Bank, Am-lak, Tamweel, National Bonds, Liquidity Management Centre, AMAN Takaful Company, and others besides being core member of the Sharia Board of Islamic Development Bank. He has converted conventional banks into Islamic ones and was instrumental in the creation of the DFM as the world's first Islamic stock exchange. Dr. Hussein has given many landmark innovative products to the Islamic finance industry, including the World's First: Convertible Sukuk, Multiclass Sukuk, Currency and Rate Swaps, Personal Finance, and others.



### PROF. ABDULLAH AL-SHAMI

Prof. Abdullah Al-Shami is a Professor of Comparative Jurisprudence and Islamic Studies at the Petroleum Institute (PI). He came to the PI from Saba University in the Republic of Yemen where he was the Chancellor as well as an Islamic Law Professor. His previous appointments include Fulbright Visiting Professor of Islamic Law at the Law School of the University of California Los Angeles; Full Professor and acting Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and, Dean of the Faculty of Education and Professor of Islamic Studies at Hodeidah University in Yemen; and Professor of Islamic Law at the University of Brunei Darussala. Prof. Al-Shami obtained his B.A. in Islamic Law (*Shari'ah*), Master Degree in Comparative Islamic Jurisprudence from Saudi Arabia and PhD in Comparative Islamic Jurisprudence from the University of Manchester, UK.

He has written and edited a total of six books and over 40 research articles on Islamic Law and Islamic Studies. His research focuses on Comparative Islamic Jurisprudence and Islamic Studies including the Judicial Authority System in Islamic Law; Islamic Family Law; Islamic Law of Transactions and Finance; Contemporary Islamic Thought and Culture; Professional ethics, Islamic Philosophy and Faith; Islamic Ethics and Values; Islam and the Environment; and Islamic Law and Human Rights.



## SPEAKERS' PROFILES

### MR. AHMAD NAZMI CAMALXAMAN

Mr. Nazmi Camalxaman, began his career with one of the big four accounting firms where he was involved in the fields of tax and corporate finance. In 2005, he joined the Islamic financing arm of Malaysia's leading investment bank called CIMB Group. He has participated in numerous groundbreaking Islamic debt capital market transactions including:-the world's first Islamic residential mortgage backed securitisation by Cagamas MBS Berhad in 2005; the first Sukuk arranged by a Malaysian bank for a Middle Eastern company called National Central Cooling Company otherwise known as Tabreed in 2006; and the RM10 billion Sukuk for Khazanah Nasional Berhad - the Government of Malaysia's investment arm in 2006.



Currently, he is based in London where he is heading CIMB Islamic's retail business in the UK and the Islamic investment banking business in Europe and Africa. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the University of Kent UK.

### MR. REUBEN BUTTIGIEG

Mr. Reuben Buttigieg is Chairman of MIM Training and Development Limited, the training arm of the Malta Institute of Management. The company represents amongst others Edinburgh Business School and the University of Birmingham. Until recently Mr. Buttigieg was Hon Treasurer of the Malta Institute of Management and acted as a Membership Services Committee Chairman. Mr. Buttigieg currently chairs the Investments Committee of the Institute. He has been a council members for the last 6 years.

Mr. Buttigieg has been the pioneer in the discussions on Islamic Finance in Malta and has prepared various papers and articles on the subject. Mr. Buttigieg is a regular speaker in International Islamic Finance conferences. Mr. Buttigieg acts as consultant on various Islamic Finance transactions in Malta and abroad. Mr. Buttigieg is the first Islamic Finance Advisor in Malta.



Mr. Buttigieg is an experienced business, management and financial consultant who has worked with two of the Big Four accountancy and audit firms, namely, Ernst & Young (Malta and Milan) and KPMG. Mr. Buttigieg has conducted various Corporate Finance and due diligence assignments as well as audits and consultancy work both in Malta as well as in Milan. Mr. Buttigieg has serviced various international clients amongst others Osh Kosh Truck of the US, IVECO (Fiat subsidiary), Daewoo Italia, Electrolux, Block Drug Group, Reebok Italia, Bonomi e Pagani BOPA S.r.l (FININVEST Group), Rietschle Group and Prima Communications Group. Mr. Buttigieg has also worked in various industries in the Maltese Islands and abroad. Mr. Buttigieg has helped in the publicising and launching of the first formal business angel network in Malta.

### MR. ALBERTO G. BRUGNONI

Mr. Alberto G. Brugnani, a former private banker with Merrill Lynch, is an independent adviser of international finance. He has conceived, structured and implemented projects for Institutions of the European Union, International Organizations, Public Agencies, Companies, International Legal Practices, Banks, Management Companies, Universities, Associations, Private Clients, Stakeholders' Lobbies.

His practice focuses on the creation of wealth through the full implementation of the 'social capital' and 'territorial added value' concepts. An innovative use of the financial mechanisms and structures applied to ethical monies allows the emergence of new forms of governance that take on account the social, cultural and economic inclusion of all parts of society. His unique working experience combines the traditional finance, the ethical finance and the Islamic finance sectors.



Mr. Brugnani runs ASSAIF, an Islamic finance-tailoring consultancy out of Italy and regularly contributes to the major Social, Ethical and Islamic Investment Forums worldwide.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?

Individuals from the following sectors:

- Retail Banking- Conventional & Islamic
- Investment Banking
- Asset Management
- Fund Management
- Private Equity
- Financial Planning
- Real Estate Investments
- Portfolio Management
- Family Owned Businesses
- Wealth Management
- Private Banking
- Venture Capital
- Insurance Companies
- Accountancy
- Consultancy
- Management
- Government Policy amongst others.



## LOCATION

The workshops will be held at Radisson SAS Baypoint and the 16th at the Islamic Center in Paola.

The workshops have been accredited with 13 hours of structured CPE and qualify for the attainment of Professional Competencies in terms of the MIA CPE Regulations.

## REGISTRATION

For more information and application form kindly visit the **News and Events section** at the MIM website: [www.maltamanagement.com](http://www.maltamanagement.com) .

A detailed programme is available at the MIM website section specified above.

Application process is done strictly online. Kindly read the instructions while filling in the application form.

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